

ON THE JOURNEY

Our life can change in an instant. On August 5th our youngest son, Benjamin, was planning 4 great weekend get-aways: to Illinois to view the eclipse, to Kentucky to climb rocks, to Detroit for a concert, and to Michigan to four wheel with the family. Ten minutes later, after falling 25-30 feet out of a tree he was climbing for fun, he was in an ambulance on the way to South Bend Memorial with many serious injuries, His great weekend plans were all tabled as he faces a very different future of pain meds, therapy, and a long recovery.

This reminds me that we can make all kinds of plans and get all caught up in working them out, but anything can happen to derail those plans. The only thing we can count on is God and His word (Isaiah 40:8). This world will bring its' troubles, but God has overcome the world (John 16:33). He will never leave us and He is making all things new (Revelation 21:3-5). So don't take your plans too seriously – they can change in an instant!

Submitted by Sonya Miller

CALENDAR

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| Wed 8/16 | 6:30 pm | Administration Commission |
| Sun 8/20 | 9:00 am | Kent Preaching |
| | 6:00 pm | MYF |
| Mon 8/21 | 12:00 pm | Blood Drive |
| | 5:30 pm | Worship Commission |
| | 7:00 pm | Ladies Exercise |
| Tues 8/22 | 6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall Reserved |
| | 7:00 pm | Music Practice |
| Wed 8/23 | 5:00 pm | Outreach Commission |
| Sun 8/27 | 9:00 am | Phil Yoder Preaching |
| | 6:00 pm | MYF |
| Mon 8/28 | | Health Department |
| | 7:00 pm | Ladies Exercise |
| Tues 8/29 | 7:00 pm | Music Practice |
| Sun 9/3 | 9:30 am | Eugene Bontrager Preaching |



August Birthdays

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| Kent | Miller | 16 |
| Sheila | Hostetler | 17 |
| Tom | Miller | 17 |
| Ward | Bingaman | 21 |
| Joe | Keller | 21 |
| Audrey | Graber | 24 |
| Tillie | Schrock | 24 |
| Nora | Mullet | 25 |
| Brandon | Hartzler | 28 |
| Kent | Birky | 30 |

Administrative Assistant Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm

(Kent's daily schedule varies; you may want to call ahead.)

Closed Friday.

- **All newsletter submissions need to be in to Maribeth by noon on Tuesday.**

WORSHIP

Looking Ahead: "Five words... Five words given to Brian Zahnd when he prayed; 'Jesus, tell me what to say.' Five words that became signposts to lead him out the dead-end cul-de-sac he felt stuck in. Five words that when put together became a kind of 'transformation process for turning watered down Americanized Christianity into the robust wine of revolutionary Christianity.'" This week will look at the fifth and last word in the series 'Revolution.'

Background scriptures: Matthew 5, 6, 7

*Just a reminder that the newsletter is available on the shelf outside of the sanctuary.

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Kris Rheinheimer

Next Sunday: Jay Christner

Starting September 3, church will start at 9:30. There will not be Sunday school that day.

This Sunday we will be voting for 2 Congregational Representatives to the Church Board. Absentee ballots are available on the ledge outside the church office window.

Kent will be on vacation from August 22-September 4.

Maribeth will be out of the office on Wednesday, August 23. Next week's newsletter will go out on Thursday.

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for August 13:

Money Given to Budget \$9,010.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,526.92

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$298,883.32

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$276,346.00

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wednesday Evening Meals will begin for this next year on September 20. Please look for the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board if you are willing to organize a meal this fall.

Save the date! Elkhart County CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 1st. There is info posted on the bulletin board in the hallway if you are interested.

Register now for the National Yoder Reunion to be held September 20-23 in Shipshewana. More information is posted on the bulletin board under Community Life.

Community Life Commission: Committees for the coming year are almost filled. A big "Thank You!" to all who have agreed to fill these positions. The pictorial directory has been submitted to LifeTouch for publication – stay tuned...should be here soon.

A defibrillator is being purchased and will be mounted in the church in the near future.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full time Network Systems Administrator located in the Elkhart, IN office. This position will ensure the stable operation of the entire organizations Local Area Network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), Internet systems and software applications. The ability to analyze and resolve end user hardware and software computer problems in a timely and accurate fashion is essential. Ability to provide excellent customer service is a must. Committed to denominational and agency goals of anti-racist action. Degree in computer science / information technology or experience in this field is preferred. View the complete position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Submit cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net for consideration.

The Goshen Community Chorale will begin rehearsing for its upcoming 2017-18 season on Tuesday evening, September 5th, at College Mennonite Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Chorale will be preparing for a performance with orchestra of the Durante "Magnificat" and the Charpentier "Midnight Mass for Christmas," which will take place at the First United Methodist Church in Goshen on Sunday evening, November 19th. The Chorale welcomes new members who have a background in choral singing and who wish to commit themselves to regular attendance at rehearsals and to learning challenging repertoire. Interested persons should contact the music director, William Mateer, at (574) 533-2562 or mateers@aol.com.

DISCIPLING

Goshen College's fall Explore Goshen Day takes place Friday, Sept. 15. Join other students considering attending GC to check out the housing options, taste the food, take a campus tour and talk to current students and professors. A special pre-med track is available. Learn more at goshen.edu/visit.

The 14th annual Grief Seminar, "Good Grief:

Supporting Families and Fostering Resilience," will take place on Friday, Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at College Mennonite Church. Participants will explore topics related to grief, families and resilience. Donna Schuurman, of The Dougy Center for Grieving Children and Families, will be presenting a day-long seminar and keynote address. This seminar is especially recommended for social workers, educators, school counselors, marriage and family therapists, mental health workers, school nurses, law enforcement officers, funeral home directors and other human service professionals who work with children and families. The cost is \$70 for the general public (\$85 after Sept. 8) and \$30 for students (\$40 after Sept. 8). Online registration is available at goshen.edu/register/grief-seminar/.

A new documentary on Semilla Latin American Seminary will be shown in Umble Center at Goshen College on Saturday, September 9 at 7:30 PM. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

AMBS online short course: Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Sept. 13 – Oct. 24, 2017. This Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary online short course taught by Jamie Pitts, Ph.D., covers the birth and development of 16th-century Anabaptist movements and looks at various interpretations of the meaning of "Anabaptism" today. Cost: \$200 before Aug. 23; \$250 after. CEUs available. www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/anabaptist-short-courses.

You are warmly invited to participate in the 18th Believers' Church Conference, September 14-16 at Goshen College ("Word, Spirit, and the Renewal of the Church"), as we explore the ecumenical and global dimensions of the Believers' Church tradition during this 500th year commemoration of the Protestant Reformation. Keynote addresses by Miroslav Volf, Nancy Bedford, Joel Carpenter and Frank Thomas - along with a host of other speakers and panels - will explore themes of Biblical authority, the movement of

the Spirit, church renewal, and many other topics. The event begins with a hymn sing on Thursday evening and concludes with worship on Saturday night. For registration and more information go to: goshen.edu/believers-church.

Bethany Christian Schools is among 45 schools nationwide honored this summer as a 2017 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School. Bethany will hold a public celebration at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, where those interested can learn more about Bethany's recognition from the U.S Department of Ed for its "innovative efforts to reduce environmental impact and utility costs, improve health and wellness, and ensure effective sustainability education."

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's project for September is the Relief Sale. 175 school kits were put together for MCC.