

ON THE JOURNEY

The Jesus Creed

When Jesus was asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:28b–31.

Scot McNight refers to this statement as the “Jesus Creed”. Additionally, McNight offers meaningful insight into this statement. The first of these commandments is Deuteronomy 6:4-5, part of the Shema, Deuteronomy 6:4–9, where the first major term, “Hear,” is shema in Hebrew. These verses were repeated two times daily in the first century by pious Jews—at the break of the morning and after sunset.

As a good Jew, Jesus devotionally recited the Shema daily. When the scribe asked which commandment is the most important, he didn’t stop with the first commandment, he added a second, from Leviticus. 19:18. “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Everything about spiritual formation for Jesus is shaped by his version of the Shema. For Jesus, love of God and love of others is the core. Love, a term almost indefinable, is unconditional regard for a person that prompts and shapes behaviors in order to help that person to become what God desires. Love, when working properly, is both emotion and will, affection and action.

I challenge us to recite the Jesus Creed daily, and allow its message to fill us and to inspire us to love God and others.

Adapted from: Mcknight, Scot. Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others. Paraclete Press. Kindle Edition.

-Submitted by Wil Beachy

CALENDAR

Wed 10/4	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
Thurs 10/5	6:30 pm	Board
Fri 10/6	4:00 pm	MDC Goldenrod Auction
	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
Sat 10/7	8:00 am	Habitat Build
Sun 10/8	9:30 am	Kent Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 10/9		Health Department
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 10/10	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 10/11	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
Thurs 10/12	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
Sun 10/15	9:30 am	Phil Yoder Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 10/16	12:00 pm	Blood Drive
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 10/17	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission

	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 10/18	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	7:00 pm	John Mishler Presentation

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.**

October Birthdays

Edna	Hochstetler	04
Annie	Jones	06
Jamon	Christner	08
Viola	Miller	11
Patti	Keller	14
Karen	Pletcher	15
Betty	Graber	17

Katie	Kauffman	17
Jerry	Christner	18
Gerri	Beachy	19
Ez	Ropp	19
Anne	Yoder	19
Paul	Yoder	22
Garrett	Kozlowski	24
Ida	Herschberger	28
Kelby	Christner	31

COMMUNITY LIFE

Menno Clinic India is hosting a Curry Bash on Saturday, October 21 at Emma Church @6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

CARRIE NEWCOMER will be performing on Saturday, October 28, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at the Sweetwater Performance Theater in Fort Wayne! She will be joined by long-time collaborator, Gary Walters, on piano. Latin American Missions Board (LAMB) is pleased and honored to host an evening with Carrie and her powerful music with opening comments by Dr. Jane Weaver.

Please join us on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. when artist John Mishler, of Goshen, will join us. We will have the two wooden memorial pieces that he made in memory of Charlotte Hurst and Marvin Miller. He will talk about his thoughts and inspiration for these companion pieces before we hang them in our sanctuary.

Cruise In on Sunday morning, October 15. Bring your car, truck, bike, or any specialty vehicle and park in the grassy area.

You are invited to the 6th Annual Dutch Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 11 at 5:30 PM at the Shipshewana Event Center. All donations support The Community Health Clinic and you need to RSVP by October 20. To purchase a ticket call 260-593-0108 or email: info@indianachc.org.

Calling all quilters! Gather with a community of other quilters who share your passion and interest at the MCC Quilting Retreat at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, Michigan, on November 3-5. Come alone or with a group, with skills to share or interest in learning, with a project for an MCC auction or a project of your own. More information at mcc.org/get-involved/events/quilting-retreat.

Join us for a Comforter Bash! Make plans to join us on October 20 and 21 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot

WORSHIP

Looking Ahead: Have you ever attempted to complete something, only to realize that you were not going to be successful? Isn't it great when you get a second chance? It's important to learn from our past, in order to do our best.

Background scriptures: Genesis 6-9; John 9

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Jill Miller

Next Sunday: Kris Rheinheimer

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Carolyn Miller

Next Sunday: Karen Pletcher

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for October 1:

Money Given to Budget \$7,114.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$25,666.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$29,303.80

The Administration Commission met in September. We noted attendance and giving is down for the beginning of the new fiscal year. We voted to give the Outreach Commission 10% of our excess in the general fund at the end of August 2017 and to give depleted Compassion Fund \$5,000. The remainder will be put in our Capital Expenditures. We noted a leak in the front of the church, which the new Trustees (Glenn Miller and Don Miller) will look into. We agreed not to raise the rent at our Scott Street property since no improvements have been made. Our Habitat Build is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 and a special offering will be taken for Habitat on October 8.

comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/comforter-bash or contact Carol Honderich at 574-536-9062. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

The E3 Survival Skills for Life program that is a partnership between Amigo Centre and Goshen Middle School is in need of male mentors. To learn more about how you can become a mentor check out the link to the E3 program on the Amigo website.

Pastor and author Ryan Ahlgrim will be sharing a presentation entitled, "Healthy Faith: Core Characteristics for Attracting Young Adults and Building the Church", on Sunday evening October 8, 6:30 pm at Waterford Mennonite Church, 65975 State Road 15, Goshen. Ahlgrim's PowerPoint presentation will identify some key reasons why young adults are leaving the church, as well as suggest some core characteristics of a healthy, persuasive Christian faith and church. His recent book, *Sick Religion or Healthy Faith: Beliefs and Practices for a Healing Christian Community*, will be on sale. Formerly pastoring in Indianapolis, Ahlgrim is currently pastor at First Mennonite Church in Richmond, VA.

DISCIPLING

John McCutcheon Concert: Internationally-renowned folksinger John McCutcheon will be in concert at Bethany Christian Schools at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017. Reserved-seat tickets are \$18 (\$20 at the door). Student price is \$10. To reserve seats online see bethanycs.net/mccutcheon_171105.

Temporary lodging needed: The parents of Chinese international students at Bethany Christian Schools are looking for a furnished home for rent in the Goshen/Elkhart area between mid-December and mid-January this winter. They hope to be in the area for about a month and will pay rent and utilities. If you are gone during the winter months and would like to make

your home available, please contact Saejin Lee at 574 534-2567 or saejinlee@bethanycs.net. Thank you!

Home for an Exchange Student: Bethany Christian Schools is looking for a host family for an exchange student during the second semester of 2017-18 (January-May). A 10th grader from Concordia School in Paraguay, Kiara Dyck speaks fluent English, Spanish, and German. She plays the flute and piano and enjoys volleyball, soccer, softball, and ping-pong. Hosting includes a stipend for her room and board. Please contact Saejin Lee at 574 534-2567 or saejinlee@bethanycs.net if you have questions about hosting or want to learn more.

The Preschool year has begun smoothly. They are planning their fall Father/Grandfather night. They appreciate the repairs on the playground and support from the congregation!

One-course options with AMBS. Try out a seminary course through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary without being admitted to a degree or certificate program. You can take up to two courses, and your first class — campus, online or hybrid — is 50 percent off. Check out our spring options!
www.ambs.edu/academics/one-course-options

Mennonite Men's retreat. Men, consider doing this retreat together with your men's group or using this to start a men's group in your congregation. The retreat will focus on Making Peace with Conflict at Camp Friedenswald October 13-15. This will be led by Steve Thomas, U.S. Coordinator for Mennonite Men. Steve has worked with conflict for over 30 years as a Mennonite pastor, martial arts instructor, peace educator and adjunct professor at Goshen College. For more information go to: mennonitemen.org/joinmen.

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's project for October is RETA. They need the following: clothes (size 0-6x), household soaps & cleaners, baby wipes, adult hygiene products (shampoo, deodorant, wash, etc.).

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Board would like to send a huge thank you to all the volunteers, donors and patrons of the sale this year. We had a great time celebrating the 50th anniversary with a record topping \$600,000! Thank you again for your participation and generous donations!

The Habitat Build for the Kulish family will be held on Saturday from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board if you would like to participate – at least 14 volunteers are needed. There is also a sign-up sheet if you want to help with providing a meal and/or snack.

October is FMC's month to provide volunteers for the Food Pantry. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in volunteering.

The 2017 MDC Goldenrod Auction will be Friday at the Shpshewana Auction Barn. The fun begins at 4:00 p.m. with an Amish haystack meal, a bake sale and the silent auction. The live auction begins at 4:30. Items for sale include comforters and quilts, handcrafted furniture, and much, much more. For more information, go to MDCGoldenrod.org/auction, visit the MDC Goldenrod Facebook page or call 574-533-9720.

Amigo Centre is turning 60! We invite you to come to our anniversary celebration October 13-15. The morning of Saturday the 14th we will have our 2nd annual 5k trail race. The afternoon of the 14th will be filled with activities for families. The weekend will culminate in a chili supper and benefit auction. Obviously we can't have a celebration without cake and ice cream. To register visit our website amigocentre.org/celebrate-amigo or call the office at 269-651-2811.

reviveINDIANA is coming back to Fan the Flame! It will be held October 8-14.

Recipe of the Month

Speedy Taco Bake

1 lb ground beef
½ cup onion

1 envelope taco seasoning mix
1 can (15 oz) tomato sauce
1 can (15 ¼ oz) whole kernel corn, drained
2 cups shredded Cheddar Cheese
2 cups Bisquick baking mix
1 cup milk
2 eggs

Heat oven to 350. Cook ground beef and onion until beef is brown; drain. Spoon into ungreased 13x9 baking dish. Stir in taco seasoning mix (dry), tomato sauce and corn. Sprinkle with cheese. Stir remaining ingredients until blended. Pour over beef mixture. Bake 35 min or until light golden brown. Serve with sour cream, chopped tomato and shredded lettuce if desired.