

## ON THE JOURNEY

***"If the world hates you, remember that it hated Me first". (John 15:18)***

*It is difficult in many respects to be a Christian. Jesus knew that when the disciples took up their crosses after His departure, they would also experience the fury and rejection of the "world". You and I should take what Jesus said to heart. Christian believers try to become popular in the eyes of the world by watering down their faith, compromising their way of life and accepting the standards of the world. Jesus didn't do this. You and I must not do it either. From the very beginning Jesus experienced resistance. It is a normal part of discipleship. Take note that the world will not just "dislike" you. The world will hate you. However, you have a trustworthy ally in Jesus Christ.*

*From: "Trusting in GOD" 366 Devotions*

***Prayer: Master and Savior, keep my head up and my feet planted on the biblical foundation, standing up to the world's opposition.***

*Submitted by Ike Walther*

CALENDAR		
<b>Wed 10/11</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
<b>Thurs 10/12</b>	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
<b>Sun 10/15</b>	9:30 am	Phil Yoder Preaching
		Sunday Morning Cruise-In
	6:00 pm	MYF
<b>Mon 10/16</b>	12:00 pm	Blood Drive
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
<b>Tues 10/17</b>	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
<b>Wed 10/18</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	7:00 pm	John Mishler Presentation
<b>Sun 10/22</b>	9:30 am	Kent Preaching
	6:00 pm	Community Movie Night
<b>Mon 10/23</b>		Health Department
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
<b>Tues 10/24</b>	6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
<b>Wed 10/25</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	7:00 pm	Congregational Meeting

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

### October Birthdays

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

### WORSHIP

**Looking Ahead:** Phil Yoder will be preaching this Sunday. Sermon Title: "Are Our Prayers Really All That Important?"

**Background scriptures:** Revelation 8:1-5

### Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Kris Rheinheimer  
Next Sunday: Jill Miller

### **Administrative Assistant Office Hours:**

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

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

**Closed Friday.**

## Welcome Center

This Sunday: Karen Pletcher

Next Sunday: Sam & Verna Weirich

## ADMINISTRATION

### Stewardship Report for October 8:

Money Given to Budget \$6,200.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$31,866.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$35,164.56

**From the Board:** At the Fall Congregational meeting, the brochure *Renewing a Vision*, was distributed to those in attendance and a brief overview was shared. As follow up, a congregational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 25 after the meal. An IN-MI Conference representative, Bob Yoder, Paula Killough, or Dan Miller will walk us through this information regarding the purpose and use at FMC. If you were not present at the Fall Congregational meeting, there are copies of *Renewing a Vision* available on the shelf outside of the sanctuary for you to take and read. You are encouraged to write down questions in preparation for this meeting. Also, there will be an opportunity to record additional questions for the Conference Representative's response. Then on November 15 (Wed. evening following the meal) there will be another congregational meeting for further discernment together regarding how this information compliments our vision and the use of common spiritual practices that would help give us direction.

## 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.

**October 29th** will be Pastor Appreciation Sunday. A table will be in the foyer for cards or gifts for our pastor.

**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** this Sunday morning. Bring your car, truck, bike, or any specialty vehicle and park in the grassy area.

**You are invited** to the 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit [mcc.org/comforter-bash](http://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.

**Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates** (MMEDA) invites you to its next dinner program event on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Koinonia Room at College

Mennonite Church. The event, titled "Artists as Entrepreneurs," will feature a panel of four local artists sharing how they've turned their artistic passions into their livelihood. Please RSVP by Monday, November 6, to [info@michianameda.org](mailto:info@michianameda.org) or 574-355-3607. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door (cash or check only).

## DISCIPLING

**In the Discipleship Commission** Oct. meeting we continued to organize ourselves. Kathy Hartzler is the chair for this church year, Cheryl Miller vice-chair, position of secretary remains to be filled. A signup sheet for nursery volunteers will be made available in the lobby. The Child Protection video will be made available to new volunteers. Kent will soon hold Instruction Class for some of our youth. We discussed offering "End of Life" presentations, made available by Goshen Hospital professionals as well as using the Everence materials. We are considering doing this in April, possibly on Wed. evenings.

**An MYF fundraising meal** will be held on October 29. Plan now to attend!

**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](http://bethanycs.net/mccutcheon_171105).

**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](http://www.ambs.edu/academics/one-course-options)

**Fish Fry at Bethany:** Bethany Christian High School's Senior Class Fish Fry is on Friday, Oct. 27! Come between the hours of 4:30 and 8 p.m. for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat.

Tickets are available from all Bethany seniors or at the door. The cost is \$11 for adults and \$6 for children in grades 1-6. Kindergarten and younger eat free. Carryout is also available with adult tickets only and opens at 4:00.

**Goshen College** has an international student who needs a host family close to campus. This fine young man from Poland eats most of his meals on campus so feeding him would not be an issue. He is quiet, polite and cheerful. I know you'd like him! If you have a space in your house or if you know of anyone near campus who does, please contact Skip Barnett ([carleb@goshen.edu](mailto:carleb@goshen.edu)) as soon as possible.

## 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.).

**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 annual banquet** and meeting of the Indiana/Lower Michigan Unit of MDS will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at North Goshen Mennonite Church. Please contact Kurt Eby at 574-534-4417 or [kreby333@frontier.com](mailto:kreby333@frontier.com) by October 27<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend.

**Amigo Centre is turning 60!** We invite you to come to our anniversary celebration October 13-15. The morning of Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> we will have our 2nd annual 5k trail race. The afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://amigocentre.org/celebrate-amigo) or call the office at 269-651-2811.

**The Middlebury Community Food Pantry** is having an open house at their CR 16 location to show it off!

Please join us and see our transformation and the possibilities to serve our community together. The Open House will be on Sunday, Oct 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. Our address is 13307 County Road 16, Middlebury (on the road behind the Essenhaus Inn). There will be tours available and activities for the kids. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Anabaptist Disabilities Network**, a small non-profit that links congregations, families, and persons touched by disabilities with resources and support services within the community of faith, seeks a part-time Volunteer Bookkeeper for 1-4 hours per week to assist with accounts payable, payroll for two employees, financial recordkeeping and reporting. QuickBooks required. Contact Kathleen Nofziger Yeakey, executive director, for additional information. Anabaptist Disabilities Network, 3145 Benham Ave, Elkhart, IN 46517. 574-343-1362 or [kathyny@adnetonline.org](mailto:kathyny@adnetonline.org).



The French phrase *c'est la vie* means: That's Life!