

ON THE JOURNEY

A Classic Billy Graham message: *In the World, But Not of it*
Graham's messages never get old.

In the New Testament it is clear that we are not to become entangled with the world. Throughout the bible the lines are definitely drawn between the world of unbelievers and the world of the children of God. Christians will face opposition in the world. It is not easy for Christians to distinguish between that which is spiritual and that which is worldly. Satan can be very deceiving. The Bible teaches that worldliness is a force that is in opposition to all that is Godly and Christian. Its goal is selfish pleasure, material success and the pride of life. It is ambitious, self-centered. God is not necessarily denied; He is just ignored and forgotten. We are either under the influence of this world or in Christ and under the direction of the Spirit of God. There is no neutral ground. We are involved in a spiritual conflict. This is a battle between the forces of God and the forces of Satan, and we are involved in it. We are asked to choose sides. We are not to hold the world in contempt. We are to obey its laws. We are to love those for whom Christ died. We are to pray for them, witness to them, and help them if we can. But the most difficult of all tasks, not to be conformed to the world. This is the Christian's stand; this is the Christian's job. Submitted by Patti Miller

CALENDAR

Wed 10/18	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	7:00 pm	John Mishler Presentation
Sun 10/22	9:30 am	Kent Preaching
		Sunday Morning Cruise-In
	6:00 pm	Community Movie Night
Mon 10/23		Health Department
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 10/24	6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 10/25	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	7:00 pm	Congregational Meeting
Sun 10/29	9:30 am	Kent Preaching
		Pastor Appreciation
	12:00 pm	MYF Fundraising Meal
	1:00 pm	Food Pantry Open House
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 10/30	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 10/31	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 11/1	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	7:00 pm	Libby Graber Presentation

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

October Birthdays

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: Missional... We've been hearing this word for 20 years. Our seminaries have been teaching it, our agencies have been producing books on it and our congregations have been using the word "missional" to justify programs, mission efforts, building programs and other worthwhile "regularly scheduled" activities the church has done for the last 20 years. But have these efforts bore fruit? This week we will start a 5-part series on "Why we don't really want to be missional."

Background scriptures: Matthew 4:18-22; 28:16-20; Mark 1:16-20; Mark 16; Acts 2; Romans 10

Administrative Assistant Office Hours:

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

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

Closed Friday.

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Jill Miller

Next Sunday: Navigators

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Sam & Verna Weirich

Next Sunday: Carol Johnson

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for October 15:

Money Given to Budget \$4,338.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$36,204.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$41,025.32

From the Board: We talked about how the Food Pantry Board is reorganizing. We would like them to give a verbal report a few times throughout the year. This would be a relationship builder. There is some discussion concerning what to do with the spot the old food pantry was located. Continued discussion on Renewing a Vision. Oct. 25 the congregation will meet with a conference representative and Nov. 15 we will have more discussion among ourselves.

COMMUNITY LIFE

From Community Life Commission: Liz Mast donated a wheelchair so we have two wheelchairs available now. Jill bought a defibrillator which will be installed soon. Pastor appreciation will be celebrated on Oct. 29. Refreshments will be served between church and Sunday school. A basket will be available for cards of appreciation.

Menno Clinic India is hosting a Curry Bash on Saturday 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 tonight 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 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 Friday and Saturday 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 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 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).

Remember to get your items out of the old food pantry soon! Tentative demolition date is Monday, October 30th. Please note that there is no electricity at the building.

Richard Wineland is getting married this coming Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2:00 PM in St. James Episcopal Church 105 S 6th St, Goshen, IN 46528. Everyone is invited to this joyful celebration of love.

DISCIPLING

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

Eboo Patel, an author and former a member of President Obama's inaugural Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships, will present a Yoder Public Affairs lecture titled "Interfaith Leadership: Engaging Faith and Philosophical Diversity in the 21st Century" on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Goshen College Church-Chapel. Patel will also speak to campus on "Building a Healthy Religiously Diverse Democracy: Notes for Interfaith Leaders" on Friday, Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. These events are free and open to the public.

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.

The Preschool Advisory Board met and heard the classroom activities/visitors for October. They include the fire department and Northridge football players and cheerleaders. Our Father/Grandfather night will be Thursday, November 2. Pictures are scheduled for October 26 & 27. The wooden playground structures will need replacement within the next 3-5 years. We are gearing up for our fall fundraiser of Ben's Pretzel kits.

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's project for November is POPS. They need the following: glue sticks, paper cups, bubbles, markers, sharpies, sticky notes, stickers, sidewalk chalk, small toys for treasure box, dry erase markers, and winter coats (children).

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 6th at 6:30 PM at College Mennonite Church. Please contact Kurt Eby at 574-534-4417 or kreby333@frontier.com by October 27th if you are planning to attend.

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!

