

ON THE JOURNEY

I just finished *Women Who Kept the Lights* by Mary Louise & J. Candace Clifford, a book about female light house keepers. One story that stood out to me was about Ida Lewis, who was at Lime Rock, RI for 54 years. When she was 16 her father took the light house keeper job and moved his family to the small island of Lime Rock, 1/3 of a mile from Newport, but less than four months later he had a disabling stroke. The family stayed on and Ida took over the light house duties.

Because of her many rescues, over 25 lives saved, Ida became the most well known light house keeper of her time and was featured in the *New York Times* & *Harpers Weekly*, as well as had a *Coast Guard* portrait commissioned.

Ida's last recorded rescue occurred when she was 63 years old. A close friend, rowing out to the light house, stood up in the boat, lost her balance, and fell overboard. Ida, with all the vigor of her youth, launched a lifeboat and hauled the woman aboard. When asked where she found her strength and courage, she replied, "I don't know. I aint particularly strong. The Lord Almighty gives it to me when I need it, that's all".

May the Lord Almighty give us the strength to rescue those sinking around us by sharing Jesus as well! (If you want to read more about Ida, the book is in my mailbox. Feel free to borrow it!) Submitted by Sonya Miller

CALENDAR

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| Wed 11/8 | 9:00 am | Moms In Touch |
| | 5:45 pm | Wednesday Evening Meal |
| Thurs 11/9 | 9:00 am | First Mennonite Women |
| Sun 11/12 | 9:30 am | Kent Preaching |
| | 6:00 pm | MYF |
| Mon 11/13 | | Health Department |
| | 7:00 pm | Ladies Exercise |
| Tues 11/14 | 7:00 pm | Music Practice |
| Wed 11/15 | 9:00 am | Moms In Touch |
| | 5:45 pm | Wednesday Evening Meal |
| | 6:30 pm | Administration Commission |
| | 7:00 pm | Congregational Meeting |
| Sat 11/18 | 8:00 am | Fellowship Hall Reserved |
| Sun 11/19 | 9:30 am | Kent Preaching |
| | 6:00 pm | MYF |
| Mon 11/20 | 12:00 pm | Blood Drive (Believers Fellowship) |
| | 7:00 pm | Ladies Exercise |
| Tues 11/21 | 6:00 pm | Community Life Commission |
| | 7:00 pm | Music Practice |
| Wed 11/22 | 9:00 am | Moms In Touch |
| | 5:00 pm | Outreach Commission |

November Birthdays

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| Leah | Bontreger | 08 |
| Vince | Hostetler | 09 |
| Merle | Mullet | 13 |
| Delbert D. | Yoder | 14 |
| Willard | Odle | 19 |
| Adeline | Graber | 20 |
| Philip | Keller | 20 |
| Jim | Rhodes | 20 |
| Marilyn | Bontrager | 22 |
| Noah | Frye | 22 |
| Bob | Rhodes | 22 |
| Ernie | Wingard | 24 |
| Kody | Bontreger | 26 |
| Sharon | Wyse | 28 |

WORSHIP

Looking Ahead: As we enter our third week in the series, Why we don't really want to be missional, we will continue to examine some of the misconceptions around the word: Missional... We've been hearing this word for 20 years. There has been plenty of teaching and books on the word. Congregations have been using the word to justify programs, mission efforts, and building programs, but have these efforts bore fruit? This week we will look at reasons #3 and #2 together: It gets messy.

Background scriptures: Matthew 5, 6, 7, and 28:16-20; Mark 1:16-20; Mark 16; Acts 2; Romans 12

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.

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Jill Miller

Next Sunday: Kris Rheinheimer

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Carolyn Miller

Next Sunday: Karen Pletcher

***Note:** Due to an error, last Sunday's sermon did not get recorded as well as the sharing time.

As we start to think about Advent and the Christmas Season, we would like to see if any of you would be willing to tell a short (5 minutes only!) story about a Christmas past eg. the best gift you ever gave, a meaningful/special Christmas you had. Sharing would take place at our Christmas Eve service on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 at 8:00 p.m. We will do some Singing and would like to do some Sharing and possibly local Caroling for those who would like. Please let a member of Worship Commission know if you would be willing to share in this way. (Wil, Bernie, Theo, Kent M., Ruth)

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for November 5:

Money Given to Budget \$8,333.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$54,966.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$58,607.60

Reminder regarding the 11/15/17 congregational meeting. Plan to participate in our congregational meeting on Wednesday November 15. The focus will be on Renewing a Vision as it pertains to FMC. The format for the evening will be in table groups with questions for discussion. There will also be guidelines for participation in the discussion. We believe this will be an opportunity to center on Jesus and come to a new understanding on how we process things. Also, copies of a brief summary of the October 25 meeting are on the shelf below the mailboxes.

The Board spent a lot of time developing a plan for the congregational meeting to be held on Nov. 15 to discuss the Conferences "Renewing a Vision". We also discussed some things that will help lighten to load for Pastor Kent. More info will be coming.

COMMUNITY LIFE

The Goshen College Theater Department will present Suzan Zeder's play "Mother Hicks" on Nov. 10, 11 and 18 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 12 and 19 at 3 p.m. in Goshen College's Umble Center. Set in and around Ware, Illinois, in the late spring of 1935 during the Great Depression, "Mother Hicks" is told using poetry and sign language, and chronicles the journeys of three outsiders to find themselves, and each other, in a troubled time. "Mother Hicks" is a play that resonates with people of all ages, and is appropriate for families with children in 5th grade and older.

The Goshen Community Chorale, an ecumenical community choir, will be presenting its fall concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, November 19th. This performance will take place at the First United Methodist Church, located at 214 South 5th Street in Goshen. This program of sacred music will feature Durante's Magnificat and the Messe de Minuit pour Noel by Charpentier, which is based on French folk carols of the 18th century. The chorus will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra for this event. There is no admission charge and all are welcome.

DISCIPLING

Support Academia Menonita Betania in Aibonito, Puerto Rico. Classes at Betania have resumed following the devastation wrought by Hurricane Maria over a month ago, but without water, power, or a roof. Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen is raising funds to help students and staff at Betania, donating all proceeds from the first home boys basketball game, including admission, other fundraising activities, and donations. Support Betania by attending the Bethany-Westview game on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. (JV and varsity).

The Star On My Heart (by Angela Hansen) will be presented Nov. 17-19 at Bethany Christian Schools. The play is based on the true story of Inge Auerbacher. Around 15,000 children passed through Terezin, a Nazi transit camp, and Inge was part of the 1% who survived. The play follows Inge from young childhood in Germany through adulthood in America. While the play takes

place in the 1930-50s, it brings to light many themes that are relevant in today's world. Bethany is one of the first venues for this recently-written play to be staged. A talk-back, led by the playwright, will follow each performance. Additionally, a family guide, written by director Talashia Keim Yoder, is available online (bethanycs.net/star-on-my-heart-2017). The guide is designed for families with elementary-aged children, but is appropriate for people of all ages as a way to come to the production better prepared to deal with the subject matter. Tickets, \$9 for adults and \$7 for students, may be reserved at bethanycs.net/tickets. Online sales will close at noon on Friday, Nov. 17.

Anabaptist Witness 4.2, "Mission and Suffering," is now available online and in print. Articles, poems, and artwork address missionary suffering, mission that responds to suffering, and mission that causes suffering. Specific topics include Ausbund hymns, Sufi Islam, health crisis during ministry, marginalized Indigenous communities in southern Mexico, and Mennonite participation in the Canadian Residential Schools program.

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). Carol Johnson will have devotions at the meeting tomorrow.

One last thank you from the Relief Sale Board to everyone who volunteered, donated, purchased and prayed for the sale this year. We are excited to announce that our final numbers are in and we raised a record \$626,567.12!! We couldn't have done this without each one of you. Thank you again for such a successful year!

Everence members are invited to volunteer with Everence and Feed my Starving Children on Saturday. If you volunteer to pack meals for a couple of hours you will earn a donation for a local food pantry – it's two good causes in one! Feed My Starving Children distributes meals around the world to those in need. Volunteers will pack meals

from 9:00-11:00 AM at Nappanee Missionary Church. There is more information posted on the bulletin board.

Trivia: Slugs have four noses.

