

ON THE JOURNEY

Submitted by Brad Miller

A number of years ago I was searching for something that would be helpful in my spiritual journey. I found a resource called *Disciplines For The Inner Life*. It is a book that is divided into a series of fifty-two patterns or services for personal worship. Each day has three scriptures to read, various readings for personal meditation, a prayer, hymn and benediction. I also found that journaling was helpful. However in the past number of years, I have not used this resource to journal. However, about a week ago I discovered this book and began to journal again. I discovered one of the meditations related to distractions. "Most of our conflicts and distractions come from trying to deal with spiritual and practical aspects of our life separately instead of realizing them as parts of one whole. If our practical life is centered on our own ambitions, passions, wants and worries, beset by a sense of our own rights and importance, or anxieties for our own future, or longs for our own success, we need not expect that our spiritual life will be a contrast to all of this. The soul's house is not built on such a convenient plan: there are few soundproof partitions in it. Only when the demand of the Spirit, however inconvenient, comes first and IS first and rules the whole of it, will those objectionable noises die down."

God's Spirit does not make cowards out of us. "The Spirit gives us power, love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7

From *The Spiritual Life* by Evelyn Underhill.

CALENDAR

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 for Believers Fellowship
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 11/21	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
Wed 11/22	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
		No Wednesday Evening Meal
Thurs 11/23	8:00 am	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	4:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sun 11/26	9:30 am	Youth In Charge Of Service
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 11/27		Health Department
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 11/28	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 11/29	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:30 pm	Outreach Commission
		No Wednesday Evening Meal

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

*Please note that the office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th.

November Birthdays

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: In our final sermon in the series 'Why we don't really want to be missional,' we'll review 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, yet

Administrative Assistant Office Hours:

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

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

Closed Friday

where has the fruit been? What would happen if our Missional Church efforts bore fruit? This week we will look at the #1 reason we don't really want to be missional it might surprise you!

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

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Kris Rheinheimer

Next Sunday: Cheryl Miller

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Karen Pletcher

Next Sunday: Sam & Verna Weirich

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for November 12:

Money Given to Budget \$3,655.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$58,601.20

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$64,468.36

Reminder regarding the 11/15/17 congregational meeting. Plan to participate in our congregational meeting tonight. 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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

The Goshen College Theater Department will present Suzan Zeder's play "Mother Hicks" on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 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

The Discipleship Commission continues to search for a person or persons to teach the youth Sunday School class. Please contact Kathy Hartzler to volunteer or suggest someone who might be interested in teaching this fun group. A new Nursery Volunteer schedule has been created and placed in the mailboxes of volunteers, using the list from last year. If you would like your name added to the list, please tell Maribeth in the church office. Thank you to all who consistently serve our children and youth!

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.

On Sunday, organist and composer Thomas Fielding will present a Rieth Chamber Series concert at 4 p.m. in Goshen College Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased at the Goshen College Box Office or online at goshen.edu/tickets.

Tickets are now on sale for Goshen College's 14th annual musical celebration of Christmas, "A Festival of Carols," on Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. This special celebration of the holiday season is patterned on a traditional English worship service, and features Christmas carols, spirituals, scripture readings and sacred works of music for the holiday season

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's project for December is putting together fruit plates for the shut-ins and supporting Goldenrod.

This holiday season as you pick out gifts for loved ones, why not add a few supplies for MCC kits to your list? As families around the world face disaster and crisis, MCC kits and comforters remind them that their needs are not forgotten. There is a new, easy way for you to get involved! MCC Great Lakes has put together a list of most needed items on Amazon.com. Simply purchase the pre-selected items on the wish list and the items will ship directly to the material resource center in Goshen. (Due to space limitations at MCC Connections in Kidron, all items are being shipped to Goshen.) Thank you for joining MCC in sharing God's love and compassion in this tangible way this Christmas.

Direct link to Amazon Wish List:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Q8X1M1HP>

MQ92/ref=cm_go_nav_hz or search "MCC Great Lakes" in Amazon Wish Lists.

God's Promise on Wisdom

Psalm 32:8 New International Version (NIV)

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.**
NAME THEM **ONE BY ONE.**
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.
