

ON THE JOURNEY

Power of Prayer

Psalm 107:28-30: "Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven." We all have our times that we cry out to the Lord and most of the time it is during times of trouble and that's ok. When he calms the storm it might not be what you wanted but he knows best and it isn't until later you realize it is just what you needed.

Submitted by Ike Walther

CALENDAR

Wed 1/10	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
Thurs 1/11	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
Sat 1/13	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sun 1/14	9:30 am	Guest Speaker Jon Andrews
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 1/15	6:00 pm	Worship Commission
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 1/16	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 1/17	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
Sun 1/21	9:30 am	Kent Preaching
	11:00 am	Mennohof/Fellowship Meal
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 1/22		Health Department
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 1/23	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 1/24	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal

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.**

January Birthdays

Grace Rheinheimer – 11
 Charles Hartzler – 14
 Sam Weirich – 15
 Linda Young – 16
 Mary Weaver – 17
 Gene Bender – 18
 Marlene Yoder – 18
 Ann Yoder – 19
 Katie Walther – 24
 Jeri McClain – 24
 Keith Thomas – 25
 Allison Hostetler – 29
 Cheryl Miller – 30
 Louise Sellers – 30

WORSHIP

Focus statement: We have a special guest, Jon Andrews, preaching this Sunday. He works for Love Justice (formerly Tiny Hands International) whose mission is that "We are compelled by Gods love to fight the world's greatest injustices" Jon and his wife, Alison, live in Elkhart, Indiana, where they are raising their three children: Preston, Presley, and Palyn. Jon earned his bachelor's degree in history from McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas. After over ten years in pastoral ministry, he could no longer remain in his cozy little faith bunker, waiting for someone else to do something. God was calling him to leave the sideline and join the fight to eradicate the injustice of human trafficking. He is passionate about mobilizing churches against injustice. Jon has served alongside people on five continents and serves on several nonprofit boards. He is an avid reader and enjoys coaching his children. He is currently writing his first book and working on his Masters Degree in Social Justice.

Background scriptures: Matthew 25:31-46

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 January 7:

Money Given to Budget \$6,065.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$109,195.20

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$111,354.44

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wednesday evening meals start back up today and a new sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

The 7th Annual Elkhart County Rally and Prayer Walk for Life is on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the Lerner Theater, 410 South Main Street, Elkhart at 12:00 noon. The program will include emcee Jeff Fater, RETA Men's Coaching Manager and keynote speaker Melissa Ohden. She is a survivor of an abortion attempt and now works with individuals and organizations across the U.S., Canada, and Australia advocating for the rights of the unborn. She is a voice for the voiceless. The Rally will include testimonies from women who have experienced abortion and will be followed by a short prayer walk to RETA and the Women's Care Center in Elkhart. Go to www.elkhart4life.org for more information.

Ladies: The annual women's retreat will be held at Hunter Lake on February 2 & 3. Friday the 2nd, you are invited to just come and rest and fellowship and spend the night if you wish. (More info about that next week). Saturday will be a day of teaching, fellowship and fun. The sign-up sheet will be up on Sunday either on the bulletin board or in the foyer. The cost will be between \$10 - \$20 depending on how many persons sign up. However, if you are unable to pay please plan to attend anyway. More information to come.....If you have any questions please contact Linda Young @ 612-3011.

The SPA Women's Ministry Homes Dinner & Delicacies banquet will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the RV Hall of Fame Event Center, 21565 Executive Pkwy, Elkhart. Doors open at 6:00 pm with Hor D'oeuvres. Cost is \$30 Individual Ticket/\$240 Table of 8. Online Registration:

<https://spaministryhomes.ejoinme.org/dinner>
Questions? Call Rachel Campbell at 574-333-3150 or email her at rachelc@spaministryhomes.org. Rachel is in charge of registration.

DISCIPLING

Online short course: Biblical Foundations for Creation Care: Feb. 7 – March 20. Participants in this AMBS short course led by Ben Ollenburger, Ph.D., will explore creation references in Genesis, Proverbs, Psalms, Isaiah, Job and the New Testament. Cost: \$200 before Jan. 17; \$250 after. www.ambs.edu/shortcourses

The Discipleship Commission is hosting a trip to Menno Hof in Shipshewana during the Sunday School hour on Jan. 21. Upon returning to the church, there will be a simple soup lunch served. The church will be making a donation to Menno-Hof in gratitude for their work. There is also a donation box available at the end of the tour, if you care to make a small personal donation. Let's plan to car pool from the church right after the morning service. Perhaps those who have extra space in their vehicles could offer rides to their elders, as the church van is a bit difficult to board. The van will also be available for any who wish to travel to Shipshewana in it. Please plan to join us and enjoy learning or renewing your knowledge of Mennonite History in this interactive display.

Goshen College's Martin Luther King, Jr celebration events will take place Jan. 14 -15, featuring keynote speaker Leonard Dow, Stewardship and Development Specialist at Everence Financial. Most events are free and open to the public. These include a community gathering (Sunday, 7 p.m.), in the GC Umble Center; a prospective student open house (Monday), a spoken word coffeehouse (Monday, 9 a.m.), and the first annual Atlee and Winifred Beechey Peace, Justice and

Reconciliation Lecture, featuring Leonard Dow (Monday, 10 a.m.), in the Church-Chapel. See the full schedule of events at goshen.edu/mlk.

contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's project for January is collecting items for The Window. Items needed: men's, women's, and children's socks as well as children's underwear and winter boots (clothes closet). Tomato and chicken noodle soup, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, and plastic containers with lids (Katie's Kitchen) are also needed. Betty Graber will have devotions for tomorrow's meeting.

Items needed for the Cuba mission trip February 15-22: adult vitamins, ibuprofen, quart size zip lock bags, feminine products, kitchen towels, Tylenol, band aids, garbage bags, hot pads, and antacids. For anyone who would care to donate money, you can just make out your checks to First Mennonite Church and it will get sent on to Hearts and Hands International. Thank you for your consideration of this mission.

Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA) invites you to its first dinner program event of the new year -- "Immigrant Stories -- Starting a new life in Indiana" -- Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 6:30 pm. A panel of immigrants will share their personal stories: challenges, successes, and current realities of life as immigrants. The event will be held at North Goshen Mennonite Church, and a Mexican dinner will be catered by the ladies of the church. Please RSVP by Monday, January 15, 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).

MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and summer staff. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit swap.mcc.org or

Recipe of the month

Chai Tea Latte 2 servings

2 individual tea bags

1 tsp cinnamon

½ tsp Ginger

¼ tsp allspice

1 c water

1 c milk

¼ c Brown sugar

2 TBLS refrigerated French Vanilla nondairy Creamer
Whipped topping and ground nutmeg, optional

Place the tea bags, cinnamon, ginger and allspice in a coffee filter of a drip coffeemaker. Add water; brew according to manufacturer's directions.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine the milk, brown sugar and creamer. Cook and stir over med heat until heated through and sugar is dissolved.

Pour milk mixture into mugs; stir in tea. Dollop with whipped topping and sprinkle with nutmeg if desired.

