

ON THE JOURNEY

CALENDAR

Wed 4/4	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
		No Wed. Evening Meal
Thurs 4/5	6:30 pm	Board
Fri 4/6	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
Sun 4/8	9:00 am	Kent Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 4/9		Health Department
	5:00 pm	POPS Advisory Board
	6:00 pm	Worship Commission
	6:30 pm	Food Pantry Advisory Board
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 4/10	6:30 pm	Discipling Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 4/11	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
Thurs 4/12	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
Sun 4/15	9:00 am	Kent Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 4/16	12:00 pm	Blood Drive
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 4/17	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 4/18	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission

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.

April Birthdays

Sam Graber – 6

Regina Yoder – 9

Dave (Patty) Yoder – 10

Heather Wyse – 12

Jim Wyse – 12

Bill Johnson – 14

Dorothy Miller – 15

Marge Miller – 15

Shari Graber – 16

Nan Stalter – 16

Jena Bontreger – 18

Juanita Yoder – 19

Bryce Rheinheimer – 24

Enos Miller – 30

WORSHIP

Focus statement: In the midst of turbulence and change, it's tempting to look at all the obstacles surrounding you; question your current situation; and then long for how things were 'before the changes.' But Jesus calls us to step forward in faith, keeping our eyes on him. He doesn't call us to seek a bygone era, but instead we are to long for what Jesus is calling us toward!

Background scriptures: Philippians 3; Matthew 14, 15:1-20

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 April 1:

Money Given to Budget \$5,337.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$174,798.20

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$181,683.56

Administration Commission met in March and heard our average attendance has slightly increased. Our giving stepped-up and we made up some of our deficit. We are now behind budget by \$6000. We gave permission to complete the extended parking at CR 16 and scheduled the A/C installation at the food pantry this spring. We discussed the leaky flat roof. We requested an evaluation of our current A/C units and estimate for a new ground unit. We also requested an estimate for a pitched roof. A decision will be made after we evaluate all of this information together. Our town water meter will be replaced and save us some money. We discussed finding other congregational members who can help with the electronic things Kent has taken care of. We discussed a monetary stipend for musical help with the Worship Team.

From the Board: We met a week ago Tuesday evening with Dan Miller from the IN/MI Conference and have asked him to begin to put out “feelers” for a transitional pastor who could serve here at FMC until we can hire a full time pastor. In the mean-time, we need to pray about, discuss, and vote on whether or not we can affirm part or all of the Conference “Renewing a Vision” guidelines. Details on that will soon be announced. Once we have completed that process we will form a search committee and begin looking for a full time pastor. We ask you to:

- Pray for the process
- Volunteer to serve on the search committee
- Pray for our future staff person
- Talk to anyone of us if you have questions
- Mostly pray for FMC

Your Board – Brad Miller, Carolyn Miller, Patti Miller, Sonya Miller, Dale Schlabach, Ike Walther

COMMUNITY LIFE

If you lost a pair of glasses, please see Maribeth in the office.

April 11th: Kent & Jill will be in charge of the Wednesday Evening Meal with help from the MYF. All monies will go toward the youth.

On April 15th we will be honoring Kent and Jill as they leave and Phil Yoder as he begins his service with us, with coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall after the service. There will be no Sunday school classes.

A special thank you to Al Yoder for making the cross to be displayed at the Welcome Center. Al is a blacksmith, a trade and talent that you don't hear of much anymore. Thanks for sharing your talents with us!

DISCIPLING

Pianist and Western Michigan University music professor Lori Sims will present a recital of solo piano music in the Goshen College Music Center’s Rieth Recital Hall on Sunday, April 8 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students. Goshen College faculty/staff/students are free with ID. Tickets available online at goshen.edu/tickets or by calling the Box Office at (574) 535-7566.

The Goshen College Theater Department will present its final performance of the "Swords into Plowshares" season with three student-directed one act plays on Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. in the Umble Center. Tickets are \$5, available online at www.goshen.edu/tickets or via the Goshen College Box Office at (574) 535-7566.

IN/MI Mennonite Women's May Gathering: Saturday, May 5 we will be gathering at East Goshen Mennonite Church to share in conversation, inspiration and brunch. Come and fellowship with friends from other congregations and hear Carol Honderich share about a special 'Women of the Bible' quilt she has made. She will be sharing about women from the Bible and from our community. Arrive between 8:30-9:00, with the program beginning at 9:00 am. We will have brunch mid-morning and conclude our time around 11:45.

Apr. 20 Fish Fry: Bethany Christian High School’s junior class fish fry is 4:30-8:00 p.m., Friday, April 20. Come for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are \$11 for adults and carryout and \$6 for children grades 1-6 (under grade 1 free). Tickets may be purchased from any Bethany junior or at the school (534-2567).

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's next sewing project is New Infant Care Kits. Contents (**NEW** items only, sizes between 3-12 months, no diapers): 3 gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material); 3 undershirts/onesies (short or long sleeves); 1 receiving blanket (lightweight fleece or flannel, minimum 30 in x 30 in, larger sizes preferred); 4 large, heavy-duty safety pins; 1 large bar mild soap (leave in wrapper); 1 pair of socks; 1 cap. Aldine Wyse will have devotions at the next meeting on April 12th.

MCC Vietnam Storytelling Events: You have three opportunities to join Mennonite Central Committee for stories of Vietnam with special guest speakers Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. In light of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Doug will share from his first-hand experiences in Vietnam as a conscientious objector with MCC and his subsequent work. Thien will also share about growing up after the war and the legacy it left behind.

- Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.: Young Adult Gathering at Anna's Bread (212 W. Washington St. #2, Goshen) \$5 suggested donation for hors d'oeuvres.
- Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m.: Friends of MCC International Potluck at East Goshen Mennonite Church (17861 State Rd. 4, Goshen) Bring a favorite dish to share!
- Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.: MCC Stories of Vietnam at Prairie Street Mennonite Church (1316 Prairie Street, Elkhart) First-hand reflections 50 years after the war.

Recipe of the Month

Buckeye Brownies

1 box fudge brownie mix (9x13 pan size)
Mix according to instructions and bake – let cool
Mix together...2 cups powdered sugar, ½ cup softened butter, 1 cup peanut butter
Spread with fingers over brownies.
Melt together...1 cup chocolate chips, 6 T butter
Spread over brownies.

