

## ON THE JOURNEY

### **GOD says "I will be with you".**

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you (Joshua 1:5). The presence of God in our lives helps us overcome fear. If we know by faith that God is with us, we can be grateful for his presence and we can take on any challenge with confidence and courage.

**Prayer:** Father, I am grateful that you promised your presence and you will never leave me. I don't have to fear because you are with me and you will carry me through it.

Submitted by Ike Walther

### CALENDAR

<b>Wed 4/11</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
<b>Thurs 4/12</b>	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
<b>Sun 4/15</b>	9:00 am	Kent Preaching/No S.S.
	6:00 pm	MYF
<b>Mon 4/16</b>	12:00 pm	Blood Drive
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
<b>Tues 4/17</b>	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
<b>Wed 4/18</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
<b>Sat 4/21</b>	9:00 am	Rake and Steak
<b>Sun 4/22</b>	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	6:00 pm	MYF
<b>Mon 4/23</b>		Health Department
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
<b>Tues 4/24</b>	7:00 pm	Music Practice
<b>Wed 4/25</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Touch
	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
	5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal

**Administrative Assistant Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm**  
**Closed Friday**

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

### April Birthdays

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:** The Psalmist says in Psalm 9:1-2 "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High." In all things we are to lift our praise and sing to the Lord. We will spend time saying 'so long' and 'hello' as we transition as a congregation. Come ready to lift your voices in praise!

**Background scriptures:** Genesis 2; Psalm 9:1-2; 96; 148; Matthew 8; Romans 5; 8; I Peter 3

### Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Kris Rheinheimer  
 Next Sunday: Cheryl Miller

### Welcome Center

This Sunday: Karen Pletcher  
 Next Sunday: Sam & Verna Weirich

**Worship Commission** met Monday evening, April 9. We reflected on recent Lenten services. Upcoming schedules were reviewed. We appreciate all of Pastor Kent's leadership of the church and his meaningful contribution to Worship Commission.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Stewardship Report for April 8:

Money Given to Budget \$5,705.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$180,503.20

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$187,544.32

### From the Board:

- This Sunday Phil Yoder will be installed as a Pastor. He has agreed to preach 2-3 Sundays per month, for the next several months. As a reminder for all of us, Phil will not be filling Kent's shoes. He will be preaching.
- Church Board is currently working at finding persons willing to do hospital visitation.
- **2 Important Dates:** May 9 – congregational meeting with table discussions. We will look at a summary of comments from our November meeting, and further discuss the "Renewing a Vision" document from Conference. May 23 – Spring Business Meeting.
- Church Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. If any of you have concerns or questions, you are invited to join us for the first 15 minutes of our meeting. The door will be open (meet in the S.S. classroom at the west end of the foyer).
- Please continue to be in prayer for the Board and our congregation.

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

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**TONIGHT** Kent & Jill will be in charge of the Wednesday Evening Meal with help from the MYF. All monies will go toward the youth.

**On Sunday** 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.

**Kelly Kurtz** has invited you to join the Meal Train for Eva Kurtz. [mealtrain.com](http://mealtrain.com) is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful.

## DISCIPLING

**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](http://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).

**From POPS Advisory Board:** Classes are going well. Pre-registration for next year is also going well (15 in POPS and 23 in KPREP). We are currently having our Fannie Mae candy bar fundraiser. We finalized plans for our Spring Carnival on Sunday, May 6. There will be hot dogs and ice cream cups served and a representative from Discovery Toys will be there. It was also requested we have a bake sale. We discussed installing a large fan in the playroom this summer.

**Bethany Christian Schools** invites applications for the position of evening custodian beginning April 25, 2018.

Successful applicants will have the aptitude to work independently, perform minor repairs on equipment, and supervise student cleaning crews during the summer. The position is approximately three-quarters time and eligible for partial benefits. Applications are being accepted until the position has been filled. For information about the position and an application form, visit [www.bethanycs.net/jobs](http://www.bethanycs.net/jobs) or contact Head of School Tim Lehman at [tclehman@bethanycs.net](mailto:tclehman@bethanycs.net).

**Bethany Christian Middle School** will perform Bedtime Stories and Beware the Jabberworkcy at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, may be purchased online beginning April 16 at [bethanycs.net/tickets](http://bethanycs.net/tickets). Synopsis: Mom's sick, so Dad tells his three rambunctious kids their bedtime stories; but when he gets fuzzy on the details, the classics get creative. You may think you know your fairy tales, but not the way Dad tells them.

**The Preschool** will have their Spring Carnival on Sunday, May 6. You're invited to come and check it out! There will be games with prizes, a bake sale, hot dogs and ice cream cups and the kids will sing a few songs. This will be held at the preschool between 1:00 and 4:30 PM.

**The Preschool Board** would like to have a bake sale at their spring carnival. So we're asking our bakers to help us provide some goodies! Please have baked items at the church by Sunday morning, May 6. If you have questions, you may ask Janelle Walther, Viv Schlabach or Robin Tahara Miller.

**The Goshen College Symphony Orchestra**, conducted by José Rocha, will present their spring concert in Sauder Concert Hall on Sunday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students, available online at [www.goshen.edu/tickets](http://www.goshen.edu/tickets) or via the Goshen College Box Office at (574) 535-7566.

## 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 tomorrow.

**You are invited** to come join us for Clinton Frame Sewing and Fellowship Guest Day on Wednesday, May 2, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in the Clinton Frame fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided by Clinton Frame. Any questions, please call the church (574-642-3165), Donna Stoltzfus (574-831-4098), or Julie Schrock (574-457-9035).

**The Outreach Commission** would like to remind everyone that our Rake and Steak neighborhood spring clean-up and cook-out is scheduled for Saturday April 21st. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway and we look forward to working with about 30 Northridge Middle School students, who are coming out to help provide some muscle. Please consider how you might be able to contribute, with some leadership, maybe a pickup truck, or even help provide food for our workers.

**Love Without Limits Isaak adoption fundraiser...** Pam and Ward Benjamin will be hosting a fundraiser for their niece, Nikki Isaak and her husband Ben on Saturday April 28th from 4 to 7 p.m. Please save the date! Come on out and enjoy a Haystack dinner and family fun night activities for all ages! Presale tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Please see Pam, Ward, or Jim or Arlene Schrock if you would be interested in purchasing tickets or helping out with this event.

### Trivia

Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backward.



