ON THE JOURNEY

Pauline Yoder leads mission trips all over the world and has taken FMC people to Cuba at least twice. She recently gave the sewing ladies the opportunity to sew gospel aprons to give to service workers on her mission trips. As I sewed some of these aprons I tried to learn what each pocket color meant:

**Black** – our sin separates us from God.

**Red** – the blood of Jesus covers our sin.

**White** – when we accept Jesus as our Savior we are cleansed.

**Blue** – the Holy Spirit is our power, teacher, and comforter.

**Green** – we bear fruit and grow as we read the Bible and pray.

**Yellow** – in heaven we will walk on streets of gold.

**Butterflies** – we are transformed to a new life in Him.

I’ve noticed that when I see these same colors in the world around me, I find myself thanking God for all He has done. A red car, “Thank you for your sacrifice on the cross”; green grass, “Help me to grow and bear your fruit”; yellow tulip “streets of gold how awesome!” I challenge you to learn what these colors stand for as well. It is a good thing to be reminded so often of what God has done for us.

Submitted by Sonya Miller

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### CALENDAR

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May Birthdays
Carol Johnson – 9  
Liz Mast – 9  
Michael Klotz – 11  
Judy Oesch – 11  
Shirley Riegsecker – 16  
Patti Miller – 17  
Ruby Yoder – 17  
Kristopher Keller – 20  
Ron Rheinheimer – 22  
Tom Bontreger – 24  
Verna Weirich – 24  
Leon Hodge – 27  
Wil Beachy – 28  
Dave Graber – 31  
Noah Klotz – 31  
Janelle Walther - 31

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WORSHIP

**Focus statement:** Families are important. Hundreds of years before there were schools, there were families. Thousands of years before there was a church, there were families. Families are the primary place where children learn and are socialized. The first institution God placed on the earth was a family, and when God sent His Son into this world, God thought families were important enough that He made sure that His Son spent the first and formative years of his life in a family. May
13 is Mother’s Day. On this day, we remember and honor our mothers for the unique role our mothers had in shaping and guiding us. And on this Mother’s Day, we will look at the unique role Jesus’ mother had in his faith development.

**Background scriptures:** Luke 1:26-56, 2:19

**Coffee Prep Volunteers**
This Sunday:  Ward & Pam Bingaman
Next Sunday:  Kris Rheinheimer

**Welcome Center**
This Sunday:  Carolyn Miller
Next Sunday:  Karen Pletcher

**Looking ahead:** The annual outdoor Worship Service will be Sunday, June 10, @ FMC, 10:00 a.m. We will not have Sunday School that day. We will plan on eating together following the morning service. ...more details to come. Also, a morning Service is being planned for the Food Pantry folks and will take place Sunday, May 13, 10:00 a.m., at the Food Pantry/Pleasant Oaks site.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Stewardship Report for May 6:**
Money Given to Budget $7,563.00  
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget $5,860.76  
Year-to-date Money Given to Budget $205,472.20  
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget $210,987.36

**Reminder from Maribeth:** If you are borrowing/using items from the supply closet in the copy room, please let me know, especially if you are taking the rest of an item so I can reorder.

**The Board** is continuing our search for an interim pastor. Planned the table discussions for May 9 and the Spring business meeting on May 23. Agreed to be available at church on May 16th at 6:30 if anyone wants to come talk with us concerning the table discussions or the Conference vision.

**COMMUNITY LIFE**

**Please note:** If you are taking a meal to Jake & Leah Schwartz, go light on the dessert. Jake is diabetic.

“**The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass**” sung by the Goshen Community Chorale and directed by William Matteer will be presented at The Goshen Theater on Sat., May 19th at 7:00 p.m. The Chorale will be accompanied by the Ethan Setiawan Band. Ethan is a national mandolin champion and is the Grandson of Lois and Linford Miller of Middlebury. The concert is open to the public. There is no admission fee but a free-will collection will be taken.

**DISCIPLING**

Pleasant Ridge Christian Fellowship invites you to Soul Shop at their church on Saturday, May 19. This is a training specifically designed to better equip faith communities on how to minister to individuals impacted by suicide or suicidal thoughts. More information is posted on the hallway bulletin board.

The **Eight Day in Concert**:
The Eighth Day, a six-member bluegrass band of Goshen College first-year students, will give a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Bethany Christian Schools. They play a nice mix of tradition and popular bluegrass with several other musical influences squeezed in. Listen to a sample at facebook.com/TheEighthDay/

**Spring Concert:** Bethany Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present their spring concerts on Friday, May 11, in the school chapel. The instrumental concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the choral concert to begin after a brief intermission at about 8:00. There is no admission charge and all are welcome to attend.

**Emmaus Performance:** Bethany Christian High School’s performing arts troupe, Emmaus, will present its final public program on Saturday, May 12, at 6 p.m. in Bethany’s chapel. Shared in area elementary schools and other public venues, this year’s show is entitled Metamorphis, a show about change. The performers lead the audience through stages of change, from freaking out, to reaching out for help, to acceptance, to living into the change. Metamorphis is lively, entertaining, and insightful incorporating songs like “We Don’t Know” (The Strumbellas), “One Call Away” (Charlie Puth), and “Changes” (Ziggy Marley), and
stories like “The House in the Hole in the Side of the Tree” and “Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons.”

**The Preschool Spring Carnival** was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods for it. Our end-of-school parties will be held this month. Classes are almost full for next year. Program evaluations are being completed by our families.

**Employment Opportunities** at Bethany Christian Schools (Goshen): More information about the following positions available at bethanycs.net/jobs or contact Head of School Tim Lehman at tclehman@bethanycs.net.

- Teaching assistant part-time beginning August 2018
- English teacher (high school) part-time to full-time beginning August 2018

**May 18-19 is NatureFest** at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center in Wolf Lake, Indiana. This outdoor spring celebration is fun for the whole family – with canoeing, hiking, crafts, meeting farm animals, creating nature art and more! Activities will allow you and your family to spend time enjoying the outdoors, learning and exploring! Cost: $5-$15

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**OUTREACH**

**First Mennonite Women:** Laura Rheinheimer will have devotions at the meeting tomorrow. Mary Weaver will have devotions at the June meeting.

**You’re invited** to The Community Health Clinic Benefit Auction on Friday, May 18th at 4:00 PM. It will be held at the Michiana Events Center in Shipshewana. All proceeds from the auction will benefit The Community Health Clinic. Please see the bulletin board for a list of auction items.

**Come hear** about the work of the Colombian Mennonite Church and Colombia’s path to peace. Jenny Neme is the director of the Christian Center for Justice, Peace and Nonviolent Action (JUSTAPAZ) in Bogotá, Colombia, one of MCC’s largest partners in Colombia. As a member of the Colombian Mennonite Church, Jenny is a leading peacebuilder on the national stage in Colombia and has decades of experience working for peace from a faith perspective. All are welcome to hear Jenny speak at East Goshen Mennonite Church (17861 State Rd 4 in Goshen) on Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m.

**Serve with MCC** for two years as a canner operator! Are you interested in an exciting opportunity to travel across the U.S. and Canada canning meat for those in need all over the world? Consider serving with MCC as a canner operator! Canners travel with the mobile meat canner to 34 different locations, canning beef, turkey, chicken and pork. Canners are responsible for all aspects of the project including: operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, maintaining and communicating USDA regulations and the maintenance of all machinery in the process. Potential applicants should be male, single, at least 21 years old with CDL eligibility and possess mechanical aptitude. Student loan assistance available. Visit mcc.org/canning for more information!

**Join Michiana MEDA** for dinner and our annual chapter meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lambright Center, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN. Cost is $5 for students, $15 for Michiana MEDA members, and $20 for others, payable at the door (cash or check). Please RSVP by MONDAY, May 28, to info@michianameda.org or text or call 574-355-3607.

**Trivia:**

All porcupines float in water.