

ON THE JOURNEY

There she was, alone again, Tillie the turkey. For weeks, we've watched her wander around the yard, visiting beneath all the bird feeders, but always alone. Several years ago, there was a small flock of turkeys that would meander through the yard, check out the garden--and the toms always seemed to end up in front of the basement window, admiring their reflections and showing off for each other. Or, if Don's pickup was parked where they could strut in front of their reflections in the bumper--that also seemed to be a great pastime for them. But this day, Tillie was alone, again. She had been visiting alone for weeks now. It always seemed to me that she was a bit sad, but then what do I know about turkey feelings or their expressions there of?! Yesterday, as I glanced out the window, there was Tillie at our little rock pond, but she wasn't alone! She had a friend--but now I wasn't really sure which one was Tillie--they looked to be carbon copies of each other. Oh well. It's silly, I know, but it made me feel so much better seeing Tillie with---Tilly! (just for the record, I name my chickens, too.) Today, as I was getting ready to fill the bluebird feeder, I stopped before opening the door--there they were again--Tillie and Tilly getting a drink from the pond. Instead of going out, I decided to give them a chance to drink, and went into the family room to open the blinds on the windows, and there, under a bird feeder outside the window was Tom! Tom the turkey! He started to strut his stuff for the ladies, but they ignored him. They went on their way, seemingly paying no attention to Tom. He would follow them for a bit, stop, strut a little and maybe gobble. They ignored him, and I decided it was time to hang out the laundry. I went out to the clothesline and the turkeys disappeared into the woods--Tom bringing up the rear. An hour or so later, they reappeared--this time Tom was in the lead--the ladies following. I could have watched them all day. They seemed to be content in one another's company--the only sounds I heard were the occasional gobble from Tom. All three were in the yard when I opened the front door. They scattered--each in a different direction! My little flock had scattered--each looking out for themselves. Do we "scatter" when a little adversity comes our way? Do we abandon each other when things don't go exactly the way we think they should? The turkeys were a small flock, but scattered. Each was a member of the flock, much like our church, we are all a part. I Corinthians 12:19 says: "If all were a single member, where would the body be?" I pray the turkeys will continue to flock. I pray the same for our church. Submitted by Bernie Miller

CALENDAR

Wed 6/6	6:45 pm	Food Pantry Advisory Board
Thurs 6/7	6:30 pm	Board
Fri 6/8	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
Sun 6/10	10:00 am	Outdoor Service/Mike Brouillette Preaching/No S.S./Carry-in Meal
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 6/11		Health Department
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 6/12	6:30 pm	Discipling Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Thurs 6/14	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
Sun 6/17	9:00 am	Phil Preaching/Ballots for Church Board completed
	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 6/18	12:00 pm	Blood Drive
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 6/19	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 6/20	6:30 pm	Administration Commission

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.

June Birthdays

Cristina Klotz – 9

Betty Miller – 9

Elnora Yoder – 10

Kathy Troyer – 12

Viv Schlabach – 13

Sheldon McClain – 16

Grant Miller – 19

Mason Schrock – 19

Kris Rheinheimer – 21

Doris Hershberger – 23

Katie Hochstedler - 23

Tom Kurtz – 24

Leona Yoder – 28

WORSHIP

Focus statement:

Background scriptures:

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 @ **FMC, 10:00 a.m.** We will not have Sunday School. We will have a carry-in meal following the service. **Additional NOTICE** – the Food Pantry folks, in addition to EXTENDED MINISTRIES group, are being invited to our outdoor service and carry-in lunch. We don't know how many will come, but there could be as many as 30 from just the EXTEND group. This is a chance for us to reach out to others. We are not asking them to bring food, but to be our guests. Please plan on bringing lawn chairs and some extra food so we can share our bounty with others. Mike Brouillette, leader of EXTEND will be sharing the message with us. It's such an exciting time – hope you can come! If it rains, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Final nominations for Church Board representatives will take place on June 17th. There are absentee ballots available on the ledge outside the office window if you aren't going to be here that Sunday. Place the ballots in the office drop box.

Worship Commission met Monday evening, June 4. We finalized the plans for the Outdoor service, Sunday, June 10 at 10 AM. Tent setup is Saturday at 1:30 PM. Additional worship service plans were discussed. Phil shared his schedule for the baptismal instructional classes and plans to have a baptismal service at the end of the summer.

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for June 3:

Money Given to Budget \$6,159.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$227,321.20

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$234,430.40

You will find the 3rd quarter treasurer's report attached to the newsletter. There also are copies on the shelf beneath the mailboxes.

COMMUNITY LIFE

DISCIPLING

Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 27–29, 2018, at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Imagine and embody alternative ways of relating to the land that cultivate shalom among human beings, the rest of creation and God. This event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Keynote speakers: Valerie Bridgeman, Karena Gore and Randy Woodley. ambbs.edu/rootedandgrounded

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women: The next sewing project is collecting used sheets to be torn into strips for bandages as well as MCC relief kits. Contents needed for the kits: 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper), shampoo (1 or 2 bottles totaling more than 20 oz.), 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels, Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote brands), 4 adult-sized toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging), 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors, approx. 29 in x 60 in), 2 wide-toothed combs (6-8 in), 1 nail clipper (good quality), 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 assorted), sanitary pads (**THIN**, 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total). Mary Weaver will have devotions at the June 14 meeting.

Looking for a job where you can feel good about what you do? A job with variety and the opportunity to work with people who value and appreciate you? Goldenrod has an urgent need for Direct Support Professionals for evenings and weekends for Middlebury and Goshen. To compensate team members who work overnight/weekend shifts there are differential rates in place. For more information, call Goldenrod at 574-533-9720 or visit us online at www.GoldenrodCommunities.org.

