

ON THE JOURNEY

Psalm 46:10: “Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Some years ago on one of our trips, Glenn and I stopped at Lake Tahoe. What a sight! It is hard to describe with words. The water was so blue and calm. Another one of God’s beautiful creations! Following is a devotional based on the Psalm passage:

Resting, Not Worrying: Among the peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains, not far from the busy whirl of San Francisco, lies Lake Tahoe. It is twenty-three miles long, ten miles wide, and so deep that a line dropped nineteen hundred feet does not touch bottom; and it lies five thousand feet above the neighboring ocean. Storms come and go in waters that are lower down the mountains, but this lake is so still and clear that the eye can penetrate, it is said, a hundred feet into its depths. Around its mild verdant sides are the mountains, ever crowned with snow. The sky above is as calm as the motionless water. Nature loses scarcely anything of its clear outline as it is reflected there. Here the soul may learn something of what rest is, as day after day one opens one’s heart to let the sweet influence of nature’s Sabbath enter and reign. This is but a faint type of what we may find in Christ. In the pressure of the greatest responsibilities, in the worry of the smallest cares, in the perplexities of life’s moments of crisis, we may have the Lake Tahoe rest in the security of God’s will. Learn to live in this rest. In the calmness of spirit it will give, your soul will reflect, as a mirror, the beauty of the Lord; and the tumult of men’s lives will be calmed in your presence, as your tumults have been calmed in his presence.

Submitted by Carolyn Miller

CALENDAR		
Wed 6/13	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
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
Sun 6/24	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 6/25		Health Department
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 6/26	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 6/27	5:00 pm	Outreach 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

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

Dean Miller – 30

WORSHIP

Focus statement: Fathers are not respected much in modern Western Culture, especially in the media where fathers are often made to look stupid, irrelevant, weak, old-fashioned, hopelessly out of touch with the real world, and whose only real value is to serve as a “cash machine.” But God’s opinion is exactly the opposite. In the Bible, fathers have authority, dispense invaluable wisdom, protect their families, teach their children, are the spiritual leaders of their families, as well as provide for the needs and wellbeing of their families. Fathers are indispensable. Fathers are so important that God made sure each of us has one. God values the role of a father so much, that He uses the Father image to describe his relationship with us.

Background scriptures: Proverbs 4, Proverbs 23:19-26, Ephesians 6:1-4

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Kris Rheinheimer

Next Sunday: Cheryl Miller

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Karen Pletcher

Next Sunday: Sam & Verna Weirich

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

Greetings! Marion Christian Fellowship would like to invite your congregation to a night of worship and comedy on Wednesday June 27 beginning at 6:30 pm. Upbeat worship led by our own worship band will kick off the night and comedian, pastor, and orphan advocate Tony Wolf will bring the night's comedy. He has traveled with several popular musicians such as Newsboys, MercyMe and Tenth Avenue North. He advocates for African orphans as a partner with Horizon International, an organization based out of Pendleton IN. We will have a time to take a love offering to support that mission, but other than that, the evening is completely free and sure to be a night of fun and relaxation for all ages.

A BIG thank you to all who helped with the Worship (outdoor/indoor) Service last Sunday and the meal afterward! Thanks to those who brought food, and extra food! Thanks to those who worked in the kitchen and took care of things for the rest of us. Thanks to all who came and who made our guests feel welcome! Thanks to those who participated in the Service and the preparations for that. It was a good time of Worshipping our God, and a good time of fellowship!

Worship Commission

On July 1, we will have a "blessing" for Bijay Kumar Murmu (known to us as BJ). Bijay has been living with Dean and Rhea but will be heading back to Bijar, India on July 5. Phil will conduct a blessing for him during Worship service, then we, the church, will have a little celebration of having Bijay with us this past year. There will be refreshments served between Worship and Sunday School time and you will have a chance to chat with him and wish him well. Plan to be a part of this

opportunity as we let Bijay know how much we have enjoyed having him in our midst!

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for June 10:

Money Given to Budget \$3,493.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$230,814.20

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$240,291.16

Administration Commission met in May through email. Average attendance remains the same (121). We are behind budget by \$5000. We approved a monthly stipend for Jean Shriner's cell phone usage since she is using it as the Care Coordinator. Our renter at 204 E. Lawrence has requested to stay and Scott Street will have new tenants.

From the Board: Lots of discussion on what to do and which way to go because the congregation did not affirm the conference's vision. More to come soon. Since we are without a pastor, everyone is carrying a larger load. Continue praying for one another.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Sam & Adeline Graber are moving. As of June 21 their address will be: 1300 Greencroft Drive, Evergreen Apt. 111, Goshen, IN 46526. Phone: 574-537-6084. Please make the correction in your directory.

Adam Miller (some of you know him from helping with the Food Pantry) will be leading a prayer walk on Monday, June 18, around the area churches in Middlebury. If you are interested in participating, meet at Faith Baptist Church at 6:00 PM.

DISCIPLING

First Mennonite Women: The next meeting is tomorrow. Mary Weaver will have devotions.

The Preschool was again blessed with another good year! We still have candy bars left from our fundraiser to sell. Our Get Acquainted Day will be on Sunday, August 26.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**