

ON THE JOURNEY

Waiting. Not something most people want to do. But I think God uses it for good. While we wait, we are often doubting, worrying, trying to take things into our own hands. God put us right where we are. His timing is perfect. There is a purpose behind all that He does. God is in charge of what's happening. Things are not arbitrary or out of His control. We have a choice. Let God Be God. **Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage: wait for the Lord! Psalm 27:14**

Submitted by Patti Miller

CALENDAR		
Wed 7/18	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
Thurs 7/19	6:30 am	Board
Sat 7/21	11:00 am	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sun 7/22	9:00 pm	Barry Schmell Preaching
		Youth Report
	6:30 pm	MYF
Mon 7/23		Health Department
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 7/24	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Sun 7/29	9:00 am	Conrad Showalter Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 7/30	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 7/31	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Wed 8/1	6:45 pm	Food Pantry Advisory Board

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.**

July Birthdays

Fannie Miller – 20
 Shelley Bontrager – 21
 Denise Johnson – 21
 Phil Miller – 21
 Liliana Klotz – 22
 Libby Graber – 23
 Katie Humble – 23
 Travis Yoder – 23
 DeRoy Kauffman – 24
 Nick Blough – 30
 Katie Mullet – 30

WORSHIP

Focus statement: Barry Schmell will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon title is: "Are we actually concerned?"

Background scriptures: Jonah 3:1-4:3

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Cheryl Miller
 Next Sunday: Navigator Class

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Sam & Verna Weirich
 Next Sunday: Carol Johnson

On Sunday we will be taking affirmation ballots for two church board representatives. Absentee ballots are available on the ledge outside the office window.

Looking Ahead – This Sunday, the Youth will be giving a report about their recent Mission trip to Guatemala. **Sunday, August 19**, will be our "Back to School" Sunday with Phil offering a blessing for those involved, plus the dedication of collected school kits. Nadine Zook Miller will be Speaking. **Sunday, August 26**, will be Baptism Sunday for those who are involved with Instruction Class. Phil will offer baptism to the group at Riverbend Park during the Sunday School time. More details to come. Everyone is invited to all these important events! Hope you can come!
 Worship Commission

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for July 15:

Money Given to Budget \$8,800.00
 Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,860.76
 Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$258,668.20

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$269,594.96

Maribeth will be out of the office July 20-August 6. Shirley Riegsecker will be taking care of some office responsibilities, but there will not be regular office hours. The newsletter will be shortened and will not be mailed out (for those who receive it via postal service) during that time.

COMMUNITY LIFE

CLC is looking for a person or persons who would like to coordinate Wednesday Evening Meals starting in September. If interested, please contact a CLC Commission Member: Denise Johnson, Janelle Walther, Verna Weirich, Gerald Kauffman, Jean Shriner, Patty (Ron) Yoder.

There are still slots available to volunteer to mow the lawn at Pleasant Oaks. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Cappuccino will be available Sunday mornings again. The Prayer Shawl Ministry needs two more caring people to help give encouragement to others.

Mary and Noah Frye have a new address: It is 1212 Waterford Circle Apt # 800, Goshen, IN 46526. Please make the change in your directory.

Please help host sister, Libby, welcome Karen Niimi of Japan to our church family this school year. Karen arrives in Michigan on Saturday, July 28, 2018 and will be staying with Graber family on their farm. She will be attending White Pigeon High School. Karen enjoys band, sports, and photography. There is a picture of her posted on the hallway bulletin board.

DISCIPLING

Saturday, July 28th, MYF fundraiser at the Elkhart County Fair. We will be serving ice cream at the dairy bar 2 by the grandstand. The signup sheet is out in the foyer. You will get a free ticket to the fair. Tickets will be passed out July 22nd. Please arrive 15 minutes before your shift. Thank you for your help.

Bethany Christian Schools is seeking a grade 7-8 Language Arts teacher for the fall semester to cover a leave of absence. This position is full time, although it may be possible to split into two part-time position. Applicants should hold or be qualified to obtain Indiana licensure in secondary English or elementary education. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact head of school Tim Lehman: tclehman@bethanycs.net, 574-536-8917

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women: FMW's next project is providing MCC school kits. Contents (New items only) include: 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets), 8 new unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large eraser, 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens, 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

Join MCC Great Lakes and Center for Community Justice for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on August 5-10. Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to Elkhart, Peru and Kokomo. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome. For more information and registration visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison or contact Cyneatha Millsaps at CyneathaMillsaps@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Opportunities to learn about immigration and respond with MCC. MCC works with the issue of migration around the world and walks with people who migrate, people who struggle not to migrate and people who provide hospitality to migrants in many places. Learn: Consider participating in the MCC Migration Learning Tour to Guatemala and Honduras on November 7-17.

Pray: Pray for the migrants who made the difficult choice to leave their home communities in the hope of a better life, for the detained immigrants as they wait in detention and for the border portal agents to execute their job justly and humanely.

Advocate: Contact your elected officials to express your desire for more humane immigration policies.

Serve: Become an immigration court watcher through the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants.

Give: Donate money to MCC for ongoing work with issues surrounding immigration.

For more information on how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/immigration.