

ON THE JOURNEY

CALENDAR

Thur 1/3	6:30 pm	Board
Fri 1/4	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
Sun 1/6	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 1/7	5:00 pm	POPS Advisory Board
	6:00 pm	Worship Commission
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 1/8	6:30 pm	Discipling Commission
Wed 1/9	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Thur 1/10	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
Sun 1/13	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 1/14		Health Department
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 1/15	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
Wed 1/16	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice

Administrative Assistant Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Closed Friday

Phil Yoder Office Hours:

Monday 12:00-4:00 PM,

Wed. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Thursday 1:00-6:00 PM

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

January Birthdays

Edna Mast – 8

Grace Rheinheimer – 11

Charles Hartzler – 14

Sam Weirich – 15

Linda Young – 16

Mary Weaver – 17

Gene Bender – 18

Marlene Yoder – 18

Ann (Herb) Yoder – 19

Katie Walther – 24

Jeri McClain – 24

Keith Thomas – 25

Allison Hostetler – 29

Louise Sellers - 30

WORSHIP

Focus statement: The last voice we hear in our Advent series “Voices Around the Manger” are the voices of Simeon and Anna. They were both very devout people, spending most of their time serving in the Temple, praying, and worshipping God. They not only proclaimed prophecy, but they lived to see the beginning of the fulfillment of that prophecy. God blessed them with the vision to see and to recognize Jesus as the hope for the world.

Background scriptures: Isaiah 42:1-9, 49:6, Luke 2:21-38

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Dave Graber

Next Sunday: Ward & Pam Bingaman

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Shari Graber

Next Sunday: Carolyn Miller

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for December 30:

Money Given to Budget \$4,121.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,565.25

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$104,219.90

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$100,174.50

COMMUNITY LIFE

The 8th Annual Elkhart County Rally and Prayer Walk for Life is on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Lerner

Theater, 410 S. Main St., Elkhart at 12:00 noon. The program will include emcee Jeff Fater, RETA Men's Coaching Manager and keynote speaker Ramona Trvino. The Rally will include testimonies from those who have experienced abortion and will be followed by a short pray walk to RETA and the Women's care Center in Elkhart. Go to www.elkhart4life.org for more information.

DISCIPLING

Please join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA) for our first dinner program event of 2019 -- "Goshen College Study Service Term: 50 years of Transformational Global Citizenship." The event will take place Thursday, January 17, 6:30pm in the College Mennonite Church Koinonia Room (1900 S Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526). Professors Jan Bender Shetler and Duane Stoltzfus will share the history of the SST program, the goals and outcomes, and ideas about the future of SST. You'll also hear from former SST participants Jose Ortiz (current student) and Joe Christophel (a member of the very first SST group) about their SST experience and how it has impacted them. A Jamaican-inspired meal will be catered by the College Mennonite kitchen staff. Please RSVP by noon on FRIDAY, January 11, to info@michianameda.org or 574-355-3607. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door (now accepting credit cards!).

AMBS online short course: Understanding Anabaptist approaches to Scripture: Jan. 9 – Feb. 19, 2019. The early Anabaptists' approaches to Scripture were both similar to and different from those of Catholics and other Protestants. Loren Johns, Ph.D., will lead this interactive noncredit six-week course on understanding these approaches in light of today. Cost: \$250. ambs.edu/shortcourses

Hear Chicago-based La Caccina vocal ensemble with guests GC Women's World Music Choir on Saturday, Jan.19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students, and can be purchased online at goshen.edu/tickets or at the GC Box Office. GC

faculty/staff/students free with ID. La Caccina is professional women's vocal ensemble and non-profit arts organization, founded in 2011 by three friends who shared a passion for choral music. Their expressive, emotional singing highlights the versatility of the treble voice and brings musical excellence, integrity and honesty to every performance.

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's next project is collecting items for The Window. Items needed are: coats (new or used), hats, gloves, scarves, socks and underwear.

A graphic with the words "Happy New Year" in a pink, cursive script font. The text is arranged with "Happy" on the top line and "New Year" on the bottom line, with the "Y" in "Year" being significantly larger and more ornate than the other letters.

