

ON THE JOURNEY

CALENDAR

Wed 1/23	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	5:30 pm	Outreach Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Sat 1/26	3:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sun 1/27	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 1/28		Health Department
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Wed 1/30	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Fri 2/1	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
Sun 2/3	9:00 am	Esther Muhagachi Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 2/4	5:00 pm	POPS Advisory Board
	6:00 pm	Worship Commission
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Wed 2/6	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	6:45 pm	Food Pantry Advisory Board
	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/February Birthdays

Katie Walther – 24

Jeri McClain – 24

Keith Thomas – 25

Allison Hostetler – 29

Louise Sellers – 30

Maribeth Rhodes - 2

Dale Schlabach - 2

WORSHIP

Focus statement: The heart of the Gospel is love, a unique kind of love that loves the unlovely and loves those who do not return the love. Christians talk about love all the time, but how well do we do at really loving each other? Jesus commanded His disciples, "Love each other as I have loved you." What would happen if Christians in the church actually did that?

Background scriptures: Ephesians 3:14-19, John 13:34-35, I Peter 1:22, Matthew 5:43-48

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Janelle Walther

Next Sunday: Dave Graber

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Verna Weirich

Next Sunday: Shari Graber

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for January 20:

Money Given to Budget \$2,621.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,565.25

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$115,706.90

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$116,870.25

Please Note: Mailboxes have been updated! Please check for your name before grabbing your mail. Thank You

COMMUNITY LIFE

The 2019 FMC Women's Retreat will be held at Hunter Lake again this year. It will be Friday, February 8 5:00 pm -Saturday, February 9 after supper sometime. Friday night will be an evening of fun, games and conversation. There are beds available if you wish to

spend the night. If you do spend the night and could bring a sleeping bag/blankets and your pillow it would be appreciated. On Saturday we will have 3 interactive sessions focusing on the book 'Traveling Light: The Promise of Psalm 23. Releasing the Burdens you were never intended to bear.' In the three sessions we will be having on Saturday we will be covering from this book Chapter 3 (Psalm 23:1), Chapter 6 (Psalm 23:2) and Chapter 15 (Psalm 23:5). You do not need to purchase the book as I will be giving out guides for the retreat the week prior to the retreat. (It is a very interesting and helpful book and can be purchased on line if you wish.) The suggested cost is \$25/person for Friday and Saturday and \$20/person if only Saturday. We will be having pizza for dinner Friday evening and a brunch and dinner on Saturday that will be furnished. Also, all beverages will be furnished. Please bring snacks to share (remember we had a lot of them last year. 😊) A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. FMC women and their guests, if they wish are invited to attend.

Care boxes for our college students are now available in the foyer until February 3.

Thank you to all the greeters who come early to welcome our church attendees! As a reminder, please guide our visitors to the Welcome Desk so we can gift them with our church mug and learn their names and addresses and give them directions for Coffee and Sunday School Hour options. Thank you!

DISCIPLING

On Monday, Jan. 28, Goshen College will host NPR Religion and Belief Correspondent Tom Gjelten for a Yoder Public Affairs Lecture in the GC Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. The lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Tom Gjelten covers issues of religion, faith and belief for NPR News, a beat that encompasses such areas as the changing religious landscape in America, the formation of personal identity, the role of religion in politics, and social and cultural conflict arising from religious differences. His reporting draws on his many years

covering national and international news from posts in Washington and around the world.

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's next project is collecting items for teacher kits for Haiti for CAM. Items needed are: 1 sturdy desktop stapler, (5000) box of staples, 1 staple remover, 2 soccer balls, 1 hand pump with needles, and big shoe boxes.