

ON THE JOURNEY

Thought for the day by Pastor Phil:

What matters in life is not what you accomplish, but the love with which you do each task.

- Mother Teresa

CALENDAR		
Wed 2/20	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
	Sun 2/24	9:00 am Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 2/25		Health Department
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Wed 2/27	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	5:30 pm	Outreach Commission
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Fri 3/1	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
Sun 3/3	9:00 am	Esther Muhagachi Preaching
	12:00 pm	Carry-In Meal
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 3/4	5:00 pm	POPS Advisory Board
	6:00 pm	Worship Commission
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
	Wed 3/6	9:00 am
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Board
	6:45 pm	Food Pantry Advisory Board
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
		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.

February/March Birthdays

Tina Frye – 20

Aldine Wyse – 20

Mary Frye – 22

Edith Herschberger – 24

Gert Kauffman – 29

Ron Yoder - 1

WORSHIP

Focus statement: One of the greatest of all celebrations in Jewish culture is the wedding celebration. In John's Gospel, Jesus begins his ministry at a wedding, and then John uses Wedding imagery throughout his Gospel, and for a very good reason. John wants us to see that the introduction of the Messiah and the Gospel he brings is something to be greatly celebrated. If we could begin to see the Gospel as a wedding, the uniting of Jesus with his bride, the church, it would open up new dimensions to our understanding of the Gospel.

Background scriptures: Matthew 25:1-13, John 2:1-11

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 February 17:

Money Given to Budget \$9,119.11

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,565.25

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$136,931.01

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$139,131.25

The Church Board is looking at dates to set up meetings for our church concerning our affiliation with a conference. We will have a person from a church with Lancaster Mennonite, and a person from a church with Evana share with us. This will be two separate meetings. The Board has reviewed the comments that came out of the Sunday School discussions. These comments will be very helpful in our next meetings. Just a reminder of our Commission Chair/Board Member meeting which will be in April. The date and time will be given prior to that meeting.

COMMUNITY LIFE

We will be having a carry in meal on Sunday, March 3rd. A special welcome to those who have recently started attending our church.

Amigo Scrapbook, Crafting, and Sewing

Retreats... Whether you scrapbook, sew, quilt or craft, Amigo invites you to join us for a relaxing weekend filled with good food and fellowship. Come alone or bring friends/family. We provide the space, lodging, food and just the right amount of focused input to allow you time to balance your productivity with time to rest, restore and refresh your body and soul. If you want to come, sign up soon! We are almost full for our two spring dates (March 7-13 or April 2-7). Call or register online. 269-651-2811 or mandy@amigocentre.org or www.amigocentre.org

DISCIPLING

Our Wednesday Discovery Bible Study on Joshua is now complete. But tonight we begin Ephesians which, in theory, should take us 6 weeks. Join us from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Musical Tickets: Bethany Christian High School will perform Junie B Jones the Musical on Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 28-March 3, 2019. Bring the children in your life for this one-act musical and treats with the cast! In this beloved musical, the outspoken and loveable Junie heads to first grade, adjusts to school, gets glasses, learns how to navigate the relationships of childhood, and discovers her own voice in her diary of "Top Secret Personal Beeswax." Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. Tickets may be purchased online beginning Feb. 11 at bethanycs.net/tickets. Performances are at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

All are welcome to join us on campus **March 5-6** for the Goshen College Study-Service Term Conference, "Global

Education for All: Renewing Our Vision," as we remember the past 50 years of SST and look ahead to its future with a reception, panels, workshops and more. Guest speakers include former SST participants Elaine Meyer-Lee '87, associate vice president for global learning and leadership at Agnes Scott College, and Ron Krabill '90, associate professor in the interdisciplinary arts & sciences program at the University of Washington Bothell. Learn more at goshen.edu/sst/50

OUTREACH

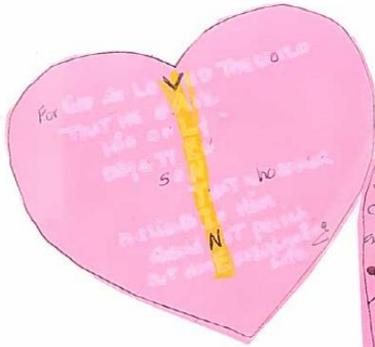
First Mennonite Women's next project is collecting items for Reta. Items needed are: car seats, dish soap, 409 cleaner, stool cleaner, toilet paper, childrens clothes (infant to 6X), and glass cleaner.

We are grateful for your generous support of the work of Mennonite Central Committee, as we provide hope, healing and comfort around the world in the name of Christ. Thank you, friends and supporters at First Mennonite for the ways you contribute to the work of MCC through volunteering time, creativity and energy at thrift shops, relief sales, meat canning and in assembling material resource kits. We were also blessed by your financial support of \$3,120 in 2018. Keep us in your prayers, and we collaborate with our 508 partners in 57 countries who are sharing God's love and compassion through relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. To read about specific partners and projects, please visit mcc.org.

Thank you, First Mennonite Church of Middlebury, for giving \$25,450.00 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2018! Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together, we more fully experience God's kingdom on earth.

Amigo Centre wood splitting and workday will be on April 13th. We have a lot to do in preparation for the summer. Rain or shine we'll be tackling projects all over camp. If you are interested in helping prepare campfire wood and cleaning up areas of the timber, we'll be cutting and splitting firewood. Please RSVP by calling 269-651-2811 or emailing info@amigocentre.org

Our Valentines for Jesus



cause
are
beloved Savior
Each
I than you for
another might
in all things
also that we care
in matter how lead this
he yes well
always be smile
my for



Thanks for being
Mine.

You my most
special Valentine!
Thank you for
loving me!

Dear Lord, You are
so good to me. Your love
lights up my life. You
are the most faithful
friend I will ever have.
Thank you for loving
me so much.

I love you
I have
Joy my Joy
in
my heart

Jesus - I love you
Thank you for
loving me

