

## ON THE JOURNEY

**Thought for the day by Pastor Phil:**

*"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."*

- Chinese Proverb

### CALENDAR

<b>Wed 2/27</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	5:30 pm	Outreach Commission
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
<b>Fri 3/1</b>	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
<b>Sun 3/3</b>	9:00 am	Esther Muhagachi Preaching
	12:00 pm	Carry-In Meal
	6:00 pm	MYF
<b>Mon 3/4</b>	5:00 pm	POPS Advisory Board
	6:00 pm	Worship Commission
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
<b>Wed 3/6</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	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
<b>Sun 3/10</b>	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
<b>Mon 3/11</b>		Health Department
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
<b>Tues 3/12</b>	6:30 pm	Discipling Commission
<b>Wed 3/13</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	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.**

### February/March Birthdays

Gert Kauffman – 29

Ron Yoder – 1

Mildred Ritchie – 5

Eva Kurtz – 6

Vera Miller – 6

Virginia Hershberger – 8

Gordon Kauffman – 8

Ruby Bontreger – 15

Tim Keller – 20

Jake Schwartz – 23

Linda Miller – 25

Bernie Miller - 28

### WORSHIP

**Focus statement:** Esther Muhagachi from AMBS will be here to preach this Sunday. If we want to be as effective as we should be in the ministry, then we need the power of the Holy Spirit. The passage is telling us how to go about getting the power of God in our lives.

**Background scriptures:** 2 kings 2:1-15

### Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Dave Graber

Next Sunday: Ward and Pam Bingaman

### Welcome Center

This Sunday: Shari Graber

Next Sunday: Carolyn Miller

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is March 6. A short service is being planned for 7:00; everyone is invited! This will begin Lent season which includes Maundy Thursday (supper, Communion, foot washing), Good Friday, and culminates with Easter Sunday on April 21. Pastor Phil will be leading us on this journey. Hope everyone can join in as we observe this most important time of our Christian Faith! As a reminder, there is a Prayer Room

available for anyone to use in the church foyer. There is a sign on the door. Paper copies of each Sunday's selected songs are available on the shelf outside the Sanctuary for those who would rather not stand and have trouble seeing the overhead screen. Sermons, beginning with January, are now available for you to listen to on FMC's website (thanks Ike).

## ADMINISTRATION

### Stewardship Report for February 24:

Money Given to Budget \$3,595.00  
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,565.25  
Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$140,526.01  
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$144,696.50

## COMMUNITY LIFE

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

**To my church:** Thank you for supporting me for the past 22 years. I am very grateful to have grown up in this church. And thank you to all my past JYF/MYF sponsors for helping to raise me into the man I am today. And a big thank you for the care packages I have received the past 4 years. Philip Keller

**Kristopher Keller** would also like to thank everyone for his college box. He really appreciated it and wants to thank everyone for their support since they have moved away.

## DISCIPLING

**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](http://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](http://goshen.edu/sst/50)

**Tickets are available** for Goshen College's Spring Musical, "Bright Star," in the Umble Center March 15, 16 & 22 at 7:30 p.m. and March 17 & 24 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students/seniors/GC staff. "Bright Star" is an uplifting musical journey featuring the Grammy-nominated Americana score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell. Set in 1940s North Carolina, after a chance encounter with a young, aspiring author just home from World War II, literary editor Alice Murphy relives the harrowing journey that helped shape her.

**New items** have been added to the POPS Wishing Tree. Be sure to check it out! It is located right outside the church office window.

## 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.

**Amigo Centre** wood splitting and workday will be on April 13<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:info@amigocentre.org)

**Habitat for Humanity Panel Build March 16:** Bethany Christian Schools is hosting a Habitat for Humanity panel build on Saturday, March 16, and students are raising \$10,000 to help with the cost of materials. Anyone interested in volunteering at the build or donating money towards the build should contact the school (574 534-2567)—more information available online at [bethanycs.net/habitatbuild2019](http://bethanycs.net/habitatbuild2019).

**MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and individuals.**

Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP, visit [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or contact Angela Maggard at [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org) or 606-633-5065.

**Christians** are to be known by their love and FMC shows Christ's love in many ways. One outreach that is often overlooked, however, is all of the things that the Women's Sewing Group accomplishes through-out the year. In 2018, with your help, the sewing ladies were able to provide the following donations...

- Bible Memory – a cash donation
- Bronson Hospital – 115 tiny blankets for premature babies
- Pauline Yoder and the Cuba mission trip – cash donation and 70 Gospel Aprons
- Faith Mission – 62 towels , washcloths, and many toothbrushes
- FMC – Pocket Prayer Quilts for the Welcome Center, comforter and Bible for a Senior, quilt for Kent & Jill Miller
- Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Services – several bags of requested items
- Isak Adoption Fundraiser – twin comforter and baby quilt
- Middlebury Boys & Girls Club – trunk full of requested items
- Window – cash donation and bags of requested items
- MCC – 204 hygiene kits, 15 infant care kits, 10 relief kits, 200 school kits, 8 bags of soaps/towels/fabrics
- Relief Sale – 18 items (quilts/comforters/wall hangings) auctioning for a total of \$4945.00

Take a moment to pray for the many lives these gifts will touch and celebrate all you've accomplished in 2018 through the sewing!