

ON THE JOURNEY

Thought for the day by Pastor Phil:

"A greater tragedy than children being afraid of the dark, is adults who are afraid of the light."

CALENDAR

Wed 3/13	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	6:45 pm	Food Pantry Advisory Board
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Thur 3/14	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
Sun 3/17	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 3/18	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 3/19	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
Wed 3/20	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Thurs 3/21	6:00 pm	LMC Night – Meal/Meeting with Wes Bontrager
Sun 3/24	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 3/25		Health Department
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Wed 3/27	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	5:30 pm	Outreach Commission
	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.

March Birthdays

Ruby Bontreger – 15

Tim Keller – 20

Jake Schwartz – 23

Linda Miller – 25

Bernie Miller - 28

WORSHIP

Focus statement: Jesus said, "I AM The Door (Gate). A Door serves as an entry point. A Door can be a gateway to opportunity, and it also serves as a barrier of protection. When we come through a door, we can close it, lock it, and feel secure, because it keeps danger outside. Jesus' statement that he is the door, is in the same context as his statement about being the good shepherd. Our shepherd does both, opens the door for opportunity, and closes it to protect us. And both the opening and the closing are for the good of the sheep

Background scriptures: John 10

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Kris Rheinheimer

Next Sunday: Janelle Walther

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Karen Pletcher

Next Sunday: Verna Weirich

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for March 10:

Money Given to Budget \$5,642.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,565.25

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$154,617.01

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$155,827.00

COMMUNITY LIFE

The preschool fundraiser of Rise 'N Roll baked goods is happening right now. The last day for ordering is Wednesday, March 20. Orders will be delivered before Easter to the church on Wednesday, April 17. We thank you for your continued support of preschool!

Spring 2019 Meeting

Saturday, March 23, 2019

“Global Mennonite Church Histories”

At Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

3003 Benham, Ave., Elkhart, Indiana

Dining Room in Lambright Center (via north/main entrance to campus)

8:30 Coffee and registration

9:00 Business meeting = election of officers

9:30 Jamie Pitts, intro: “The Past 50 Years in My Church”

v Benjamin Krauss (Germany)

v Esther Muhagachi (Tanzania)

v Sung Bin Kim (S. Korea)

v Marcus Acosta (Argentina)

10:30 Break, with refreshments

11:00 John D. Roth, on his history-in-process of the Mennonite churches in Indonesia

12:00 Conclusion

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for LMC Night on March 21st and Evana Night on March 28th. Meal prep and clean-up is needed for both nights.

DISCIPLING

The Preschool Advisory Board met in March. Our classes are almost full for next year. Changing all the lights in the CR 16 building to LED is still in process. We approved purchasing a new copier and hope to renovate the playground this spring. Our spring fundraiser with Rise 'N Roll is currently happening. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 28 & 29. Our Spring Carnival is going to be on Sunday, April 28.

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.

Registration is now open for the 18th Annual Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science, Mar. 29-31, 2019, featuring Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, an evangelical Christian, atmospheric scientist and climate change expert. Dr. Hayhoe will offer two free public lectures on Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. A third lecture for registered conference attendees will take place on Sunday, March 31. These lectures will take place in Goshen College’s Church-Chapel. Learn more and register at goshen.edu/religionsscience

Tickets for Goshen College's annual International Student Club Coffeehouse, Saturday, March 23, are now available. Come enjoy delicious homemade food from more than a dozen different countries, followed by a performance of music and dance from around the world. Dinner is at 5 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall, and the performance is at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Center. Tickets for the dinner and performance are \$20 for adults (\$14 performance only), and \$14 students/children (\$6 performance only).

Take an Intensive Term course at AMBS! Hybrid and campus options beginning in May and June include Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose; Christian Leadership in the 21st Century; The Spirit World and the Global Church; The Religious Other in the Bible; and more. Nonadmitted students get 50 percent off their first class! ambs.edu/onecourse

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. Dora Graber will have devotions at the next meeting.

The latest newsletter from Eric & Kelly Frey-Martin is posted on the hallway bulletin board.

All are invited to the **FRIENDS OF AMIGO BANQUET**, 6 pm tomorrow at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church. Come to hear an update about what is happening at Amigo Centre this past year and what we're working on in 2019. Please call to let us know you are coming!

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE! 22nd Annual Camper Scholarship Amigo Centre **Golf Scramble** will be **June 8th**, 2019 at 8 am. Registration to come soon. If you're interested in joining and want registration information feel free to contact Amigo Centre at 269-651-2811 to have your name added to the list.

The last week of March, Bonnie Klassen, Mennonite Central Committee Area Representative for South America, Mexico and Cuba will be in the Goshen area sharing compelling stories about MCC's work south of the U.S. border. Learn more about the roots of migration and how resourceful leaders and congregational partners of MCC in Mexico and South America are addressing the issues of violence and inequity and are working for dignity and peace across the region. We hope you can attend one of these gatherings! Opportunities include:

Sunday, Mar. 24 9:30am – Berkey Ave. Mennonite, Goshen, IN/6:30pm – Sunnyside Mennonite, Elkhart, IN
Monday, Mar. 25 9:30am – Seniors for Peace, Jennings Auditorium, Greencroft, Goshen, IN/ 6:00 p.m. – Young Adult Gathering, Anna's Bread, Goshen, IN
Wednesday, Mar. 27 7:00pm – College Mennonite Church, Koinonia Room, Goshen, IN

Peace Camp: Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is offering a week-long Peace Camp for young adults ages 18-22 who are interested in learning about a

Biblical approach to peace and justice. During Peace Camp, young adults will explore the theme of "Responding to Violence" through hands-on learning. The week includes a trip to Chicago with MCC partners working with gun violence prevention. Other focus topics include conflict transformation, anti-racism, bystander training and restorative justice. The base participant fee is \$300, and scholarships are available on a case-by-case basis. For more information and registration, see mcc.org/gl_peace_camp or contact either Jes Stoltzfus Buller (MCC Peace Education Coordinator) at jessicabuller@mcc.org or Juan Pacheco (MCC Great Lakes Peace and Justice Coordinator) at juanpacheco@mcc.org.

Ladies Retreat Pretzel Dip

1 cup mayo
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup yellow mustard
1 cup sugar
2 Tbls dry onions
1 Tbls Dijon mustard
1 pkg Hidden Valley Ranch
Mix and enjoy



