

ON THE JOURNEY

Thought for the day by Pastor Phil:

Better a dry crust of bread with peace and quiet, than a house full of feasting with strife.

Proverbs 17:1

CALENDAR		
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
Thur 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
Thurs 3/28	6:00 pm	Evana Night – Meal/Meeting with Gene Hartman
Sun 3/31	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 4/1	6:00 pm	Worship Commission
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Wed 4/3	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Discovery Bible Study
	6:45 pm	Food Pantry Advisory Board
	7:00 pm	Music Practice

March Birthdays

Tim Keller – 20
 Jake Schwartz – 23
 Linda Miller – 25
 Bernie Miller - 28

WORSHIP

Focus statement: Jesus said, “I AM The Bread of Life.” Jesus had just fed the 5000 from a couple of small loaves and fishes and instantly, he was everybody’s hero. They were ready to make him their king. But the next day when Jesus changed the conversation from physical bread to spiritual bread, the crowd turned on him. But Jesus insisted that the spiritual bread he gives is much better than the physical bread. If you only eat physical bread, tomorrow you are hungry again. But if you eat the spiritual bread of Jesus, you will never hunger or thirst again, and will have eternal life

Background scriptures: John 6, Matthew 26:26-29, Exodus 16

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Janelle Walther
 Next Sunday: Navigator Class

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Verna Weirich
 Next Sunday: Carol Johnson

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for March 17:

Money Given to Budget \$7,084.00
 Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,565.25
 Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$161,701.01
 Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$161,392.25

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.

Maribeth will not be in the office tomorrow, 3/21.

The Church Board met on 3/7/19. A church member joined us for a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting with some questions and comments. We appreciated this and any of you are also welcome to schedule time to do the same. We set the next quarterly Commission Chair Meeting for April 9 at 7:00 PM. Kent Birky will facilitate this meeting. We confirmed a Wednesday meal on March 21 at 6:00, followed by a congregational meeting with Wes Bontrager to discuss Yellowcreek's experience with joining Lancaster Mennonite Conference. We affirmed Phil's work among us and look forward to some exciting events in the future.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Today, March 20 is the last day to order from the preschool fundraiser, Rise 'N Roll.

Offering baskets will be available for giving for the Compassion Fund at our Maundy Thursday Meal on April 18th.

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

Marion Christian Fellowship will be holding our regular, fifth Sunday, Old Fashioned Hymn Sing at the end of this month on March 31 at 6 pm. Finger foods will be provided by our congregation. The other dates for the rest of this year will be June 30 and September 29. We hope to see many of you there!

DISCIPLING

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/religionscience

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).

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's next project is collecting soap and towels for MCC. New bars of bath or laundry soap: All sizes and brands of bar soap are welcomed. Please leave in wrapper. New bath and hand towels: Good quality, dark or bright colors, medium weight preferred. Fingertip towels and wash cloths **are not** needed. FMW is also taking donations for Habitat for Humanity through Bethany Christian High School.

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

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

SWAP volunteers urgently needed: MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program has an urgent need for 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. Individuals or groups, including families, adults or youth can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

Join MCC Great Lakes for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on August 4-9. Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to South Bend, Elkhart, and Bunker Hill, Ind. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome. For more information and registration visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-

[to-prison](#) or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at JuanPacheco@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Beating Guns: Join MCC in welcoming Shane Claiborne and Mike Martin, authors of the new book *Beating Guns: Hope for a people who are weary of violence*, on Wednesday, April 10 at 6 p.m. at Maple City Chapel for an evening of lament and education around violence involving guns. Inspired by the biblical call to “beat swords into plowshares,” the 90-minute event will feature a live transformation of a gun into a garden tool, speakers, music and stories. Tickets are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register at beatingguns.com/tour by clicking on the Eventbrite link for the Goshen location. Direct any questions to Jes Stoltzfus Buller, MCC Peace Education Coordinator, at JessicaBuller@mcc.org.



