

ON THE JOURNEY

Thought for the Day by Pastor Phil: *Wisdom is a treasure no robber can steal. - Japanese Proverb*

CALENDAR		
Wed 4/24	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	5:30 pm	Outreach Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
Sun 4/28	9:00 am	Tim Sollenberger Morphew Preaching
	1:00 pm	POPS Spring Carnival
	1:00 pm	MYF/Laser Tag
Mon 4/29	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Wed 5/1	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Congregational Meal/Mtg.
	6:30 pm	Food Pantry Advisory Board
		Music Practice
Thurs 5/2	6:30 pm	Board
Fri 5/3	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
Sun 5/5	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	2:00 pm	Board Prayer & Discernment
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 5/6	5:00 pm	POPS Advisory Board
	6:00 pm	Worship Commission
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Wed 5/8	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	7:00 pm	Music Practice

Patty (Dave) Yoder – 4
 Abigail Hostetler – 7
 Leah Schwartz – 7
 Carol Johnson – 9
 Liz Mast – 9
 Judy Oesch – 11
 Shirley Riegsecker – 16
 Patti Miller – 17
 Ruby Yoder – 17
 Kris Keller – 20
 Ron Rheinheimer – 22
 Tom Bontreger – 24
 Verna Weirich – 24
 Kelly Kurtz – 26
 Dave Graber – 31
 Janelle Walther - 31

WORSHIP

Focus statement: Tim Sollenberger Morphew will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon title is "Reason to Believe". The message offers a friendly perspective on Thomas, doubts and honestly facing faith questions
Background scriptures: John 20: 19-31

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 April 21:

Money Given to Budget \$5,759.00
 Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,565.25
 Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$191,467.01
 Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$189,218.50

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.

April/May Birthdays

Bryce Rheinheimer – 24
 Enos Miller – 30
 Jim Schrock – 3

Wednesday, May 1 in the Fellowship Hall. At 6:00 pm we will be having a meal and the meeting will then follow at 7:00 pm. Our goal for this meeting is to follow up on any questions, concerns or comments that you would like to share with your brothers and sisters here at FMC. We ask that you prayerfully consider which of these networks/conferences would help us to continue our mission, vision and values as an FMC church family. At any time, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Board members if you have questions regarding this change in affiliation. On May 5, the board will be meeting to prayerfully process the information that we receive from individuals and from the May 1 meeting. Our goal is to make a recommendation to the congregation at the Spring Business Meeting on **May 22** regarding our future affiliation. The FMC church board members are: Ike Walther, Sonya Miller, Pastor Phil Yoder, Carolyn Miller, Kent Birky and Linda Young.

COMMUNITY LIFE

On 5/28/2019 at Crystal Valley Missionary Church, Life Line Screening will offer area residents an opportunity to do something that will build health awareness about stroke, vascular disease and osteoporosis. Please check out the flier posted on the bulletin board for more information if you are interested.

FMC is a busy church with its Mission projects and weekly/monthly activities that we all do. At the board meeting it was noted that we discuss these on Sunday mornings and information goes out in the Newsletter. However, when a person comes to visit our church for the first time, that information is not available to them. I will be working on a brochure or informational paper to be given to visitors at the visitor station, that will tell/explain to them our missions and events that happen routinely here at FMC. If you have something that you would like added to this information sheet or would be interested in helping with this project, please contact me at llouyoung10@gmail.com or text me at 574-612-3011. The plan is that after this is developed, the congregation will see it before it actually is used, to assure that nothing has been forgotten. The goal will be to have it in the hands of our visitors by June 1.
Linda Young

A taste of Japan fundraiser meal - Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. You are invited to come enjoy a simple meal served by Karen Niimi and her host family. Proceeds will benefit end of year expenses for Karen.

Thursday, May 2 is the National Day of Prayer. There is a poster on the bulletin board with information if you wish to participate in community events associated with that event.

The Anna Miller Yoder Family would like to thank First Mennonite for your kindness, prayers, and comfort you shared with us during Mom's passing. A special thank you to Pastor Phil for helping us with the arrangements and visits, thank you to the funeral committee for the preparation and meal, and thank you to all who visited Mom while she was at Courtyard Healthcare Center. All of these acts of kindness meant so much to Mom and to us as a family. May God pour out His blessings on you. Sincerely, Don Miller, Bonnie Bailey, and Dean Miller

DISCIPLING

Apr. 26 Fish Fry: Bethany Christian High School's junior class fish fry is 4:30-8:00 p.m., Friday, April 26. Come for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are \$12 for adults and carryout and \$6 for children grades 1-6 (Kindergarten and younger eat free). Carryout window opens at 4:00. Tickets may be purchased from any Bethany junior or at the school (2904 S Main St, Goshen).

MS Play: Bethany Christian Middle School will perform *The Life and Times of Princess Sophia* at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, may be purchased online beginning April 15 at bethanycs.net/tickets. Synopsis: With the title character nowhere to be found, Princess Tabasco and her lady-in-waiting Saffron set off on an adventure to rescue Prince Gallant from the Evil Sorceress Nefaria. On the way, they join forces with an unlucky leprechaun, an unwicked witch, and a very unconvincing dragon. Will this band of fairy tale rejects be enough to stop Nefaria and her infamous harpies?

From the Preschool Board: The preschool is having their annual carnival on April 28 and we are asking for the congregation's help once again. We are asking for baked goods for our bake sale. If you are willing to donate, please have your items at the church on Saturday, April 27, or Sunday, April 28. Thanks in advance for all your help!

The MYF Sponsors are looking for some help with providing lunches for the youth and sponsors right after church on Sunday 4/28, and Sunday 5/19. It looks like our group will be growing in number (👥👥👥), so we will have a head count the week before. Our MYF parents help us so much we were hoping to give them a bit of a break...😊. Please contact Pam Bingaman if you are interested. Also, the MYF will be hosting a Game Night on Sunday May 5, from 5-8 pm. And we have invited many local teens to join us. If any of you know of any teens that might like to join us, by all means encourage them to come. There will be Flyers at the church to hand out. We will also be looking for some help with snacks to share with our gamers. More info to follow...

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's next project is collecting items for Interfaith Hospitality Network. Items needed: toilet paper, cleaning supplies, disinfectant wipes, napkins/paper towels, size 5 & 6 diapers, and baby wipes.

Final week of exhibit: The "Sorting Out Race" exhibit at The Depot MCC Thrift Shop in Goshen has attracted a variety of people and many have expressed gratitude for bringing this articulate display to our community. This traveling exhibit will only be at the Depot one more week, concluding on Friday evening, May 3. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular thrift shop business hours, Mondays-Fridays: 9-5. You can learn more about the display at sortingoutrance.com.

Join us for a Comforter Bash! Make plans to join us on November 8 and 9 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knit

comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23). We are also in need of comforter tops (size 60"x80"), so please consider making them now for use at the event. For more information about the event visit mcc.org/comforter-bash or contact Carol Honderich at 574-536-9062. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

