

ON THE JOURNEY

Thought for the Day by Pastor Phil: "Money has never yet made anyone rich." - Seneca

CALENDAR

Wed 1/29	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Music Practice
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sun 2/2	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	12:00 pm	Fatima Fundraiser Meal
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 2/3	5:00 pm	POPS Advisory Board
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
	6:30 pm	Worship Commission
Wed 2/5	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	6:00 pm	Music Practice
	6:30 pm	Food Pantry Advisory Board
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Thur 2/6	6:30 pm	Board
Fri 2/7		Women's Retreat
Sat 2/8		Women's Retreat
Sun 2/9	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 2/10		Health Department
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Tues 2/11	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
Wed 2/12	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Music Practice
	7:00 pm	Bible Study

February Birthdays

Dale Schlabach – 2
 Pam Bingaman – 3
 Sam King – 9
 Dorothy Nisley – 11
 Glenn Miller – 12
 Martha Weirich – 12
 Wayne Schrock – 12
 Elizabeth Kauffman – 13
 Tina Frye – 20
 Aldine Wyse – 20
 Mary Frye – 22
 Edith Herschberger – 24
 Gert Kauffman – 29

WORSHIP

Focus statement: The Bible presents the children of God as being very wealthy. Although, that wealth is in a different form than the way the world counts wealth. God's children may not realize that wealth now, but because God is the source of all things, and God has all things at His disposal, and because God cares in great detail for His children, the children of God are fabulously wealthy. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus stressed, "Do not be anxious and do not worry! Your Father knows what you need." The security and the wealth of children lies not in the amount of money they currently possess, but in who their father is.

Background scriptures: Genesis 24:50-58

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Dave Graber
 Next Sunday: Ward & Pam Bingaman

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Shari Graber
 Next Sunday: Carolyn Miller

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.

Looking Ahead:

February 2 – Sermon: “The Wealth of a Child of God – Through Family”

February 2 – Fundraiser Dinner for FATIMA Children’s Home

February 5 – Wednesday Evening Meal

February 7-8 – Woman’s Retreat

February 9 – Sermon: “True Love – God’s Love”

February 16 – Sermon: “The Wealth of a Child of God – Through Inheritance”

February 23 – Sermon: “The Wealth of a Child of God – Through Position”

February 26 – Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM (Lent Begins)

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for January 26:

Money Given to Budget \$3,540.70

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,343.12

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$115,529.85

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$117,548.64

Maribeth will be out of the office on February 13 and February 17

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wednesday Evening Meal Hosts:

Feb. 5: Explorers

Mar. 4: Searchers

Thank you to everyone for all your support, cards, visits, and all of the involvement for Wilbur’s funeral. –The Wilbur Schlabach Family

This is a reminder that there is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board to take meals in to Chris and Vera Miller. Also, Nora Mullet is planning on returning home this week. Please consider dropping off a meal to them the next several weeks. **Please no lettuce or stringy cheese.**

The care boxes for the college students are in the foyer for contributions. They will be there until February 9.

We will be trying something new called the “Sharing Table”. This will be a table used for sharing items that you don’t need any more but someone else may

appreciate. Examples: calendar, journal, house plant. If you have a large item (such as a sofa) we suggest you take a picture of your item and place it on the table. These items will stay for 2-3 weeks, after that either you remove or it will be disposed of. We will have a trial period to see how well this is received. The table will be near the library.

DISCIPLING

The 2020 women’s retreat will be held On Friday and Saturday, February 7 & 8 at Hunter Lake. Our worship sessions will focus on the book “When God Winks at You”. More information and sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board in the hallway. Looking forward to all women being a part of this. If you have any questions contact Linda Young. 574-612-3011.

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. Maximum of 90 people for each event. If you want to come, sign up soon! Spring dates are filling up! (March 5-11 or April 2-8) Call or register online! 269-651-2811 or mandy@amigocentre.org or www.amigocentre.org

Do you know theologically minded youth? Through AMBS’s !Explore program, students in grades 10–12 can explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God’s call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience (June 30 – July 16, 2020). Scholarships are available. Tap a shoulder! ams.edu/explore

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women’s next project is supporting the FATIMA building project.

Mennonite Disaster Service's annual All-Unit Meeting, celebrating another year of service and community as well as looking to the future, is being held in Goshen, IN

this year - Feb. 7-8 at Maple City Chapel. You don't need to register and all are welcome to hear Executive Director Kevin King Friday at 7:00 p.m., or keynote speaker Brenda Phillips Saturday at 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in eating meals or attending the entire conference, register at mds.mennonite.net. Join us to hear about the exciting things happening with MDS!

Registration is now open for the RETA Celebrating Life Benefit Dinner. This will be held at the Sammlung Platz in Nappanee on March 5, 2020. Reservations will be taken until capacity is reached or until February 19. If interested go online at link.retaforlife.com/dinner or call 574-522-3888.

Join MCC Great Lakes for an informational meeting to explore opening an MCC Thrift Shop in Elkhart. MCC is excited about the possibility of a new thrift shop in the city where MCC first began 100 years ago. We want to listen to the community as we are in the very early stages of discerning whether there is enough energy and interest in starting and sustaining a thrift shop. Join us at Belmont Mennonite Church (925 Oxford Street) in Elkhart on Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. for a time of information sharing, discussion and brainstorming. For more information contact Eric Kurtz at 574-534-4133 or EricKurtz@mcc.org.

Thank you to the countless volunteers who made the Great Winter Warm-up a success! Groups of all sizes gathered in more than 100 events in churches and homes across the United States, Canada and Europe resulting in a preliminary estimate of over 5,700 comforters received. And that number is only expected to grow as the official counting continues through the end of the month. Every one of the comforters completed during the event is important. When families are uprooted from home and lack basic necessities, comforters are a versatile tool—functioning as bed covers, room dividers, carpets, curtains, wraps, mattresses and more. MCC thanks you for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world!

Lloyd and Loretta Troyer's 67th wedding anniversary celebration.



