

## ON THE JOURNEY

**Thought For the Day by Pastor Phil:** *“If I gave my family the Christian faith, and I had not given them one shilling, they would be far richer than if I had given them all the world, and they did not have the Christian faith.”* – Patrick Henry

CALENDAR		
<b>Wed 2/12</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Music Practice
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>Thurs 2/13</b>		Maribeth Out of the Office
	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
<b>Sun 2/16</b>	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
<b>Mon 2/17</b>		Maribeth Out of the Office
	12:00 pm	Blood Drive
	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
<b>Wed 2/19</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Music Practice
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>Sun 2/23</b>	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
<b>Mon 2/24</b>	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
<b>Wed 2/26</b>	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	5:30 pm	Outreach Commission
	6:00 pm	Music Practice
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service

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. Even though they do not possess that wealth now, they are wealthy because of whose children they are and of what one day they will inherit. The Bible speaks frequently and confidently about the inheritance awaiting God’s children. We do not know what all that inheritance will be, in fact, we know very little of that inheritance, although the Bible does show us a few things. What one inherits depends on who it is that is giving the inheritance. The greatness of the inheritance comes from being heirs of God and knowing that God is generous to those who love him, beyond all human imagination.

**Background scriptures:** I Peter 1:3-7, Romans 8:15-17, Galatians 3:26-4:7, Revelation 21-22

### Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Kris Rheinheimer  
 Next Sunday: Janelle Walther

### Welcome Center

This Sunday: Karen Pletcher  
 Next Sunday: Verna Weirich

### Looking Ahead:

**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)

### 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 Birthdays

Glenn Miller – 12

Martha Weirich – 12

**March 1** – Sermon: “Which Confession are You Making?”

March 4 – Wednesday Evening Meal 5:30 PM

**March 8** – Sermon: “Which Basin Are You Washing In?”

**March 15** – Sermon: “Which King Will You Bow To?”

**March 22** – Sermon: “Which Road Are You Following Jesus On?”

**March 29** – “Which Tree Will You Hang From?”

## ADMINISTRATION

### Stewardship Report for February 9:

Money Given to Budget \$2,691.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,343.12

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$125,216.85

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$128,234.88

**Maribeth** will be out of the office tomorrow and Monday.

**Would you like to know more about LMC** and our connection to the conference? What they have to offer? Where are they going? LMC is having a two day assembly April 3-4, 2020 entitled Welcoming Rain. It is an LMC celebration of Church Life. Bishop Glenn Kauffman pastor will be the Speaker. He will be sharing stories of the Spirit at work in the lives of everyday people!

- Friday, April 3, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm: Leadership Assembly (all invited) receiving new congregations, recognizing leaders.
- Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm: Celebration of Church Life, worship, teaching and ice cream.
- Saturday, April 4 9:00 am - 4:30 pm: Celebration of church life, worship, speakers, seminars, lunch, LMC Moderator Address.

There is a brochure on the Church Board’s bulletin board in the hallway. Pastor Phil will be attending this event and if you have other questions, he can be a resource to you. There is no charge for this celebration.

**At the February Church Board Meeting** an assistant pastor position was discussed. Currently we are working on a job description as well as entertaining ideas of who may be good candidates. We have asked Jerry and Ruth Beasley as well as Pastor Phil to be point persons for this search. If you have suggestions of persons you know and/or ideas please reach out to any of these persons. We will continue to update the congregation as appropriate.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Wednesday Evening Meal Hosts:

**Mar. 4:** Searchers

**Apr. 1:** Please Volunteer

**Please consider** dropping off a meal to Nora and Merle Mullet.

**The Goshen Community Chorale** will begin rehearsing for its upcoming spring season on Tuesday evening, February 25th, at College Mennonite Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Chorale will be preparing a program built around the theme of “Holy Jazz and Sacred Broadway” and will be accompanied by the Lost Luggage Trio on vibraphone, drums and bass. The Chorale welcomes new members who have a background in choral singing and who wish to commit themselves to regular attendance at rehearsals and to learning challenging repertoire. Interested persons should contact the music director, William Mateer, at (574) 533-2562 or [mateers@aol.com](mailto:mateers@aol.com).

## DISCIPLING

**“Hearing and Seeing Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew”** – Will be held at Amigo Centre, March 27-29, 2020. Tim Lehman, retired minister, will be sharing based on his recently published book, “All Authority Has Been Given To Me.” Tim will highlight parts of his book and encourage us to rethink long-held assumptions. In a world of division, bitter partisan politics, and violence, where do we turn? What might truly heal us personally and communally? Imagine a world changed because of God’s unconditional love channeled through you. The retreat begins Friday evening and concludes with Bruch on Sunday. Registration includes lodging or commuting rates. We look forward to a dynamic weekend of learning and growing in our understanding of God’s unconditional love for all. If you would like a copy of his book at a reduced rate contact [mandy@amigocentre.org](mailto:mandy@amigocentre.org) or call 269-651-2811.

### Join the Goshen College Music and Theater

**Departments** as they celebrate Broadway and classic operatic works with a fully staged Musical Theater

Scenes: A Musical Cabaret of Light and Love, on Feb. 14 & 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 16 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 general admission in the Umble Center, and can be purchased online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets).

**Musical Tickets:** Bethany Christian High School will perform Children of Eden on Thursday-Sunday, March 5-8, 2020. This two-act musical follows the Biblical stories of creation and Noah's ark while exploring the universal themes of family, relationships and love. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. Tickets may be purchased online beginning Feb. 17 at [bethanycs.net/tickets](http://bethanycs.net/tickets). Performances are at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

**A Honey's Give Back Day** to benefit Bethany Christian Schools will be held all day, Wednesday, February 26. Honey's will donate 20% of purchases to Bethany, but be sure to mention you are there for the Bethany Give Back Day OR present a token. Tokens are available online at [bethanycs.net/honeys-give-back-day](http://bethanycs.net/honeys-give-back-day). Honey's serves a variety of frozen treats as well as gourmet coffees and teas. Thank you for your support of Bethany!

**Five Goshen College** students will present speeches during the 2020 C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest on Tuesday, Feb. 18. The annual event will take place at 7 p.m. in the Umble Center and is free and open to the public. Speakers include Ronit Goswami of Goshen; Jace Longenecker of South Bend; Jazmine Macias of West Covina, California; Mandira Panta of Bhaktapur, Nepal; and Nasim Rasoulipour of Tehran, Iran.

## OUTREACH

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

**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](http://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](mailto:EricKurtz@mcc.org).

