

ON THE JOURNEY

Thought For the Day by Pastor Phil: "Whatever else is or is not true, this one thing is certain, human beings are not what they were meant to be." - G. K. Chesterton

CALENDAR

Wed 2/19	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	6:00 pm	Music Practice
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sun 2/23	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 2/24	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
Wed 2/26	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	5:30 pm	Outreach Commission
	6:00 pm	Music Practice
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sun 3/1	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
	6:00 pm	MYF
Mon 3/2	6:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
	6:30 pm	Worship Commission
Wed 3/4	9:00 am	Moms In Prayer
	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	6:00 pm	Music Practice
	6:30 pm	Discipling Commission

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

Tina Frye – 20

Aldine Wyse – 20

Mary Frye – 22

Edith Herschberger – 24

Gert Kauffman – 29

WORSHIP

Focus statement: The Bible presents the people of God as being very wealthy. There are several things that make God's people wealthy. We have already noticed several of them. The last thing we will notice is their position in Christ. The Bible teaches us that when we receive Jesus we are "In Christ," and are in some way bound to Him. Our bodies are still on the earth for now, but spiritually we are united to Jesus, and more and more we must think and make decisions from our position of unity with Jesus. The Bible declares that we are citizens of heaven, and I cannot think of a more elite position while we walk on this earth.

Background scriptures: John 15:1-8, Ephesians 2:1-7, Colossians 3:1-4, Romans 8:1, II Corinthians 5:17

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Janelle Walther

Next Sunday: Dave Graber

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Verna Weirich

Next Sunday: Shari Graber

Looking Ahead:

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

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

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 16:

Money Given to Budget \$7,818.14

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,343.12

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$133,034.99

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$133,578.00

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.

From the Board: Invite everyone to check out the bulletin board for information on "Welcoming Rain." We discussed the sound booth and hope to get things started soon. We are looking into having Elders. We need to define this role and its expectations. Continuing the search for an assistant pastor. Jerry and Ruth Beasley along with Pastor Phil will be our point people for this. Any suggestions or ideas please let one of them know. The Spring Business Meeting will be May 13th.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wednesday Evening Meal Hosts:

Mar. 4: Searchers

Apr. 1: Please Volunteer

Thank you for all the cards, visits, and prayers during Levi's illness. Levi and Edna Mast

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, visits, cards, and food during Nora's illness and passing of her Dad. We appreciate our church family.

The Mullet Family

From CLC: Our sincere thanks to Shari for taking the pictures for the supplement and Maribeth for compiling them with their addresses to add to our directories! Thank you for your contributions to The Sharing Table. We'll have it available for a couple of months yet.

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.

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 or call 269-651-2811.

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. Performances are at 7:30 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. Honey's serves a variety of frozen treats as well as gourmet coffees and teas. Thank you for your support of Bethany!

Tickets are now on sale for the Goshen College International Student Club (ISC) Coffeehouse on Saturday, March 21. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a student-catered international meal held in the College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. A show featuring international music and dance will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$14 for students and children.

OUTREACH

First Mennonite Women's next project is children's care packs for Christian Aid Ministries. Items to include: (for a girl) 1 5x7 notepad; 1 pencil and 1 pen; 1 jump rope; 1 pair of socks (colorful and warm); 1 hairbrush; (for a boy) 1 5x7 notepad; 1 pencil and 1 pen; 3 tennis balls; 1 comb; 1 matchbox size car or truck.

In 2020, MCC is celebrating 100 years of sharing God's love and compassion with people in the name of Christ. We invite you to use these worship resources as you reflect on God's work of reconciliation in your life, in the church and around the world. Whether your church is planning an MCC-based worship service, taking an offering for MCC or just looking for an MCC story to

demonstrate reconciliation, you can get started here: mcc.org/centennial/worship-resources Also, sign up for monthly highlights from MCC's 100 stories for 100 years. Explore images and stories from the breadth of MCC's work – from a graphic story on the 1920 trip that began MCC's ministry to accounts of women peacemakers now. Go to mcc.org/centennial/100-stories/email to sign up for monthly emails highlighting stories from the project.

MCC Borderlands Learning Tour: Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes welcomes you to join us on a learning tour designed to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. The learning tour will take place on May 17-23 in Arizona and will include crossing the border into Mexico. Attendees will also have the option to participate in the Migrant Trail walk following the tour. For more information, including a tentative schedule and online registration, visit mcc.org/gl-borderlands-2020 or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at JuanPacheco@mcc.org or (574) 534-4133.

