

# LIFE @ FIRST

Our mission is to extend grace, build peace, and share love within and beyond our faith community.

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## ON THE JOURNEY

**Thought For The Day by Pastor Phil:** “We are shaped by what we love.” - Goethe

### CALENDAR

Mon 5/11		Health Department
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#### **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.

offended that Jesus kept asking it. And yet, loving Jesus is the central issue in the Christian faith. There are many differences of opinions, beliefs, experiences, and customs among Christians, but the one thing that is central to all is, “Do you love Jesus?” That is the one question that all Christians should continuously hold before themselves and before each other. This passage in John’s Gospel has significance for another reason. It is here that we get a one of the clearest pictures in all the Bible of the forgiveness of Jesus. And it is indeed marvelous!

**Background scriptures:** John 21, John 18:15-27

**Announcement:** You can now join in the live stream of Sunday sermons by clicking onto You Tube, then typing in FMC INDIANA in the search box. We begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings.

**Sunday Sermon Title:** “Loving Jesus”

Scripture Text: John 21:15-17

#### **Coffee Prep Volunteers**

This Sunday:

Next Sunday:

#### **Welcome Center**

This Sunday:

Next Sunday:

## ADMINISTRATION

#### **Stewardship Report for April 26:**

Money Given to Budget \$5,014.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,343.12

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$169,201.99

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$187,009.20

**Administration Commission** met in April through texts. A few people have shown interest in our Administrative Assistant position, which was heard by word-of-mouth. Maribeth's last day with us will be July 30, 2020. No other news to report.

## April/May Birthdays

Enos Miller – 30  
Jim Schrock – 3  
Patty (Dave) Yoder – 4  
Leah Schwartz – 7  
Carol Johnson – 9  
Liz Mast – 9  
Judy Oesch – 11  
Shirley Riegsecker – 16  
Patti Miller – 17  
Ruby Yoder – 17  
Betty Lou Kline – 18  
Kris Keller – 20  
Ron Rheinheimer – 22  
Tom Bontreger – 24  
Verna Weirich – 24  
Kelly Kurtz – 26  
Dave Gruber – 31  
Janelle Walther - 31

## WORSHIP

**Focus statement:** After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to his disciples on several occasions. On one of those occasions, he asked Peter, “Do you love me?” He asked Peter this question three times, and Peter was

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Wednesday Evening Meal Hosts:

The family of Terry Smith thanks everyone for their prayers during this difficult time and the passing of my brother. Bobbie Werker

## DISCIPLING

## OUTREACH

### First Mennonite Women

#### Sharing With Poor Families in the Philippines

Aristeo and Angely are a native missionary couple in the Philippines who have begun a work to take the Gospel to one of the very poor, indigenous tribes in a remote part of the Philippines that, until now, has not heard the Gospel. In the years they have been doing this ministry, they have planted a church which currently has around 150 members. And they also are working to improve the economic condition of the people they are working with. In recent years, Shena and Phil have developed a relationship with this missionary couple.

The coronavirus has brought the Philippines to a standstill as it has much of the world. The restrictions that governments have put into place with this virus are particularly stressful to people in poor countries because of the existing poverty, lack of jobs, and lack of availability to food. Many people in the Philippines are without work, and many of those who do have work spend what they earn each day on necessities and have no savings to rely on. Aristeo and Angely have obtained a special permit to travel so they can distribute food to poor families.

Recently, Shena and Phil sent \$500 that was raised from the Philippine dinner last fall to help buy food for people in need. With this money, Aristeo and Angely were able to buy food and to make food packs for more than 50 families and distribute them. The food items included rice, dried and canned fish, noodles, and if the family has children, milk was also included. The people were extremely grateful for the gift. Your generosity continues to help people in need, and is helping to open their hearts to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.



