

## ON THE JOURNEY

Thought for the Day:

*“God takes us through death in order to raise us up. Death is not the end. The goal is resurrection.” - Watchman Nee*

Chris Miller – 7  
 Dave (Jan) Yoder – 7  
 Nicole Frye – 8  
 Alfred Kauffman – 9  
 Jim Pletcher – 10  
 Nora Elswick – 12  
 Kerry Frye – 12  
 Dora Graber – 12  
 Lydia Frey -13  
 Chris Wingard – 13

### CALENDAR

8/26	5:30 pm	Outreach Commission
9/3	6:30 pm	Board Meeting
9/4	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
9/6	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
9/7	5:00 pm	POPS Advisory Board
9/7	6:30 pm	Worship Commission
9/8	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
9/9	6:30 pm	Food Pantry Advisory Board
9/10	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
9/13	9:00 am	Phil Preaching

All Calendar Events are subject to change.

### **HOURS ARE CHANGING!!**

**Betty Lou’s Administrative Assistant Office Hours:**

**Tuesday 8:30am to 4:30pm**

**Thursday 11:00am to 5:00pm**

**Phil Yoder Pastoral Office Hours:**

**Tuesday 9:30 AM-1:30 PM,**

**Thursday 1:00-6:00 PM**

**The office is closed Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

- All newsletter submissions need to be in to the church office by noon on Monday.

### August Birthdays

Randy Miller – 29  
 Kent Birky – 30  
 Carol King – 30  
 Jan Yoder – 9/1  
 Stan Shriner – 2  
 Daniel Graber – 3  
 Mary Ropp – 4

## WORSHIP

**Focus statement:** When Lazarus was sick, his sisters sent word to Jesus. But Jesus did not go immediately and heal him. Lazarus’ sisters thought that Jesus would, and more than that, they thought that Jesus should. They had done a lot for Jesus, and this was a favor they now expected. When Jesus did not show up, and Lazarus died, the sisters were disappointed with Jesus. It felt to them like Jesus had left them down, and they were not shy in telling Jesus this. Of course, Jesus had the situation under control, and had something else in mind, something that would bring God glory and bring many to faith in Him. This story reveals a fallacy in many people’s faith, which is that many people want to use God and for what they want, rather than giving themselves to God for what God wants. This story is one of the two places in the Bible where we read that Jesus wept. And in both situations, it was revealed that the faith of God’s people proved to be rather shallow, they did not trust God further than they could see.

**Background scriptures:** John 11, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 1:17-18

**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:** "Lazarus, Come Forth!"

**Scripture Text:** John 11:38-44

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM

**(There will be no printed bulletins)**

Songs Played (no singing)

Sharing

Sermon

Congregational Prayer

Song Played

Dismissal

(Please **DO NOT** sign the attendance sheets)

### Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday:

Next Sunday:

### Welcome Center

This Sunday:

Next Sunday:

## ADMINISTRATION

### Stewardship Report for Aug. 23:

Money Given to Budget \$3,395.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,343.12

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$264,033.99

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$277,842.24

**The Fall Business Meeting** is being planned for September 23rd (In person or Zoom). We want to welcome Betty Lou Kline as our new Administrative Assistant. We are continuing to work on a job description for an associate pastor. Looking forward to a new board member.

The **Administration Commission** met in August. We heard our average attendance is 41 and attendance at our outside service was 72. We are behind budget by \$12,000. We were reminded that the church building needs to be locked when we are not in it. Please remember to lock the doors when you leave. We discussed the Scott Street rental and will review it at the Fall Business meeting. The lights on our outside cross have been fixed, as well as other electrical issues. The

sanctuary ceiling fan has been repaired. We'd like to thank Glenn Miller for his years of diligent work as our Trustee. He always went above-and-beyond what we asked him to do, to take care of God's house. We reviewed budgets for next and will make a recommendation to the Church Board for acceptance.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**Thank you** for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and deeds we received during the time Dale was in the hospital and since his death. No words can express the support we felt from all of you. Thank you also for the chimes reminding us of Dales gift of music.

~Viv, Tami and Rick Schlabach

**If you would be willing** to take a meal to Jim and Arlene Schrock, please call Jim at 574-370-5795 to arrange a time.

### Relief Sale Alternatives!

- **"Bulk Meats" and Favorite Relief Sale Foods Sale,** August 29 at Maple City Chapel Parking lot, 2015 Lincolnway E. in Goshen, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Note: this event was originally planned for 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., but the hours have been shortened). This is a cash-only event.
- **A second, larger event will be held at Maple City Chapel parking lot on "Relief Sale Friday," September 25, from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with more food items.** If you or your church group are interested in volunteering or participating by hosting a food item for sale, please contact Chris Yoder at [wovenfriendships@gmail.com](mailto:wovenfriendships@gmail.com).
- **Milford Chapel Carry-Out Mexican Meal** and Columns Tamales, August 29, at Dollar General Parking Lot, SR 15 in Milford, Indiana from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. or until Sold Out.
- **"Table for 8" gift certificates** now available for purchase for Family-Style Dinner at Das Dutchman Essenhaus. Good from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021, each certificate is good for a table for 8 for family-style dinner, including chicken plus another meat, salad, pie, and sides. The cost per table is \$200 and \$104.00 of price per certificate can be claimed as donation to the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale for tax purposes. To purchase gift

certificates, please email [mennonitesale@yahoo.com](mailto:mennonitesale@yahoo.com), or download the form available on the Events calendar at <http://www.mennonitesale.org/2020-events> (Go to the "Table for 8" entry and click on the link to order form), and return completed form with a check to Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, P.O. Box 243, Goshen, IN 46527-0243.

Amigo Centre is providing **retreats for families** in a safe and fun way. Our retreat center and west shore lodge are great places to take a break from the chaos. Both have availability over Labor Day weekend. Meals are now available and served in a new, safe way. Call 269-651-2811 or check out [amigocentre.org](http://amigocentre.org) for more information.

Homeschooling this year? **Amigo Centre's homeschool program** will be running this fall. We've made changes to our program so 100% of it will be outside and robust safety and cleaning protocols are in place. Contact [cheryl@amigocentre.org](mailto:cheryl@amigocentre.org) for more information.

Are you finding yourself running out of ideas to **entertain the kids**? Consider a day at Amigo Centre. We have canoes, hiking trails, campfire rings and self-guided nature hikes or scavenger hunts. Cheryl Mast, our Outdoor Education Coordinator and Naturalist is also available to lead a hike or teach any number of subjects like orienteering, archery, edible plants, outdoor cooking, or fire building. Give us a call at 269-651

Lacasa is hiring for a **Maintenance Technician** - If you are looking for a supportive team and work that makes a difference, we welcome you to consider joining us. On the job training is available. Check out the job description on our website and send your resume to [hr@lacasainc.net](mailto:hr@lacasainc.net).-2811 to explore your options.

## DISCIPLING

### LMC Office Events & Information

**A Study of the Sermon on the Mount will be offered this fall.**

It will begin on September 8 and go for 11 Tuesday evenings. A donation of \$30 will be accepted. The class

size is limited to 15. See the attached class description. Zoom and Google Classroom will be used for this class, so you can be a part no matter where you live. Due to Covid-19, the in-person class will be considered on a week-by-week basis for students local to the Lancaster For more information:

<https://mcusercontent.com/4cb62c5daa85446b83f10b334/images/e793ac0b-77a8-4395-81e8-4fab6c7e79f.jpg>

### **Church History for Anyone will be offered this fall.**

Part 1, Early Church to Reformation, begins September 17 for 10 weeks on Thursdays. Part 2, Reformation to 20th Century, begins September 29 for 10 weeks and continues Part 1 from the Spring. The cost is \$30 and the class size is limited to 20.

Class description:

[https://mcusercontent.com/4cb62c5daa85446b83f10b334/files/abe2ac68-8513-4130-805e-8772b4a7fb5f/Church\\_History\\_4\\_Everyone\\_fall.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/4cb62c5daa85446b83f10b334/files/abe2ac68-8513-4130-805e-8772b4a7fb5f/Church_History_4_Everyone_fall.pdf)

**Join MCC and Great Lakes BIC for a free webinar: Police, Fairness & Security.** Framed with a time of biblical reflection, Bishop Lynn Thrush will facilitate a panel discussion with people who have interacted with the police at varying levels including Ohio State Senator Cecil Thomas who served as a police officer in Cincinnati, OH. The free webinar will take place on Thursday, September 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (EST). Participants will come away with a better understanding of the narrative of racial difference and how this is related to policing. Please register by August 31 at [mcc.org/gl-webinar-police](http://mcc.org/gl-webinar-police) to receive the webinar link.

## OUTREACH

**First Mennonite Women:** The sewing project for this month is MCC school kits. Let's see if we can collect more than 150 kits! Each kit contains 4 notebooks, 8 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler with inch and cm, 12 colored pencils, 1 large eraser, 1 small metal sharpener, 2 new pens.