

ON THE JOURNEY

“Killing Jesus was like trying to destroy a dandelion seed-head by blowing on it.” - Walter Wink

SEPTEMBER

CALENDAR		
9/3	6:30 pm	Board Meeting
9/6	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
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
9/11	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
9/13	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
9/14		Health Department
9/14	5:00 pm	POPS Advisory Board
9/14	6:30 pm	Worship Commission
9/16	6:30 pm	Administrative Commission
9/20	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 - unless you have an appointment!

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

September Birthdays

Nicole Frye – 8
 Alfred Kauffman – 9
 Jim Pletcher – 10
 Nora Elswick – 12
 Kerry Frye – 12
 Dora Graber – 12
 Lydia Frey -13
 Chris Wingard – 13
 Nancy Bontreger – 15
 Brian Mullet – 15
 Al Miller – 19
 Steve Bontrager – 20

WORSHIP

Focus statement: In John's Gospel, chapter 12 marks the end of Jesus' public ministry and it is a very busy chapter. The last 9 chapters in John, an extraordinarily large portion of the book, are dedicated to Jesus' ministry to his disciples at the very end of His life. But Jesus knew that his days of ministering on earth are quickly coming to an end, His Kingdom and His reign are about to begin. Jesus was frustrated with the stubborn unbelief of those who were supposed to be God's people, and warned them that time is running out. There is no longer any time left to coax and try to nudge them along. The moment of decision has come. Jesus is leaving. There is a great sense of urgency in this chapter. You must decide whose side you are on, and beware lest you end up on the wrong side and miss The Redemption of God and the healing of the world! This is Jesus' last public invitation in John's Gospel.

Background scriptures: John 12:1-50, Luke 19:41-44

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

Sunday Sermon Title: “The Hour Has Come”

Scripture Text: John 12:20-36

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 September 6:

Money Given to Budget \$4,435.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$4,435.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$

The Fall Business Meeting is being planned for September 23rd (In person or possibly Zoom?).

You should have found a bright coral paper in your mailbox regarding **Offering Envelopes, Newsletter, Rejoice Magazine and Snowbird information**. Please return this to Betty Lou via the church office drop box at your earliest convenience.

COMMUNITY LIFE

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, (A second, larger event) 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.
- “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, 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.

Pathways Retreat will hold its first online Silent Auction September 12-19, concluding with an Open House on the 19th from 1-4 pm. In October, Ruth Judy will teach a four-session online workshop exploring contemplative practices from different spiritual traditions. The registration deadline for this workshop is September 25. Find more information about both events at pathwaysretreat.org. Their newsletter link is <https://static-promote.weebly.com/share/baff35a5-889f-4daa-9296-f92041e6b5e1>

DISCIPLING

AMBS course: Somatic Spiritual Practices in the Time of COVID. Explore the link between spirituality and our material bodies while considering how Christian spirituality is practiced in and through embodiment. Leah Thomas, Ph.D., teaches this one-credit AMBS videoconference course on Thursdays, Sept. 10 – Oct. 22, 6:30–8:30 p.m. ET. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first course for credit! Sign up at:

<https://ambs.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e0e5e997256c6c06bbb4f4944&id=8fc48fa62e&e=b9dce11585>

Join AMBS's Virtual Bible Reading Colloquium! No matter how strong or dusty your Biblical Hebrew is, you are invited to join us in reading the Hebrew Bible together in Hebrew on Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m. ET via videoconference (Sept. 9 – Dec. 9; no meeting Oct. 28). The Bible Reading Colloquium is a judgment-free zone and a great way to keep your knowledge of the Bible languages alive. Contact Safwat Marzouk, Ph.D.: <https://ambs.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e0e5e997256c6c06bbb4f4944&id=6ca8b1f0d8&e=b9dce11585>

OUTREACH

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JUST FOR FUN!



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."