LIFE@FIRST

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

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October 4 is **World Communion Sunday**. We will be offering communion with safety precautions in both the preparation and serving.

If you would like to participate in the communion service from home, you may stop by the church Saturday from 10:30 to 11 am to pick up your elements. They will be provided in a lidded cup this week for everyone.

ON THE JOURNEY

"It is one of the facts of history that if human efforts could destroy Christianity, it would have disappeared long ago; but one cannot kill that which is immortal." ~ William Barclay

<u>CALENDAR</u>		
9/30	9:00 am	Mom's In Prayer
9/30	<u>7 – 8 pm</u>	Maranatha SS (via
		ZOOM)
<u>10/1</u>	<u>6:30 pm</u>	Board Meeting
10/2	6:30 pm	Ladies Night In
10/4	9:00 am	Phil Preaching /
		Communion
<u>10/4</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	Picnic / Acoustic Harmony
<u>10/6</u>	5:00 pm	Preschool Advisory Board
<u>10/7</u>	9:00 am	Mom's In Prayer
<u>10/8</u>	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
<u>10/11</u>	9:00	Tim Eash Preaching
10/12		Health Department
10/12	<u>6:30 –</u>	Worship Commission (via
	7:30 pm	ZOOM)
<u>10/14</u>	9:00 am	Mom's in Prayer
<u>10/14</u>	<u>6:30 – 8</u>	Food Pantry Advisory (via
	<u>pm</u>	ZOOM)

All Calendar Events are subject to change.

Office Hours

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 Wednesday
(but you might catch BL here Monday or Friday)

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

September Birthdays

Carolyn Miller - 30

October

Carol Outman - 01

Kyle Walther – 01

Paul Haarer - 03

Edna Hochstetler – 04

Viola Miller - 11

Patti Keller – 14

Karen Pletcher - 15

Betty Graber - 17

Katie Kauffman – 17

Jerry Christner – 18

Gerri Beachy – 19

Ezra Ropp – 19

Anne Yoder – 19

WORSHIP

Focus statement: October 4 is *World Communion Sunday*. On this one day, millions of Christians from around the world will take the bread and the cup, and in countless languages and through many different traditions, celebrate what our Lord Jesus has done for us.

On that night, before Jesus was crucified, Jesus took the unleavened bread and the cups of wine used to celebrate the Passover and proclaimed that HE was about to bring a Passover that would make the Passover they were celebrating that night pale by comparison. Jesus took the bread and the wine and gave it new meaning. In serving His disciples the bread and the wine, Jesus was serving them as their Priest, and in offering a sacrifice for their sins, Jesus was serving as their High Priest. Ever since that night when Jesus took the bread and the wine at that Passover and gave it to His disciples, the breaking of bread and the cup has had special meaning for Christians, and it should, for it reminds us not only of what Jesus did for us, but that Jesus is our High Priest and that He lives today to serve us.

Background Scripture: Genesis 14, Hebrews

6:13-10:39

Sunday Sermon Title: "Receiving the Bread and

the Wine"

Scripture Text: Matthew 26:26-30

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

(There will be no printed bulletins)

Call to Worship
Worship Songs – Come Sing with Us!
Sermon
Congregational Sharing and Prayer
Song
Sending Prayer
Dismissal

(Please DO NOT sign the attendance sheets)

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

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Next Sunday:

Welcome Center

This Sunday: Next Sunday:

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for September 27:
Money Given to Budget \$ 6,571.00
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$ 5,417.78
Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$20,973.00
Amount Needed Yr-to-Date for Budget \$ 21,671.12

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 by 10/16/2020!

Snowbirds – If this form is not completed before you leave, you may miss out on information you might normally expect to get!!

ZOOM meetings are quickly catching on with our new upgraded account! Already there are multiple requests for this service. It's probably best to handle it like we do the physical building, in that if you need it, you make a request with the church office. If available, we will reserve it for you, which in this case means scheduling your meeting for you directly in ZOOM, emailing the requestor the link information, and adding it to the church calendar at the same time. We will schedule you for a bit longer than you request, just to make sure you do not run too close on time if people get chatty! The leader will still log in via our credentials, and conduct the meeting as if they were leading it in person.



ZOOM "ROOM" is reserved **9/30** 7pm; **10/9** 6:30pm; **10/12** 6:30pm

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.

Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 pm we will be having an All Church Picnic with provided meal and music. The picnic will begin at 4:00 pm, all food will be provided, We will plan on serving and eating in the fellowship hall while keeping social distancing in mind. After the meal we will plan to meet outside for music provided for us by "Acoustic Harmony." A local BlueGrass singing and instrumental group. Most of the members of Acoustic Harmony attend Clinton Frame. Please plan to attend and bring your own comfortable chair from home for the outside concert. Otherwise a folding chair can be provided for you.

DISCIPLING

Until COVID restrictions are lifted, there will be no reports for this commission

OUTREACH

Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join Celebration 2020: MCC at 100, a

livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

MEDA Convention 2020: Towards an equal world Join MEDA for 2 days of inspiration, information and networking online November 6-7, 2020. MEDA Convention is an intersection of faith and business where you can explore what it means to be faithful in daily work and learn about MEDA's business solutions to poverty. Go to www.medaconvention.org for more information.