

## ON THE JOURNEY

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you sow.” ~ Robert Louis Stevenson

### CALENDAR

<b>10/21</b>	9:00 am	Mom’s In Prayer
<b>10/25</b>	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
<b>10/26</b>		Health Department
<b>10/28</b>	9:00 am	Mom’s In Prayer
<b>11/1</b>	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
<b>11/2</b>	5:00 pm	Preschool Advisory
<b>11/2</b>	6:30 pm	Worship Commission
<b>11/5</b>	6:30 pm	Board Meeting
<b>11/6</b>	6:30 pm	Ladies Night In
<b>11/8</b>	9:00 am	Phil Preachig
<b>11/8</b>	10:30	Jim Schrock Sharing
<b>11/9</b>		Health Department
<b>11/10</b>	6:00 pm	Community Life Comm
<b>11/11</b>	6:30 pm	Food Pantry Advisory

Glenn Weaver – 01  
 Gerald Kaufman – 03  
 Ruth Beasley – 05  
 Ellen Bontrager – 05  
 Sonya Miller – 05  
 Leah Bontreger – 08  
 Luke Schrock – 08  
 Merle Mullet – 13  
 Delbert D. Yoder – 14

### WORSHIP

**Focus statement:** It is autumn, the season of harvest. A common sight in our area is to see harvest equipment busy in the fields. We have been seeing and enjoying the new crop of produce all summer long. Every year we plant and we harvest, and we do so without wondering what might come up, or if there will be a harvest. We assume there will be a harvest. Some years the harvest may be more bountiful than others, but there is a harvest. Harvesting what is planted is one of the laws God placed in nature. This law of sowing and reaping applies not only to our gardens and fields, the law of reaping a harvest from the seeds we plant is true in in all of life, and especially in the spiritual world. Because of this law of harvest, the Bible encourages us to sow kindness and love and righteousness, because there will be a harvest.

**Background Scripture:** Genesis 8:22, Hosea 10:12-14a, II Corinthians 9:6-15

**Sunday Sermon Title:** “God’s Law of Harvest”

**Scripture Text:** Galatians 6:7-10

All Calendar Events are subject to change.

### Office Hours

**Betty Lou’s Administrative Assistant**

**Office Hours:**

Monday and Tuesday 8:30am to 4:30pm

**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 on Friday)

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

### October Birthdays

Garrett Kozlowski – 24

### November Birthdays

Dale Riegsecker – 01



Plan to join us after the usual worship time on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> as Jim Schrock shares his testimony and how God has continued to bless him!

### SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

(There will be no printed bulletins)

Call to Worship  
Worship Songs  
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 October 18 2020:  
Money Given to Budget \$ 1,500.00  
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$ 5,417.78  
Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$ 30,795.00  
Amount Needed Yr-to-Date for Budget \$ 37,924.46

Betty Lou will be **changing her office hours** starting NEXT week (10/26) – please note the changes above!

**The Administration Commission** met in October. Our average attendance is 54 and are behind budget by \$3,000. Robin contacted the Middlebury Fire Department and gave them the go-ahead for their training at our Scott Street property. She was informed this will be a barrel fire, because fires are prohibited within the city limits. There is now a keyless entry box on the garage for access. Ron is contacting our snow plow man to make sure he is ready to go.

Zoom Room is reserved

**10/20** 7:00 pm **11/2** 6:30 pm

## 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.

**October November Sewing Project – Hygiene Kits** – These hygiene kits are for the Christian Aid Mission. Please consider what you may be able to donate to the Sewing from this list!

- 1 bar soap\*
- 1 tube toothpaste\*
- 2 washcloths
- 1 bath towel (dark color preferred)
- 1 bottle shampoo\*
- 1 bottle deoderant (roll on or stick – no aerosol)\*
- 1 comb
- 1 nail clipper with file
- 1 large handkerchief

\* - please check expiration date, items must not expire for eighteen months  
*All items must be NEW due to Customs requirements.*

**Please drop your item(s) off by November 12!**

# fundraising

Community Life Commission has been anxiously awaiting an end to COVID so we could plan a **fund raiser for Jim and Arlene Schrock**. Jim is unable

to work while he is on chemo and they are falling behind close to \$1,000 per month. Since we can't have a large fund raiser and silent auction event, we are asking each of you to pray about it and give generously for a "virtual fundraiser" for the Schrocks. There are several options for this. You may designate an overage in your offering as such on the second line of your offering envelope; mail in a check designated for Schrocks; drop your gift in the box at the back of the sanctuary; or donate online through our website.

<http://www.firstmennonite.net/donate.html>

We hope to stay safe while blessing Jim and Arlene, during this virtual fundraiser which will officially conclude on November 8, the day Jim offers his testimony. If you have any questions, your CLC consists of Denise Johnson, Eva Kurtz, Sonya Miller, Jean Shriner, Janelle Walther and Dave (Patty) Yoder.

**CLC met for their monthly meeting.** We welcomed Dave, our newest member! We were able to offer assistance to several of our members this month, and discussed how to safely conduct a fundraiser for the Schrocks. Next meeting is Nov 10 @ 6 pm.

## DISCIPLING

The Discipleship Commission is reminding you to sign up for the "C" Groups if you're interested! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall

## OUTREACH.

**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](http://www.medaconvention.org) for more information.

Call for Volunteers! Looking for something to fill a few hours every week? Something that is fun, fulfilling and makes a difference? **Ten Thousand Villages**, our local fair trade store, is seeking

volunteers. At Ten Thousand Villages, your work makes it possible for families to eat, children to go to school and have access to health care. To learn more about this great opportunity to help your neighbors around the world, email [goshen@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:goshen@tenthousandvillages.com).