

## ON THE JOURNEY

*"If Christians spent half as much time praying for their government as they do cursing it, we would not only have better government, we would have better Christians!"*

### CALENDAR

<b>11/1</b>	9:00 am	<u>Phil Preaching</u>
<b>11/2</b>	5:00 pm	<u>Preschool Advisory</u>
<b>11/2</b>	6:30 pm	<u>Worship Commission</u>
<b>11/4</b>	9:00 am	<u>Mom's in Prayer</u>
<b>11/5</b>	6:30 pm	<u>Board Meeting</u>
<b>11/6</b>	6:30 pm	<u>Ladies Night In</u>
<b>11/8</b>	9:00 am	<u>Phil Preachig</u>
<b>11/8</b>	10:30	<u>Jim Schrock Sharing</u>
<b>11/9</b>		<u>Health Department</u>
<b>11/10</b>	6:00 pm	<u>Community Life Comm</u>
<b>11/11</b>	9:00 am	<u>Mom's in Prayer</u>
<b>11/11</b>	6:30 pm	<u>Food Pantry Advisory</u>
<b>11/15</b>	9:00 am	<u>Phil Preaching</u>
<b>11/18</b>	9:00 am	<u>Mom's in Prayer</u>

All Calendar Events are subject to change.



*Daylight Savings  
Time ends this  
weekend*

### Office Hours

**Betty Lou's Admin 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)

### November Birthdays

Dale Riegsecker – 01  
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:** Next week is Election Day in America. There will be Christians who will vote for the right, and there will be Christians who vote for the left. There will Christians who feel strongly about a particular issue, and they will vote on that issue with little consideration for who the candidate is that promotes that issue. Other Christians feel that God is in control, and that they should not vote that God will put in place those He wants to be there. When it comes to voting, Christians end up all over the place. So, what is the Christian position? Or is there one? The one thing that Christians do agree on is that they want to live in peace, in a good society, and be able to follow their conscience and worship God freely. The Bible doesn't really give us specific instructions as to how to vote, or if we should vote, but it does give us plenty of instructions as to what kind of people Christians are to be, how we are to live, and how we are to relate to government, no matter what that government may be, or who wins the election.

**Background Scripture:** I Timothy 2:1-4,  
Philippians 3:18-21

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

**Sunday Sermon Title:** "Living As God's People in a Hostile Environment"

**Scripture Text:** Jeremiah 29:1-11



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 25 2020:  
Money Given to Budget \$ 2,145.00  
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$ 5,417.78  
Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$ 32,940.00  
Amount Needed Yr-to-Date for Budget \$ 43,342.24

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**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.

**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.

## 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).