

ON THE JOURNEY

God's Embroidery

When I was little, my mother used to spend a lot of time sewing. She made our clothes, and covers for our beds, and many other things. Occasionally, I would sit at her knee and look up from the floor and ask her what she was doing. And she would tell me that she was embroidering. Then, I would look up and watch her work within the boundaries of that little round hoop that she held in her hand. I would complain to her that whatever it was that she was doing, it sure looks messy from what I can see, and I even asked her, "Mom, are you sure you are doing it right, because it looks like such a mess?" She would smile at me and say, "Child, you just go about playing, and when I am finished with my embroidering, I will put you on my knee and let you see my work from up here." I would wonder why she was using dark threads along with the bright ones, and why they seemed so messed up. And I would wonder why it is taking so long, and can anything nice come out of such a jumbled mess. Then after a while, my mother say, "Okay Child, now come here and sit on my knee."



Then I would climb up on her lap, and I would be so surprised and thrilled to see a beautiful flower, a colorful bird, a landscape, or a sunset. And everything looked so perfect. I could not believe it, because from underneath it looked like a disaster. Then mother would say, "My child, from underneath it did look messy and jumbled, and nothing really made any sense, but you did not realize that there was a plan on the top. I had a design, and I was following it. When you look at it from up here, you now see what I was doing."

Through the years, many times I have looked up to heaven and said, "Father, what are you doing? Life down here is so messy, and painful, and at times doesn't make much sense. And even when I pray, the mess stays here." And my Heavenly Father would answer, "I am embroidering your life. Just trust me that I am making something beautiful, and one day you will see it from up here, then it will all make sense to you. I am an artist, am I not? Just look at the world with all the beauty that I put in the world." And I would ask, "But why does it look so messy and jumbled down here? And why are the threads of my life so dark sometimes. Why can't they all be bright?" Then, My Father would tell me, "My child, you go about working and doing My business, and one day I will bring you to heaven and put you on my knee and you will see everything from my side. Then you will see that I have been making something very beautiful!"

~Author Unknown

CALENDAR		
<u>10/6</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>	<u>Preschool Advisory Board</u>
<u>10/7</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Mom's In Prayer</u>
<u>10/8</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>First Mennonite Women</u>
<u>10/11</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>Tim Eash Preaching</u>
<u>10/12</u>		<u>Health Department</u>
<u>10/12</u>	<u>6:30 – 7:30 pm</u>	<u>Worship Commission (via ZOOM)</u>
<u>10/14</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Mom's in Prayer</u>
<u>10/14</u>	<u>6:30 – 8 pm</u>	<u>Food Pantry Advisory (via ZOOM)</u>
<u>10/15</u>		<u>Betty Lou will be out of the office</u>
<u>10/15</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>Maranatha (via ZOOM)</u>
<u>10/19</u>	<u>12 pm – 6 pm</u>	<u>Blood Drive</u>
<u>10/21</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Mom's In Prayer</u>
<u>10/21</u>	<u>6:30 pm</u>	<u>Admin Commission</u>

All Calendar Events are subject to change.

<p><u>Office Hours</u> <u>Betty Lou's Administrative Assistant Office</u> <u>Hours:</u> Tuesday 8:30am to 4:30pm Thursday 11:00am to 5:00pm <u>Phil Yoder Pastoral Office Hours:</u> 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)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All newsletter submissions need to be in to the church office by noon on Monday.

October Birthdays

- 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
- Garrett Kozlowski - 24

WORSHIP

Focus statement: Do you ever think about what Paul said when he made the statement to this wonderful Philippiian Church that he loved so much - "To live is Christ and to die is gain?" Sometimes we yearn and long so much for Heaven, as we should, but if we are not careful, we miss out on making the most of our time here on earth. Paul talks about this in Philippians chapter 1. It's a challenge for us to know that to die when we are in Christ is to gain, but to live is Christ! What an opportunity!"

Sunday Sermon Title: "Make the Most of It!"

Scripture Text: Philippians 1:1-26

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 October 4 2020:
Money Given to Budget \$ 6,447.00
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$ 5,417.78
Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$ 27,420.00
Amount Needed Yr-to-Date for Budget \$ 27,088.90

DEADLINE APPROCHING!! October 16

You should have found a bright coral paper in your mailbox regarding **Offering Envelopes, Newsletter, Rejoice Magazine and Snowbird information. 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

10/9 6:30pm; **10/12** 6:30pm **10/14** 6:30 pm
10/15 7:00pm

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.

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.