

NOVEMBER 17, 2020

## On the Journey

**Thought For the Day:** *"Blow, blow fierce winter wind, thou art not as cruel as ingratitude!"*

## Worship

**Focus Statement:** Is there anything more annoying than going out of your way to help someone, even sacrificing to help them and then they forget to say, "Thank you?"

That bothers me, and from the lesson in Luke's Gospel, it bothered Jesus a lot too. There is no excuse for ingratitude. All of us have been greatly blessed, by God, and by others. Oh, I know, we can always find someone who has more, has an easier life, or has things we wish we would have, but the truth is that all of us have been greatly blessed, and if we ever stop to count our blessings, we will see that we are blessed far greater than we normally think. There are things we can do, and should do, to train ourselves to be thankful people. One of the keys to finding joy in our lives, is to recognize our blessings, to be contented, and be thankful for what we have been blessed with.

Plan to stay in the sanctuary after our Worship Service Sunday for a short greeting from our **Missionaries, Garry & Ruth Denlinger**, who plan to join us via Zoom!

**Sermon Title:**  
"ThanksLiving –  
Developing a Lifestyle of  
Gratitude"

**Text:** Luke 17:11-19

### Background Scriptures:

Psalm 100, I Thessalonians 5:18

## Community Life

### December FMW Sewing Project benefits RETA

RETA is a faith-based, pregnancy clinic and family resource center located in downtown Elkhart, Indiana, whose mission is to provide life-affirming services and build Christ-centered families.

Let's bless them with Laundry Detergent and Baby Wipes.

**Please drop your item(s) off by December 10!**

### BIRTHDAYS

Adeline Graber	11/20
Phillip Keller	11/20
Jim Rhodes	11/20
Marilyn Bontrager	11/22
Noah Frye	11/22
Ernie Wingard	11/24
Kody Bontreger	11/26
Sharon Wyse	11/28
Jerry Beasley	12/2
Shena Yoder	12/5



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

*Worship Service  
Sunday 9:00 am*

*Office Hours*

*Pastor Phil  
Tuesday 9:30a—1:30p  
Thursday 1:00p—6:00p*

*Business Office  
Monday and Tuesday  
8:00a—5:00p  
and Fridays by chance*

*The church office is closed on  
Wednesdays*

## Discipling

Sign up is closed for **"C" Groups!** If you signed up, someone will be contacting you after Thanksgiving with details about a meeting!

**Rejoice** magazines are now in our mailboxes.

Are you missing the content of the Sunday School Quarterlies while we are not having regular Sunday School meetings? We do still have the **Salt & Light books** available in both regular and large print! We have laid out the Fall and Winter edition in the library on the bookshelf straight in from the door. Grab yourself a copy. If you are interested in the Summer 2020 edition, just ask Betty Lou to get you one out of storage!

## Calendar

11/18	6:00 pm	Administration Commission
11/18	9:00 am	Mom's in Prayer
11/22	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
11/23		Health Department
11/25	9:00 am	Mom's in Prayer
11/28		Fellowship Hall Reserved
11/29	9:00 am	Phil Preaching
12/2	9:00 am	Mom's in Prayer
12/3	6:30	Board Meeting
12/4	6:30	Ladies Night In
12/5		Fellowship Hall Reserved
12/6	9:00 am	Phil Preaching

All Calendar Events are subject to change

### SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

(There will be no printed bulletins & Please DO NOT sign the attendance sheets)

Call to Worship  
 Worship Songs  
 Sermon  
 Congregational Sharing and Prayer  
 Song  
 Sending Prayer  
 Dismissal

**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

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

**2021 Offering Envelopes** are in your mailboxes.

## Administration

Stewardship Report for November 15, 2020:

Money Given to Budget  
**\$ 3,235.00**  
 Amount Needed Weekly for Budget  
**\$ 5,417.78**

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget  
**\$ 48,570.00**  
 Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget  
**\$ 59,595.58**