

# LIFE @ FIRST

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## On the Journey

"The ultimate tragedy is to feel at home in this fallen world."

Malcolm Muggeridge

## Worship

### Focus Statement:

The world is broken. That is not news to anybody. When sin entered the world, it affected creation in a way that Adam and Eve could never have imagined. There have been many ideas, philosophies, revolutions, and attempts to fix the brokenness of the world, but all to no avail, because the damage is far greater and much deeper than is humanly understood, and will require something beyond any human powers to fix it. The vision of Isaiah is full of glimpses of the world being healed and remade into a paradise once again. This is accomplished through the work of the Messiah. There are four texts listed for the sermon for this week. Please, don't be frightened away because there are so many. Each of these gives us a glimpse of the healing that is to come, and each of these represents a different dimension of healing that the Messiah will bring.

**Sermon Title:** "MESSIAH – Will Bring Healing to the World "

**Texts:** Isaiah 61:1-11, 35:1-9, 11:6-9, and 2:2-5

### New Testament Fulfillment:

Luke 4:16-21, Matthew 11:4-6



## BIRTHDAYS

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Brandon Graber    | 12/29 |
| Edna Mast         | 1/8   |
| Grace Rheinheimer | 1/11  |
| Charles Hartzler  | 1/14  |
| Sam Weirich       | 1/15  |
| Linda Young       | 1/16  |
| Mary Weaver       | 1/17  |
| Gene Bender       | 1/18  |
| Marlene Yoder     | 1/18  |
| Dawn Miller       | 1/19  |
| Katie Walther     | 1/24  |
| Jeri McClain      | 1/24  |
| Dee Weaver        | 1/25  |

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*Our mission is to extend  
grace, build peace, and  
share love within & 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*

## Outreach

### FMW Sewing Project

January will benefit our **Middlebury Food Pantry**. Please drop your item(s) off by **January 14!**

**Brandon Graber is turning 30** on December 29! He would love a card shower with a comment about your favorite sports team or memory from you. Send cards to Brandon Graber, 1001 Ivanhoe Street, Sturgis, MI 49091.

## Administration

The Administration Commission met via email in December. Our average attendance is 48 and we are behind budget by \$11,000. We are moving forward with the demolition of 315 S Scott Street. The fire department has not held any training there and the Habitat ReStore has declined removing anything from the house. Julian Bontrager, of Integrity Excavating, thought the house could be demolished around January 12.

### 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

You can now join in the live stream of Sunday sermons by clicking onto You Tube, then typing in FMC INDIANA in the

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

## Calendar

|       |         |                     |
|-------|---------|---------------------|
| 12/30 | 9:00 am | Mom's in Prayer     |
| 1/3   | 9:00 am | Phil Preaching      |
| 1/4   | 6:30 p, | Worship Commission  |
| 1/6   | 9:00 am | Mom's in Prayer     |
| 1/7   | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting       |
| 1/8   | 6:30 pm | Ladies Night In     |
| 1/10  | 9:00 am | Phil Preaching      |
| 1/11  |         | Heath Department    |
| 1/11  | 5:00 pm | POPS Advisory       |
| 1/12  | 6:00 pm | Community Life Comm |
| 1/13  | 9:00 am | Mom's in Prayer     |
| 1/14  | 9:00 am | FMW Sewing          |
| 1/17  | 9:00 am | Phil Preaching      |
| 1/20  | 9:00 am | Mom's in Prayer     |

All Calendar Events are subject to change

## Administration (cont'd)

**1st Quarter Reports are on the shelf below the mailboxes, or ask Betty Lou for an email copy.**

Stewardship Report for December 27, 2020:

Money Given to Budget

**\$ 2,470.00**

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget

**\$ 5,417.78**

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget

**\$ 85,596.00**

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget

**\$ 92,102.26**