

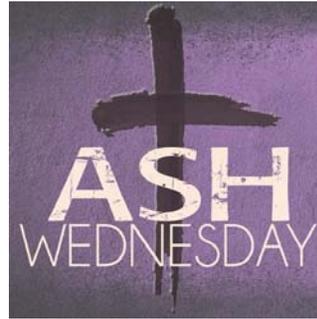
LIFE @ FIRST

On the Journey

"If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God, it will make no difference in the end what you have chosen instead." - William Law

Worship

Focus Statement: On Sunday of Passion week, Jesus found a donkey and rode across the Mount of Olives and into Jerusalem. As He went, a large crowd of people gathered and began to shout, "Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Blessed is the King..." It was the beginning of Passover Week, the week the people had gathered to celebrate God's deliverance from bondage. The crowd began to connect the dots. They believed that God was doing it again, and the crowd was exuberant. They believed that Jesus was coming into Jerusalem to become the new King. And they were right! It is just that He would not be the kind of King they were looking for and thinking that He would be. By Jesus entry into Jerusalem, by the way He entered, Jesus intended to make a clear statement, He is The King, and He will be bringing a new Kingdom. Unfortunately, the people that day did not understand the kind of King Jesus would be, nor the kind of Kingdom Jesus was bringing, neither has much of the church ever since.



Sermon Title:

"Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem "

Texts: John 12:12-19,
Luke 19:28-44

There is a second part of the triumphal entry ride which Luke tells us about. Luke tells us that as Jesus approached the city, He looked over the city and wept. As the crowd rejoiced and celebrated what they thought was coming, Jesus wept because He knew what was really coming. So moved by the lack of belief and understanding of the people and the coming destruction and death that were coming to the city, Jesus wept. This is only the second time in all the Bible, we read that Jesus wept.

Background Scriptures: Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11

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BIRTHDAYS

Tina Frye	2/20
Aldine Wyse	2/20
Mary Frye	2/22
Edith Hershberger	2/24
Gert Kauffman	2/29
Ron Yoder	3/1
Mildred Ritchie	3/5
Eva Kurtz	3/6
Vera Miller	3/6
Virginia Hershberger	3/8
Gordon Kauffman	3/8
Selena Kurtz	3/10

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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

March will benefit **MCC**,
with **Infant Care Kits**.

Please drop your item(s) off by **March 11!**

Specifically we are collecting:

NEW items sized 3-12 months

3 gowns / sleepers (flannel or similar)

3 undershirts / onesies (short or long sleeve)

1 receiving blanket

(light fleece or flannel, min 30 x 30 or larger)

4 large heavy duty safety pins

1 large bar mild soap (leave in wrapper)

1 pair of socks

Notes from the Church Office

I know that you are probably expecting any call from the church office 825-5135 to be the prayer chain, especially on a Monday. Occasionally I may need to reach you for something as well, and if I'm calling from the office, it will be from that number also.

I COMPLETELY get that you don't feel the need to greet a call you expect to be a recorded message (I don't either). If you do not respond, hang up on me, or send the call to voice mail, I will make a 2nd or even 3rd attempt right away again! Please know a second call is probably a live person! Just thought I'd let you know since this happened to me TWICE today! Thankfully we were able to connect though!

ALSO, a potentially urgent need! If anyone has or knows of a **reasonably priced (aka cheap!) reliable vehicle for sale**, please let me know. I need to be able to transport my physically challenged client, her wheelchair and my ever growing 6 foot TALL son (although not usually at the same time), so it can't be terribly small or too far up off the ground, but I also can't spend a lot of money on it! You can email me directly at: remembearwhen@hotmail.com

Board

A Maundy Thursday Service and a Good Friday Service is being considered. An Associate Pastor Search is still taking place. Still working on improving our internet and our YouTube live stream. Taking one day at a time and praying we can get back to normal one of these days

Community Life

The CLC met Feb 9th. Discussion included Jean's upcoming trip, and Patty (Ron) will assist as needed during his time.

Preschool has requested an Everence grant to help with lost income. A meal plan was put together for Maundy Thursday. Next meeting 3/9.

If you would be willing to take a meal to Jim & Arlene Schrock, please call Jim at 574-370-5795 to arrange a time.



"Operation ♥" Project

Contemplate setting a goal for yourself to make contact with a certain number of people each day, week or month.

This week consider praying for and / or reaching out to your church family, but especially remember

A Special Friend

Ash Wednesday



momtimes4.com

Yes I know we are not Catholic, but if you only knew how many times I told my Catholic friends they had a little dirt or something on their face, you'd understand why I am laughing at this!!

A Day in the Life at First Mennonite

We are planning to have, at least, a **Communion Service for Maunday Thursday** on April 1st here at FMC, but hopefully also a meal.

A **Community Good Friday** service is also being planned April 2nd. Of course, this may change as we get closer, but we pray that these will both be held and we can realize a sense of normalcy that was taken from us last year.

Thank you to our wonderful trustee and for others willing to help out when he is not available! I've tried to keep calls minimal, and **Dave Yoder** is fabulous about looking into things quickly. This Monday **Jim Pletcher** came to my rescue twice in one afternoon during the blood drive, when things just plain went crazy! Thanks so much to both of you! Funny story about that though, I was more than a little bit puzzled when the leaky toilet in the ladies room was reported by an Amish MAN. I think I might have even asked him what he was doing in there! {grin} It really was a crazy day!



Kudos to you!

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

(You must pre-request a printed bulletin & Please DO NOT sign the attendance sheets)

Call to Worship
Worship Songs
Congregational Sharing and Prayer
Sermon
Song
Sending Words
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 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.

Administration

Stewardship Report for
February 14, 2021:

Money Given to Budget
\$ 3,397.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget
\$ 5,417.78

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget
\$ 116,103.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget
\$ 129,966.67