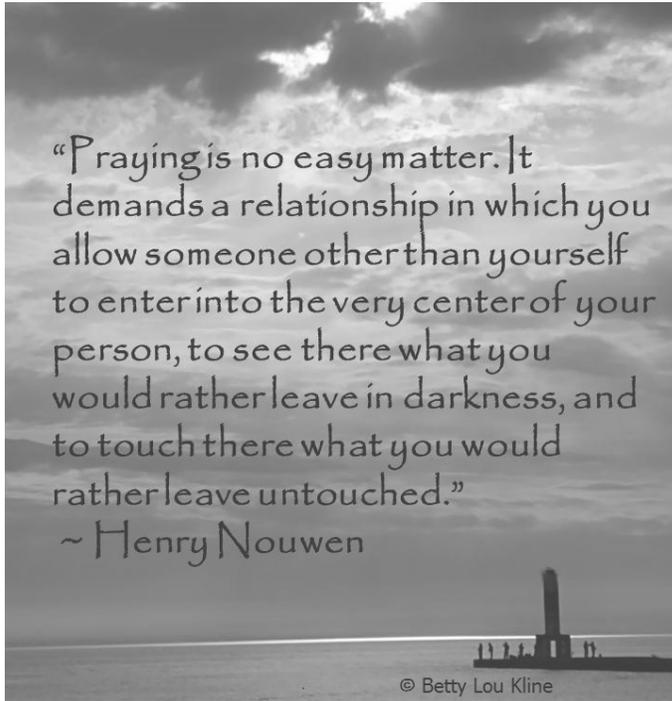


LIFE @ FIRST

On the Journey



Worship

Focus Statement:

There is an old saying that we have all said at one time or another in our lives, and it usually is said with some frustration—“If you want something done, you have to do it yourself!” I have caught myself saying that from time to time. One thing that I have discovered, is that if I want to get things done, and I truly want God’s best and His desires for what needs to happen, then I need to

come to Him in prayer and be at a point in my faith, trust, and earnest desire to see His will done, that I can pray differently and allow myself, desire myself, and will myself to be used by Him. When we come to God emptied of self, and so full of desire for His will to be done, our prayers become very different and very special things begin to happen!!”

Sermon Title:
Something Happens
When We Devote
Ourselves To Pray

Text:
Acts 6: 1-7

Delivered by:
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BIRTHDAYS

Bryce Rheinheimer	4/24
Enos Miller	4/30
Jim Schrock	5/3
Patty (Dave) Yoder	5/4
Leah Schwartz	5/7
Carol Johnson	5/9
Liz Mast	5/9
Judy Oesch	5/11
Shirley Riegsecker	5/16
Patti Miller	5/17
Ruby Yoder	5/17
Betty Lou Kline	5/18
Ron Rheinheimer	5/22

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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

FMC Sewing May Project is to support Christian Aid Ministries with Hygiene Kits

Please make sure all expiration dates are at least 18 months out!!

- 1 bar soap
- 1 tube toothpaste
- 1 toothbrush
- 2 washcloths
- 1 comb
 - 1 nail clipper with file
 - 1 large handkerchief
- 1 bath towel (dark color preferred)
- 1 bottle Shampoo (in a zipper bag please)
- 1 bottle deodorant (roll on or stick—no aerosol)



Community Life



“Operation ♥” Project

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

A Person Who Reminds you of a parent

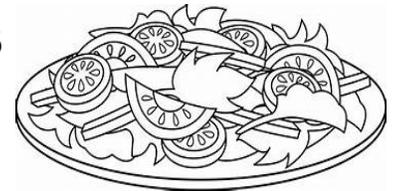
New address

Ruby Yoder will be moving on May 7th. Her new address is

**285 Cherry St
Wauseon OH 43567**

Phone number stays the same

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



Preschool

Pleasant Oaks Preschool Advisory Board met in April. Rachel, our lead teacher, reported classes are full for next year. We were grateful to receive a gift from a preschool family and the matching fund grant from Everence, which will be used for scholarships. It must have been the month for repairs; a pump replaced in the bathroom, new modem from Frontier and a replacement part under warranty on our copier. Our spring walking field trip is scheduled for May 20 & 21 to the Essenhaus bridge with a picnic. They will also have tables outside to plant flowers. Our next give back night with Old Hoosier Meats is on April 15.

Board

We are still working on updating our constitution/bylaws. We discussed donating the church van. Considered changing the church lock code but will keep it is for now. The Spring Business Meeting will be May 26. (Mark your calendars!) The Board is still looking for a part time pastor to join our team. The Maundy Thursday meal/service went well. So good to be together. Finally, the sound booth is coming along.

An Interesting Bit of History

Here's another fun little tidbit that was shared with me...

Generations

In the years 1992-1994 There were four generations of Ruby Bontreger's Family attending simultaneously.

Ruby's mother—Edna Miller Schlabach
Ruby Miller Bontreger
Her Son—Michael Bontreger
& his children—Jena & Kody Bontreger

What little bit of trivia do you want to share with others? Drop a note in my

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, but the livestream may not be fully available until 11 AM.

Other News & Announcements

Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar on April 21 & 22 at 8 p.m. EST. MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. Join us for this free two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America. Register at mcc.org/hurricanes-webinar.



“Wireless communication is nothing new. I’ve been praying for 75 years!”

Administration

Stewardship Report for April 18, 2021:

Money Given to Budget

\$ 3,140.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget

\$ 5,417.78

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget

\$ 162,032.47

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget

\$ 178,726.69