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On the Journey

“Keep on thanking God all the time - this is easy while one is enjoying the ride, but should also persist when the going gets tough.”

~ Dada J.P. Vaswani

Worship

That’s why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn’t stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I’d think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing Him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is He is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers, oh, the utter extravagance of His work in us who trust Him—endless energy, boundless strength!

Ephesians 1:15—
19 (The Message)

Before we ask
God for anything,
we must first
thank him for
everything.



Sermon Title:
Our Highest Calling

Text:
Ephesians 1:16-19

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BIRTHDAYS

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
Tom Bontreger	5/24
Verna Weirich	5/24

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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 Is Celebrating a Special Event



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

Burial Aid

Please check your mailboxes / newsletter envelopes to see if you still owe outstanding Burial Aid contributions. This time, since there was a close time frame between the



two needs, and realizing that it may have confused people, I am sending out a third and final notice instead of taking names off the list after second notice.

Anyone who has not paid the amount due for both Nora Mullet and Noah Frye will be removed if not received by 5/10/2021. This is considerably more than the 30 days detailed in the plan. I can only extend grace for so long!!

If you would be willing to take a meal to Jim & Arlene Schrock,



please call Jim at 574-370-5795 to arrange a time.

Administration

Stewardship Report for April 24, 2021:

Money Given to Budget **\$ 2,990.00**
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget **\$ 5,417.78**

YearTo Date Money Given to Budget **\$ 165,022.47**
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget **\$ 184,144.47**

Other News & Announcements



Enjoy the **Ten Thousand Villages, Goshen Artisan Mother's Day Auction** this week and support women around the world who've had a tough time during Covid. We've carefully paired store items for an unforgettable gift for all the caregivers you celebrate. We'll even gift wrap and deliver locally! We created gifts worth cherishing for the plant lover, refined woman, grand hostess, grandmas, wise one, woman of letters, lovers of tea, coffee or chocolate, women who survived Covid . . .oh, my! With 34 items to choose from, you'll find it difficult to make a decision. Auction is open now <http://bit.ly/ttv-sp21> for

previews, and items are on display at the store, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, Tuesday-Saturday. Bidding runs 8:00 am, Monday, April 26 — 10:00 pm, Sunday, May 2. Of course you can buy your gifts from the floor with the help of a trained volunteer or purchase a gift card so she can choose her gift. Spread your support worldwide for the amazing folks who have nurtured you, 'cause Mom taught you to care. Questions? 574-533-8491; goshen@tentousandvillages.com. Many thanks for your support for 20,000 at-risk artisans in over 30 countries that Ten Thousand Villages has the privilege of serving.

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.

What will you do (or did you do) for Pay it Forward Day Wednesday April 28th?

Bless someone with no expectations— except asking that they do the same! I'm including a card you can pass along!

