

# LIFE @ FIRST

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*"The world's frivolities have robbed me of the time that I was given for reflecting upon God." ~ Michelangelo*



## BIRTHDAYS

Elnora Yoder	6/10
Kathy Troyer	6/12
Viv Schlabach	6/13
Grant Miller	6/19
Kris Rheinheimer	6/21
Doris Hershberger	6/23
Katie Hochstedler	6/23
Tom Kurtz	6/24
Mose Troyer	6/25
Leona Yoder	6/28
Iva Jean Kauffman	7/1
Fannie Schlabach	7/1
Evelyn Yoder	7/1
Kathy Hartzler	7/6

## WORSHIP

There is a common question that each of us have asked throughout our lives, and it has been asked of us from others, and that question is this, "what time is it?" Our days are run by time, around time. Time is important. In our financial moves, sports games, and even driving our cars, timing is everything.

Sometimes in our lives I think we get so busy with our time, we get frustrated when things don't go the way we planned because it affects our "time." It's hard for us to remember that everything is in God's time and for His purpose! It may do us well to think about that the next time someone asks us, "what time is it?" that we say, "it's God's time!" What a conversation opener!

**Sermon Title:**  
What Time is It

**Text:**  
Genesis 50:1-21

**Change from the calendar**—Tim Eash will be delivering the message this Sunday—we are back to 9:00 am service, with some Sunday school classes meeting following the service.

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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*

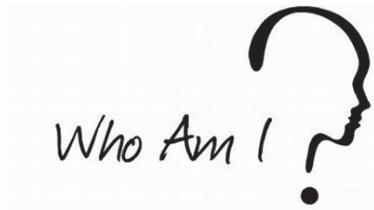
*The church office is closed on*  
*Wednesdays*



On behalf of all of FMC family—**THANK YOU!** to the **CLC team** for not just one but two meals in the past month! We all appreciate all the work that you put into organizing these back to back events and serving us, and cleaning up! It's great to be able to safely gather and fellowship in this way!

**Curt and Kathy Troyer** would like to extend their appreciation for the many prayers, and other ways they were supported by their church family in the past few months especially!..

We want to thank the church for all the prayers while Levi was in the hospital. We feel so blessed to have a caring church family.  
Blessings to you all  
**Levi and Edna Mast**



2 weeks ago the person I featured was myself, Betty Lou Kline (since no one else stepped up). No one submitted a correct answer/guess. I am happy to say I have since lived in the same home for roughly 25 years now, so I did settle down!

This week's person submitted the following hints to their identity...

Email your guesses to me at [info@firstmennonite.net](mailto:info@firstmennonite.net) with "WHO AM I" as the subject or

drop your guesses in the church mailbox or mail them in—it will be fun to keep track of who knows (or guesses) the people of FMC best!

- BELIEVES COFFEE MAKES THE DAY WORTH STARTING
- HATES BEING LATE FOR ANYTHING
- APPRECIATES MINIATURES
- LOVES READING TRUE STORIES
- LOVES COBALT BLUE
- LOVES BEING OUTSIDE
- DISLIKES READING SELF HELP BOOKS
- SELDOM ADMITS TO BEING WRONG
- IS A DEPOT / THRIFT STORE ADDICT
- RODE BICYCLE OVER 800 MILES IN EUROPE
- HAD DREAMS OF BEING OR MARRYING A FARMER
- LOVES SORTING ORGANIZING & CLEANING
- DISLIKES SILENT RETREATS

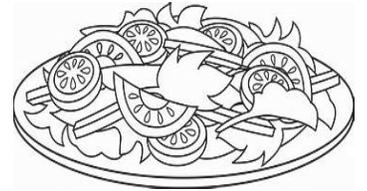
## BURIAL AID

Rae Markley passed away last Thursday June 3, 2021, with services held on Monday. She transferred her membership to FMC on August 31, 2008 from St Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebury. Although not an active part of our congregation recently, Rae did maintain her membership in our Burial Aid. As such, envelopes are being distributed and are due back by the end of June.



## COMMUNITY LIFE

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



*Coming Soon*

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events!

Garry and Ruth Denlinger, the missionaries we support, will be with us on **August 1st**.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

(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.

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

## OUTREACH

**FMC Sewing** July Project  
is to MCC—Material Resources

**NEW** bars or bath or laundry soap—all sizes and brands of soap, in original wrapper, are welcome.

**NEW** bath and hand towels—dark or bright colors, medium weight preferred

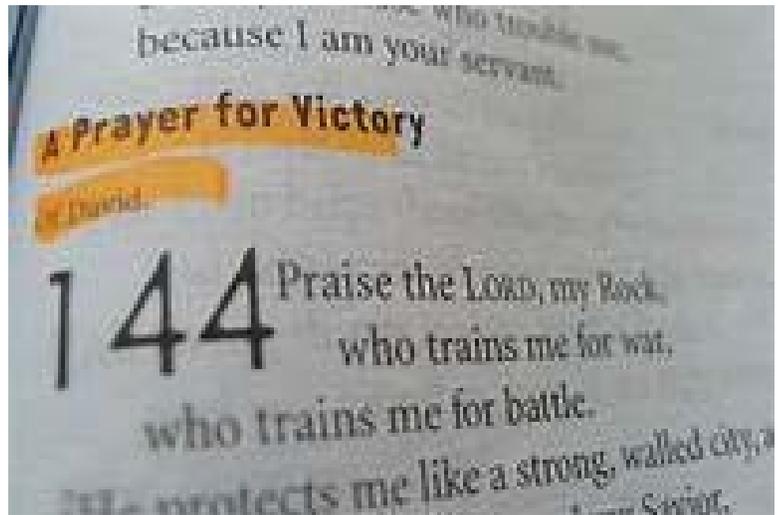
**NEW** Fabric—Washable twill, cotton, cotton blends, polyester and corduroy—must be 2 yards or more in length, Print, plaid, solids are all welcome

Please put your items in the tote by July 12

## OUTREACH

### Bibles For The Philippines

Sunday morning, Betty Lou was unprepared to answer the question as to how much had been given, so gave a number she knew to be a safe “guesstimate”. That number was a bit lower than actual! In addition we received additional monies this week in our collection. As of this writing, we have received \$3,463.00. In preparation to report this number to you yesterday, I decided to figure out how many individual Bibles this would amount



to, and at \$24 each, and wow did I get goosebumps. We presently are able to provide 12 dozen Bibles—144 households. 12 shows up many times in the Bible, and I kind of feel like Psalms 144 is relevant as well! I just thought this was too awesome not to share!!

Let’s not stop here though! We will continue to collect funds until the last Sunday in June for this project. If you wish to donate to this project, you can write “Philippines” in the memo line on the check or put it in an envelope and write “Philippines” on the outside.

## DISCIPLING

If you are a **Sunday School teacher / leader**, who has just started to meet, or plan to do so in the very near future and are in need of quarterlies for your class...

Please note that due to many classes not meeting we pared the order WAY back to avoid waste—and no, there really are no extras at this time. It would be very helpful if you could let Kathy Troyer AND Betty Lou know ASAP how many quarterlies you are needing so that we can adapt this order appropriately. This order is due MONTHS before they ship, so while we will try to order additional copies, they may not always be available.

If you and your spouse somehow each have a quarterly and you’d be willing to return the extra for someone else to use, it would be appreciated!

## ADMINISTRATION

### Stewardship Report for June 6, 2021:

Money Given to Budget \$ 5,185.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget  
\$ 5,417.78

Year To Date Money Given to Budget  
\$ 192,805.47

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget  
\$ 216,651.15