

## WORSHIP

There are nearly 8 billion people in our world. Many of those people pray every day. Of course, some do not pray, they never do, and others pray to idols, but still, that is a lot of prayers brought before God every day. What does God do with those prayers? Does

God really answer all those prayers? And do our prayers really make much difference in the world.

You may be shocked by what the Bible has to say in response to those questions. The

reason some people think God does not answer their prayers is that God doesn't answer them in the way they expect Him to. God

is not some "genie" that if we can just figure out the secret code, we can convince God to give us everything we want. That is not

really prayer. Prayer is a conversation between a child and a father. And just as any loving father pays attention to the needs and requests of his child, much more so does our loving Heavenly Father.

### Sermon Title:

What Does God Do With Our Prayers?

### Text:

Revelation 8:1-5

### BIRTHDAYS

Iva Jean Kauffman	7/1
Fannie Schlabach	7/1
Evelyn Yoder	7/1
Kathy Hartzler	7/6
Robin Tahara Miller	7/9
Marge Troyer	7/9
Twila Hersha	7/10
Ike Walther	7/11
Shelley Bontrager	7/21
Denise Johnson	7/21
Phil Miller	7/21
Libby Graber	7/23
Katie Humble	7/23
Travis Yoder	7/23

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*Our mission is to extend grace,  
build peace, and share love  
within & beyond our faith  
community*

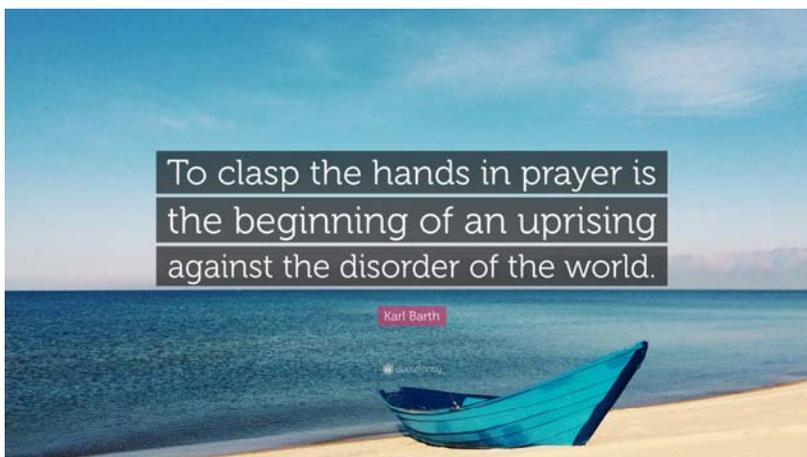
*Worship Service*  
*Sunday 9:00 am*

*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

## Philippines Bibles - Project Summary

Current contribution is \$8,337.58 which means THREE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN households will have a Bible to take home with them AND to use when THEY spread the Word to the people they encounter! Just think of the numbers of people reached this ripple effect could have! To continue with the perspective from last week, that would mean if we packed the sanctuary to capacity, every person, in every pew in our sanctuary would have a Bible!!



So we were watching to see, as Pastor says, “how many Bibles God wants us to send!” - Well friends, God wanted 347 new Bibles in the Philippines!



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! **I only have enough submissions for a few more weeks, so get your phrases or story in so we can keep this going - make sure you include your name for me to be able to identify you the following week!** As you hopefully can tell, I’ll find a



way to feature you no matter how you choose to give me your information!!

Last Week’s Who Am I person was **Jeri McClain!** Some of us have never met her, so it’s not surprise that there were no correct guesses, although another person did get incorrectly named a couple of times! Her son was kind enough to submit a tidbit of information on her. Thanks Steve! Did you learn anything about Jeri that you didn’t know?

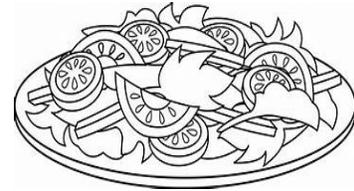
*Thank you*

We thank God for His protection and intervention as we think of Jerry's (our) recent journey! Thanks to our family for "being there" and helping out, thanks to Pastor Phil for his visits and prayers, thanks to Maranatha for the caring gift of gas cards. We are grateful to EACH of you for your prayers, your messages of concern, visits, food, cards, offers of help, for supporting us with your love!

Jerry & Ruth Beasley

## 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.



If you have dropped food off for someone, your dishes may now be in the kitchen—please retrieve them!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events!

July 5th Church Office will only be open 12p-5p

*Coming Soon*

2 Votes will be held July 11 on Tim Eash and also on new Board members (2). Please come prepared to vote on these decisions!

Garry & Ruth Denlinger, the missionaries we support, will be with us for an informal session on July 31st & service August 1st .

All newsletter submissions need to be in to the church office by noon on Monday, and bulletin submissions by 10 am on Tuesday!

### SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

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.

### BURIAL AID

Please note—your burial aid dues may now be **past due**. Second Notices have gone out—there will be no third notice. Please bring these up to current by 7/10/2021 to avoid being removed from this program.

**PAST DUE**

## ADMINISTRATION

## OUTREACH

Stewardship Report for  
June 27, 2021:

Money Given to Budget \$ 2,743.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget  
\$ 5,417.78

Year To Date Money Given to Budget  
\$ 205,753.47

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget  
\$ 232,904.49

FMC Sewing July Project  
is to MCC—Material Resources

**NEW** bars of 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 8

## Easy 4th of July Word Search!



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Barbeque	Fireworks	Freedom	Liberty

