

# LIFE @ FIRST

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## WORSHIP

We all remember that Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount that we should not judge others. We can't see clearly enough, we don't know what the person is dealing with, we don't know how God is working in their life, our own imperfections cloud how we see things, we simply don't know enough to judge accurately. The Scripture text for today is a prime example of that. It is about Lot, you know, Abraham's nephew. Oh, the messes he made of things! We would never have thought to call him "Righteous," but God did, and I find that rather shocking. It seems that God judged him at the end, and we would like to judge him along the way, before God was done working in his life. So, Jesus tells us, "Don't judge others." You don't see what God sees, and you don't

know what God is doing in their life. Judging is God's job, and He will do it! Our calling as Christians is to "clothe ourselves with the compassion of God" (Colossians 4:12), not don His judge's robe.

Related Scriptures: Matthew 7:1-6

**Sermon Title:**  
Judging Others  
**Text:**  
II Peter 2:6-10a

### BIRTHDAYS

Shelley Bontrager	7/21
Denise Johnson	7/21
Phil Miller	7/21
Libby Graber	7/23
Katie Humble	7/23
Travis Yoder	7/23
Deroy Kauffman	7/24
Katie Mullet	7/30
Michael Oesch	8/1
Phil Yoder	8/1
Don Miller	8/2
Don Ritchie	8/4
Ernest Mullet	8/5

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

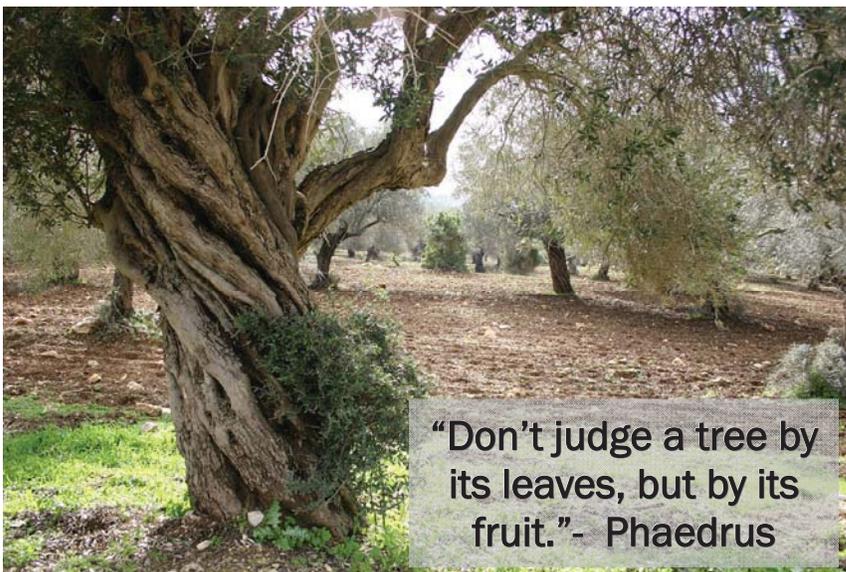
*Worship Service*  
*Sunday 9:00 am*

*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*



**"Don't judge a tree by  
its leaves, but by its  
fruit."- Phaedrus**

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## ADMINISTRATION

### Stewardship Report for July 11, 2021:

Money Given to Budget \$ 4,914.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$ 5,417.78

Year To Date Money Given to Budget \$ 228,425.47

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$ 243,740.05

## BOARD

The Meet and Greet with Tim Eash went well. It was recorded if anyone would like to listen to it. We have a new Bishop. John Nisley. Our bishop support was increased \$336 a year. Denlingers will be here the last weekend in July. Mark your calendars. July 31 and August 1.



My life story has always revolved around Middlebury. Born and raised by Christian parents, my grade school years were filled with going to church at least 3X per week, meeting

all the missionaries that came to our church because my dad always invited them over for ice cream and pop corn. We were fairly poor (because my mom had so many kids) but there was lots of love in that little house (as well as a few mice and bats).

I love to travel and have had the privilege of going places to help others at times. My favorite incident was when I went on a trip to an island and saw a little boy that looked like

## OUTREACH

### FMC Sewing August Project is MCC School Kits!

#### To make a complete kit:

- 4 Spiral or Perforated Page Notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 New Unsharpened Pencils
- 1 Flat Ruler—must indicate 30 cm
- 12 colored Pencils (in packaging)
- 1 Large Eraser
- 2 New Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens
- 1 Small Metal Pencil Sharpeners - (one or two holes)

Please put your items in the tote by August 12

the black image of my nephew. We became friends while I was there and when I went to leave his father offered to let me take his son. I was blessed that he felt I would be a good parent, but overwhelmed that a father would give up his son to give him a better life.

Recently my life has been working a lot and spending time with my dear friends here at church and around the state. Though I tried to be sneaky I'm afraid that people may know me because I share my stories with others all the time.

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!

Last Week's Who Am I person was **Ruby Bontreger!** Ruby MOSTLY stumped everyone, but someone did guess Tom, and he probably accompanied Ruby most of the time, so I think I'll give a half a point to Linda Young, for effort you know! Did you learn anything about Ruby that you didn't know?

*Again, this will be our final Who Am I if no one else turns in anything!*

## GIFTS DISCERNMENT

A **second vote** will be held Sunday, July 25 on **new Board member nominees**. Please come prepared to vote on this list of people!

### Male Candidates for Church Board Representative

Gerald Kauffman  
Brian Mullet  
Merle Mullet  
Dale Riegsecker  
Ike Walther

### Female Candidates for Church Board Representative

Shari Graber  
Michelle Mullet  
Kris Rheinheimer  
Janelle Walther  
Linda Young

You've probably noticed I've been working up to a new newsletter layout (haha yes, AGAIN!)

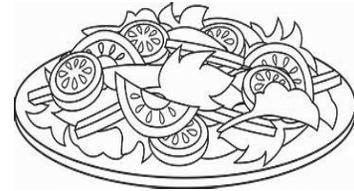
**CHANGES**

Those of you who are reading the regular sized print paper copy will see the changes very obviously, email shouldn't be affected much at all! I'm still playing this week—it may or may not change again next week, depending on how it works out in final processing to mail!

If you have strong opinions for or against it, you're welcome to share, but it may come out entirely different next week anyways! Stay tuned...

## 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!

*Coming Soon*

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events!

**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 YouTube, 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.