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Nobody likes to talk about judgment, and many in our society have deluded themselves into thinking that they will never be judged, and that there are no consequences for what they do. But the Bible is clear, we will ALL give an account to God for what we did with the life and the gifts He gave us. One of the laws of the universe is that we reap what we sow. Everything we do, good or bad, has consequences. People should not expect to sow wild oats and then reap a harvest of prime grade wheat. All of us will reap a harvest from what we have

Sermon Title:
"Death – A Time For
Accounting"
Text:
II Corinthians 5:10,
Revelation 20:11-15

sowed. The Bible is full of stories of judgment and warnings of judgment from cover to cover, from Genesis to Revelation. The Bible does not always tell us how God will judge, just that nothing is hidden from God, and that God will judge. We know that God is fair and just, full of grace and love, and for that reason, some think God will not judge them. But if God did not judge all evil and wrong, and overthrow the rule of Satan on the earth, God would not be

good. When the Bible speaks of God's judgment, it includes both just punishment for the unfaithful, but it also includes rewards for the faithful. We are used to thinking of judgment as primarily punitive, and for wrongdoing, it is. The Bible reveals God's judgment also to be cleansing and rewarding.

Related Scripture:
Hebrews 9:27, Galatians
6:7-8,



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.

Music - Worship Team Worship Leader - Tom Bontreger

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Miller	8/17
Ward Bingaman	8/21
Audrey Graber	8/24
Tillie Schrock	8/24
Randy Miller	8/29
Kent Birky	8/30
Carol King	8/30
Jan Yoder	9/1
Stan Shriner	9/2
Daniel Graber	9/3
Mary Ropp	9/4
Chris Miller	9/7
Dave (Jan) Yoder	9/7

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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
Sunday School 10:15 am

Office Hours

Pastor Phil
Tuesday 9:30a—1:30p
Thursday 1:00p—6:00p

Pastor Tim
Wednesday 2:00p—6:00p

Business Office
Monday and Tuesday
8:00a—5:00p

Administration

Stewardship Report for August 15, 2021:

Money Given to Budget \$ 3,615.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$ 5,417.78

Year To Date Money Given to Budget \$ 257,944.77

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$ 270,828.95

Who Am I?

Who am I?
...with a twist...

This couple is celebrating 60 years—read on in the newsletter to see if your guess was right!



Lost and Found



The cup has been claimed, but someone's Bible remains here. I looked for a name, but there's nothing identifying in it.

Outreach

FMC Sewing September Project is to support the Relief Sale

The Outreach Commission met on Wed. July 28th over pie and ice cream! Would you like to join us next time? We are looking for new members to join our ranks.

During our meeting we discussed: Present & 2021-2022 Outreach Budget; Spring Business Meeting ideas from the Congregation; How we can make small, subtle, and effective changes to encourage growth at FMC; Reintroducing "Children's Story Time" during Sunday Worship; Welcome Team for Visitors; Worship with Food Pantry Patrons & need for Bibles; Huge Praise for the \$8387 raised for Bibles for the Sabanon Tribe in the Philippines!

Church Library

Thank you to those who were looking for our missing books. Please note that you are not expected to replace or pay for the missing books, we are just trying to get an accurate list of what is actually available.

Publishing deadlines!!

All **newsletter** submissions need to be in to the church office by **12 noon on Monday**,
Bulletin submissions are due by **10 am on Tuesday!**

I'm generally pretty prompt about having everything ready to go Tuesday mornings! Don't miss getting your items published in the newsletter or bulletin

Outreach

Food Pantry Patrons are looking for Bibles. Do you have any extra Bibles laying around the house? Might you have a chance to check out some of the resale shops nearby to see if they might have some at a reasonable price? Would you participate in a fundraiser to help purchase some Bibles? Maybe you know someone, that can purchase Bibles wholesale? We could most definitely use your help!! This is a tremendous Outreach Opportunity!! Contact anybody on the Outreach Commission Tom, Michelle, Ward, Pam, Shena, & Pastor Phil



Can We Find You?

A few times this past year when I've been asked for people's contact information, and given them what is in our directory I hear back - "that email bounced" or "they haven't lived there for years!". Please remember to update the church office when you move, change phone number, create a new "active" email (like when the old one is overcome with junk emails), or have any change in your circumstances! I don't as a rule just give out this information willy nilly, but there are times when it is justified, and I have generally already asked you if it's okay to share with others.

Office Hours / Contact Info

Please note our updated office hours and contact information!

Pastor Phil

Tuesday 9:30a—1:30p

Thursday 1:00p—6:00p

Pastor Tim

Wednesday 2:00p—6:00p

Betty Lou (office)

Monday and Tuesday

8:00a—5:00p

If there is a need for one of us to be somewhere at a specific time outside of these times, we can generally be flexible, but keep in mind Tim and Betty Lou both work outside of FMC, so your patience is appreciated if we are not immediately available to return your call / message.

For those of you wishing to contact Pastor Phil or Pastor Tim outside of office hours, their emails and phone numbers are as follows:

Pastor Phil 574-524-6529

philyoder@yahoo.com

Pastor Tim 574-202-0542

tim@firstmennonite.net

You may also contact Jean Shriner with any care concerns, although she does not have office hours. 574-596-3376

574-534-1448

jsshine@frontier.com



Outreach

Are you a storyteller? Do you love interacting with children? Boy, have we got a great idea for you!!! The Outreach Commission would like to bring back "Children's Story Time" to our Sunday morning Worship Service once or maybe even twice a month to start. We are looking for someone like you to help us with that. It can be a person, a couple, or a team.... You could read a book, do a skit, or tell a story from your own life experiences. The child in each of us has been missing this delightful time and have decided bring it back to life. If you would be willing to do a children's time story, please contact the Outreach Comm. and we can get started right away! Tom, Michelle, Ward, Pam, Shena, & Pastor Phil.

Board

New Board members for 2021–2022 are Janelle Walther and Gerald Kauffman. They replace outgoing members Linda Young and Kent Birky, who we'd like to thank for your years of service and leadership to FMC.

Mark your calendars now— **September 29th** is the **Fall Business meeting for FMC**. Our Community Life Commission will be serving us another incredible meal before the meeting. So plan to join us for fellowship before we get down to business!

Reminder that **Committee Reports** are due for this meeting. Please get at least an outline of your points, or your whole speech if you plan to read it, to Betty Lou before the meeting begins to assist her with minutes—this is truly one of her biggest weaknesses!



Did you recognize Gordon and Iva Jean??



Gordon and Iva Jean Kauffman of Middlebury will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on Sept 2nd, 1961 at First Mennonite Church of Middlebury by the Rev Wilbur Yoder.

They have 4 children: Jody Stubblefield (Elkhart), Jeff Kauffman (Centennial, CO), Jil Miller (Middlebury), Jay Kauffman (Chicago, IL), along with 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Gordon retired in 1995 from Northridge High School where he was a teacher and softball coach. Iva Jean retired in 2006 from the Northridge High School Cafeteria.

There will be an Open House on August 28th from 1:00-4:00pm at the Greencroft Middlebury Community Center. You are

