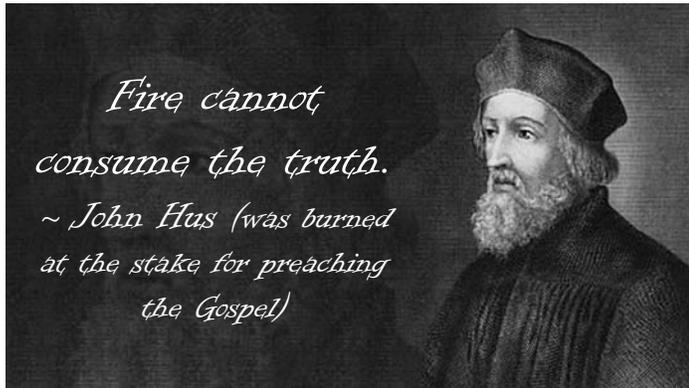


# LIFE @ FIRST

## Worship

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The great Christian hope is that death for Christians is not the end, that there is life after death. The Bible makes it clear that those who die “In Christ” will one day be raised to life with a new resurrected body. The Bible does not give many details about that resurrected body, but Christians assume that their resurrected bodies will resemble at least in some way the resurrected body of Jesus our Lord. The Bible describes Jesus’ resurrection as “First fruits,” meaning it is the first of a kind, and that there will be many more like it to follow someday. One of the significant things that separates Jesus from

**Sermon Title:**  
“The Great Resurrection”  
**Text:**  
I Corinthians 15:42-54

founders of other religions is that Jesus rose from the dead and has authority and power to give life to the dead. And that is the very thing Jesus promised to do to all who belong to Him, He will raise them out of their graves at the last day (John 6:39-40). Jesus will raise the bodies that we place in the ground,

but when they are raised, they will be very different, endowed with power and glory, they will be imperishable, they cannot die, and they cannot be destroyed!

Related Scripture: I Thessalonians 4:13-18, John, 6:39-40, 11:25, I Corinthians 15:1-57

### 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.

Worship Leader - Sonya Miller Music - Tom Miller

### BIRTHDAYS

Brian Mullet	9/15
Al Miller	9/19
Steve Bontrager	9/20
Jean Shriner	9/22
Connie Beachy	9/24
Kris Bontrager	9/26
Arlene Schrock	9/27
Patty (Ron) Yoder	9/27
Carol Outman	10/1
Kyle Walther	10/1
Paul Haarer	10/3
Edna Hochstetler	10/4
Viola Miller	10/11

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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  
September 5, 2021:

Money Given to Budget \$ 4,514.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget  
\$ 5,047.52

Year To Date Money Given to Budget  
\$ 4,514.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget  
\$ 5,047.52

## Relief Sale

This is another Relief Sale opportunity, in addition to signing up for the Bake Sale, and Garage Sale. Ten Thousand Villages and Craft barn is looking for volunteers for the following “jobs”: GREETER, CASHIER, UNPACKER OR PACKER. Shifts are 2 hours. There are opportunities starting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept 23 through Saturday, Sept 25, 3 p.m. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board for more details about the “jobs” and to sign up. Or you can text, call, or email Ruth Beasley, who has been asked to assist with this, if you can help. (260-750-2771 or [agb12029@bnin.net](mailto:agb12029@bnin.net)).

There’s a second sign up sheet on the table in the vestibule for the Sausage booth (and no one has to cut onions!).

**If your desired time is not available on one sheet, please check to see if the other one still needs volunteers!!**

My Coins Count—we are also collecting coins (and dollars work too!) Look for the basket Sunday mornings or bring them to the office!

## Outreach

FMC Sewing October Project is to support for RETA Pregnancy Clinic & Family Resources

Laundry Detergent  
Cleaning Supplies

Please put these items in the Sewing tote near the East Entrance Doors



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!

### 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

## Housekeeping

Reminder! Tim is locking his office, so please plan to come in during the office hours for Betty Lou, Phil or Tim, or make other arrangements with one of us to meet you here. Let's make a goal to have this cleanup completed by September 27th. Anything left in there on the 27th will be considered abandoned and donated or otherwise disposed of.



## Lost and Found

For the past many weeks I've been trying to find an owner for these Bibles and a lot of unclaimed dishes—We've even announced it in Sunday service. It's a shame that they haven't been claimed yet—this is nice stuff! Here's one final push to get them back to their owner. If you recognize anything in any of these pictures, please get in to claim them by the 27th or they may just find their way into a new home along with the items from Tim's office!

## New LMC Bishop installed

On September 12th at an installation service at North Leo Mennonite Church in Leo IN, our Conference, LMC, welcomed a new Great Lakes West District Bishop, M. John Nissley (jnissley@lmcchurches.org)! The churches he will be overseeing are: Arthur Mennonite, First Mennonite Berne, First Mennonite Middlebury, Michigan Avenue Mennonite, North Leo Mennonite, True Vine Tabernacle, Yellow Creek Mennonite

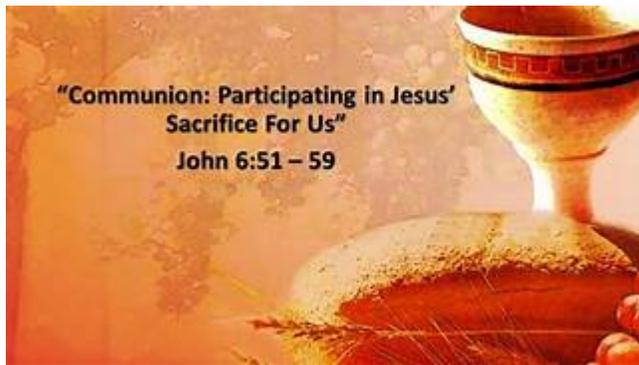
### Brief Bio for M. John Nissley

The foundation of my life is rooted in the lived theology of the Amish/Mennonite heritage that formed me as a disciple of Jesus. I was born down on the farm near Morgantown, PA. My family and two church plants nurtured me in a biblical worldview. Kingdom service has been my life calling and joy in various ministries for over 50 years including: youth counselor, camp director, street ministry leader, director of evangelism & church growth, pastor at two LMC churches, discipleship & counseling pastor, and most recently professor of spiritual formation & pastoral theology for over 20 years in Findlay, OH.

Educational training has been a significant dimension of my spiritual development at the following schools: B.S. Human Development, Pennsylvania State University (1974); M.R.E. Christian Education, Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary (1983); D.Min. Bethel Theological Seminary (2000); M.Div. Winebrenner Theological Seminary (2010). Equipping disciples for kingdom service is my calling and joy!

My wife, Lois, and I cherish and value our two daughters and sons-in-law, and four grandchildren. We enjoy gardening, cycling, camping, and seeing God's grace and truth transform lives and churches!

"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love. . ." (Colossians 2:2-3)



**World Communion Sunday** will be celebrated on October 3rd both here at FMC and, as the name implies, around the world.

How are you preparing yourselves to receive the elements, or do you even give it a second thought until you arrive that Sunday morning? As I've aged, I personally find communion service to be a very emotional experience. It reminds me again that Jesus loved me so much that he DIED for me. How can that not stir an emotion in you? I don't even like to get a paper cut, I can't imagine volunteering for something that is certainly going to be so painful as a beating and crucifixion and certain to end in death. THAT is certainly a VERY true love!

In addition to the Communion service during our usual Sunday morning worship, our Community Life Commission is planning a fellowship meal—watch for more information on this, but remember to put it on your calendar to join in this celebration!

## Discipleship

Sunday School leaders / classes. As you've already been alerted, LMC is putting together a curriculum with a focus to "promote Anabaptist theology and encourage missional engagement in the local community". There were a couple of classes that expressed interest in this, and now as we approach the 9/30 deadline to order the quarterlies, for those that plan to continue on that route, we need to figure out what curriculum each class is using so that we can order accordingly. Leaders, please contact Kathy Troyer, Pastor Phil, or Betty Lou to indicate your choice, either way—quarterlies or LMC curriculum, or other—no later than 9/27,



**THIS WEEK'S "HERO IN THE HOUSE" IS...**

**DEROY KAUFFMAN**

DeRoy is our hero because he quietly and REGULARLY empties the dehumidifier in our church basement. (did you even know we had a church dehumidifier?)

**Way to Go, DeRoy,  
we appreciate you!**

Have you noticed anyone who goes above and beyond for your FMC family? Someone who did a really great job with something? or Maybe someone just blessed or inspired you. Nominate them for a "Hero in the House" award! Mention their name to any Community Life Commission member (Denise Johnson, Eva Kurtz, Jean Shriner, Janelle Walther, Dave {Patty} Yoder or Elnora Yoder) or drop a note in their mailbox. The nominee will be publically honored & will receive a small gift certificate in appreciation for how they are using their gifts to serve us all at FMC. Please nominate as many HEROS as you can think of!