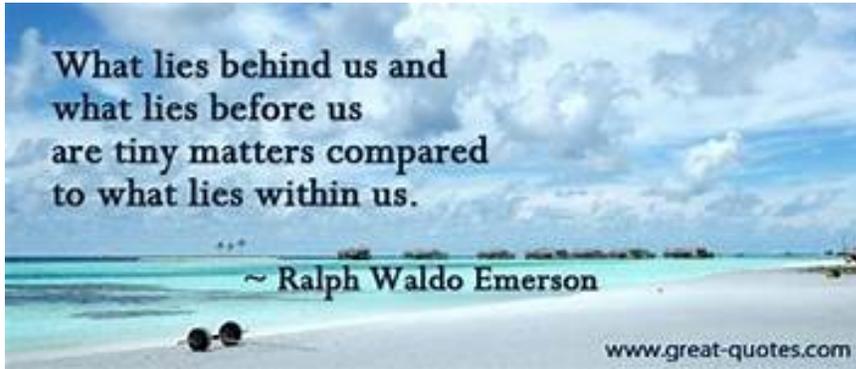


# LIFE @ FIRST



## How To Have a Patient Spirit by Lareina Morgan

Isaiah 40:31 ...but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

God requires that we wait patiently for Him to move in our lives. Sometimes we get discouraged if we don't immediately receive an answer from our prayers. We must believe that the Lord heard us the first time He received our request. The answers to our prayers will never be the same. Sometimes the answer is yes, sometimes the answer is yes but not right now. And sometimes the answer is no. We need to determine if what we are asking for is the right thing to ask for by searching our own hearts for our motivations in our requests to God.

God knows what is best for our lives and our circumstances, and He will never answer a prayer that He knows will not be a true benefit for our lives and for His will for our lives.

So, you must ask yourself if what you are asking for is within the will of God. How do you determine the will of God? By reading His word with prayer and meditation. Reading the Bible and worshipping in His presence gives you all the tools necessary to understand who God is and what He wants for all of His children.

### 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 - Dave Graber Music - Worship Team

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### BIRTHDAYS

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
Karen Pletcher	10/15
Betty Graber	10/17
Katie Kauffman	10/17

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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 19, 2021:

Money Given to Budget \$ 3,173.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget  
\$ 5,047.52

Year To Date Money Given to Budget  
\$ 10,657.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget  
\$ 15,142.56

## Patient Spirit (continued)

If you ask for something that you know the Lord does not allow for His children, you can be sure that He will not provide it for you. If you decide to do it for yourself, then you will be stepping outside the will of God for your life, so you must be careful about your actions, because if you miss the mark (sin) understand that sin will always have a consequence in your life.

Patience comes as you decide to depend on Him and not on yourself and when you will allow His will for your life you will have peace in your heart. You will know that He will answer your prayer.

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## 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



September 29th is the **Fall Business meeting** for FMC.

*At 6pm our amazing Community Life Commission will be serving us an incredible meal before the meeting. So plan to join us for fellowship before we get down to business at 7!*

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!

## Board

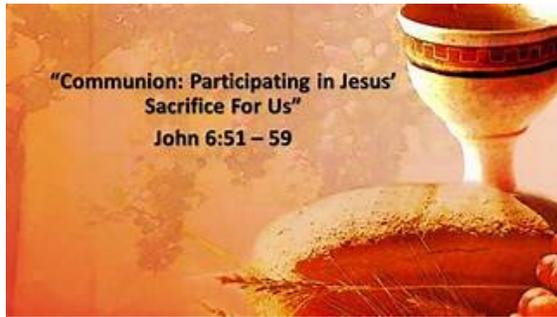
Tim is in the credentialing process with LMC. This will probably be complete by the end of November. John Nisley, our new bishop, will be installed on September 12. World Communion Sunday is October 3. We have some ex-Amish that are in a home church, wanting to join us. We will have a carry in meal that Sunday also. Our Fall Business Meeting is September 29th. Please make plans to attend. We are very happy to have Janelle Walther and Gerald Kauffman join us on the Board.

## Administration

The Administration Commission met in September and heard our average attendance for the last two Sundays has been 79. We are behind budget by \$3,500. Nothing new to report on our buildings and grounds. We plan to review our Student Aid Fund Guidelines yet this year. We are looking for a trustee for our County Road 16.

## Preschool

Preschool has begun and is going very well! We had an eventful August getting ready for preschool with critter (bats and bees) control, checking the playground equipment, hiring a new custodian and negotiating for new internet. We couldn't do it without everyone's help! We are planning a fall fund raiser, so more details will come when they're finalized.



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

In addition to the Communion service during our usual Sunday morning worship, our Community Life Commission is planning a fellowship meal which will be CARRY IN style! Bring your favorite food(s) to share! (but mark your dishes so we can get them back to you if you forget them!)



## Discipleship

Our commission has had very few meetings due to Covid, illness and no business to attend to. I have worked in the library chasing down missing books, but have had little success with that. The Pastor brought to our attention about LMC working on Sunday School materials regarding Mennonite values. Pastor Phil would like 2 classes where members could attend and express thoughts on those issues. Tom Bontrager, and the Maranatha classes have decided to participate. We also are working with the MYF towards a Sunday School class. We are thrilled with the idea and the pastors are leading on that. We are hopeful that this commission will be of value in the days to come. ~ Kathy Troyer, chair



**THIS WEEK'S "HERO(S) IN THE HOUSE" ARE...**

**DALE & SHIRLEY  
REIGSECKER**

Our Hero's in the House for this week are Dale and Shirley. They left an auction quickly to respond to a health crisis, as well as comforting an accident victim in the middle of SR 13. They are also willing to help or visit whenever they see a need.

**Thank you Dale & Shirley,  
we are richer to have you as a part of our FMC  
Family!**

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!

