

LIFE @ FIRST



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Worship

There are parts of the creation story that often get overlooked today, yet are essential to the story. And one of those things is that when God created the world, God created things in the story in pairs with the intention that they function together. I

Title: "And God Created in Pairs"

Text: Genesis 1:27-28, 2:20b-24

think we don't see a lot of the hidden gems in the creation story because when we discuss creation in our

culture, we often come to the discussion on the defensive, because we are used to having to defend the Biblical account from those who don't believe in creation or in God. And we expound much of our energy just trying to prove that God exists and that He did indeed create the world and everything in it. In the creation story, the different parts of creation are designed to function together and to serve the whole of creation, not to exist independently for their own sake, and that includes human beings. The different parts of creation are designed to complement the whole of creation, not to exist independently and not to exist in strife and competition. And to the extent that they do that, they become something more than they would be if they simply functioned independently.

Related Scripture: Genesis 7:1-4, Revelation 19:6-9, 21:9-14

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

Worship Leader - Jim Pletcher Music - Worship Team

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.

BIRTHDAYS

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| Gerri Beachy | 10/19 |
| Ezra Ropp | 10/19 |
| Anne Yoder | 10/19 |
| Garrett Kozlowski | 10/24 |
| Dale Riegsecker | 11/1 |
| Glenn Weaver | 11/1 |
| Gerald Kauffman | 11/3 |
| Ruth Beasley | 11/5 |
| Ellen Bontrager | 11/5 |
| Sonya Miller | 11/5 |
| Luke Schrock | 11/8 |
| Merle Mullet | 11/13 |
| Delber D Yoder | 11/14 |

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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

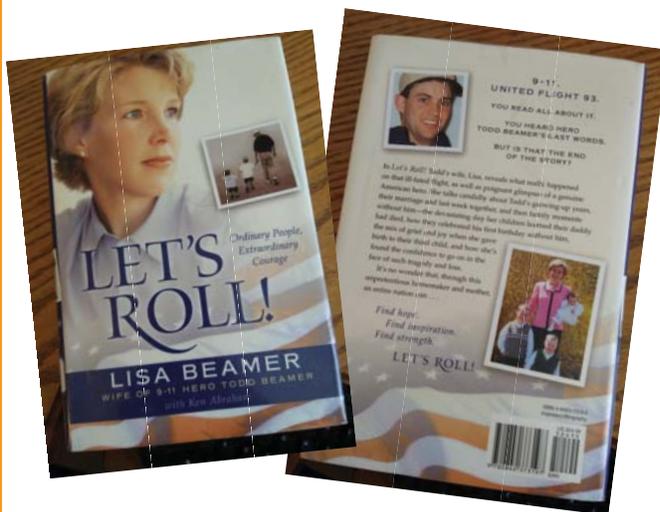
Pastor Tim
Wednesday 2:00p—6:00p

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

Library @ First

This week I have chosen a book that I have not actually read, but that is on my list,
Let's Roll! by Lisa Beamer.

I chose this book now because it felt timely as we just recognized the 20th anniversary of the attacks on American soil that most all of us probably remember quite vividly. 9-11 will be forever engrained in my memory for the sheer courage of so many people, including Todd Beamer who finished his last call to his wife Lisa with the now famous words "Let's Roll", indicating they were ready to try to regain control of the aircraft from it's captors. Todd's third child was born four months later, never knowing her daddy, but certainly hearing about the hero that he was. This promises to be a great biography of this family!



You'll find this book as well as "*Boundaries*" from last week's feature, on the table next to the typewriter (unless someone else has beaten you to them).

Group Participation time! Have you read a good book that we have in our library that you'd like to share with others? Feel free to submit a review, or suggest a title to be featured in the future! Initially my thought was to name this little feature *Library @ First*—kind of like our newsletter, *Life @ First*, but I'm open to other ideas. What do YOU think it should be called? Submit your feature names to the church office

Board

The board discussed the Baptismal / Pastor Appreciation Sunday that was held this past weekend. We also reviewed the feedback we got from the Business Meeting and have created priorities for this next year.

- Work on our constitution
- Elder Discussion
- Endowment Fund
- Church Operating Structure
- Youth
- Communicating
- Membership

Philippine Water Project

We have put the sharing box out on the shelf behind the sound booth. You may also mark your regular giving envelopes with Water Project. The goal for this project is to be able to send them \$10,000, which is the known cost of the project with a small amount extra in consideration of the constant increase in costs the world seems to be incurring. We're nearly 1/5 of the way there already, at just shy of \$2,000! Let's flood the water out of the spigot!!



Meet the Eash's

On August 1st of this year, Tim Eash started officially as quarter time associate pastor here at First Mennonite Church. Tim has been involved in the church in other settings for many years. He served as an elder with Pastor Phil when they attended Forks Mennonite Church together in years past, with his most recent ministry as pastor of New Hope Church, in Sturgis Michigan, where he served for 13 years. He has also enjoyed being a dairy farmer with his wife and their three sons on their dairy farm located north of Bristol. Tim also works in the cabinet shop full time at Grand Design RV.

Happy Anniversary

Tim is married to Malinda and they just celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on October 15th! Malinda works at the Das Dutchman Essenhaus, where she has been a waitress for many years. Tim and Malinda have three boys—Shawn, who is 14 and is a great help on the farm taking care of the young livestock as well as milking the cows. He has a passion for classic cars & trucks and would like to work with restoring classic autos.

Aaron is 24 years old and works full time at Grand Design as well as on the dairy with his responsibilities being the farm mechanic and doing most of the field work along with feeding the cattle on the farm. Ben is 26 years old and works full time on the family dairy with his responsibilities being in charge of the day to day running of the farm and doing the milking chores as well as whatever else needs to be done. All three boys have grown up showing dairy cattle in 4H and continue that passion with developing genetics that will one day be the cattle they enjoy working with. They enjoy working together as well as discovering what lies ahead of them that the Lord has prepared. Tim says “we keep very busy and try to keep life in the right perspective, but for sure we want to do what God has called each of us to do.”(submission from the Eash family)

(editorial comment: I'm pretty sure I speak for everyone when I say, we're sure glad God has called you to join us here at First Mennonite!)



Administration

Stewardship Report for October 17, 2021:

Money Given to Budget \$ 9,999.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$ 5,047.52

Year To Date Money Given to Budget \$ 41,354.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$ 35,332.64

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 (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!



Burial Aid

It seems that there are some concerns about the Burial Aid program. Please note that the details of the plan have been posted on the Administration portion of the bulletin board (near the fellowship hall entrance) for a while now. I’m also happy to provide a personal copy to anyone who asks. Concerns should be addressed to the church office or an Administration Commission member.

Outreach

FMC Sewing November Project is to support for Christian Aid Ministries There are 2 different packs to choose from

Pack 1

- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 notepad (approx. 5 x 7)
- 1 pack of farm or zoo animal stickers
- 1 teddy bear (6-10 inches tall —please do not send animals other than teddy bears and nothing with batteries)

Pack 2

- 1 notepad (approx. 5 x 7)
- 1 pencil
- 1 pen
- 3 tennis balls (no sponge balls)
- 1 comb
- 1 matchbox size car or truck

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

Eastern Mennonite Missions representatives will be with us on October 31. EMM President, Marvin Lorenzana will preach, and they will also share with us during the Sunday School hour.

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.