

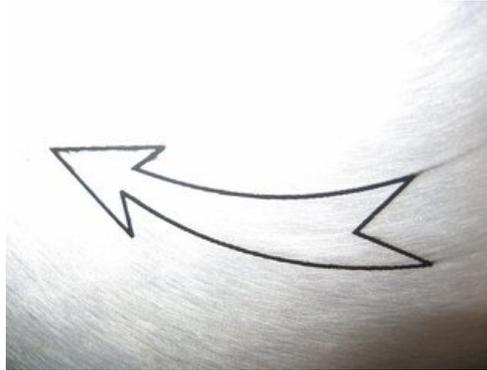
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"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity."

~ Williams Yindi



Worship

Our focus this week is "Missions," and our guest speaker on Sunday morning will be Marvin Lorenzana, the president of Eastern Mennonite Missions. A delegation from EMM will be joining him and will share with us during the Sunday School hour as well.

Sermon Text: **Matthew 28:18-20**

One of the great mission movements in the history of the church has been the

global church planting efforts of Eastern Mennonite Missions in the past century, both at home and abroad, and God has greatly blessed those efforts. The result is that LMC is now a majority non-white Conference. At the beginning of the Anabaptist movement, Anabaptists were passionate about sharing the Gospel, and understood the calling of the Great Commission was meant for every Christian. But soon persecution made life very difficult for the Anabaptists, and eventually they traded their mission zeal for toleration. But over the past hundred plus years, EMM has reawakened that zeal to take the Gospel into all the world.

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

Worship Leader - Phil Yoder 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

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
Delbert D Yoder	11/14
Adeline Graber	11/20
Jim Rhodes	11/20
Marilyn Bontrager	11/22
Malinda Eash	11/23

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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

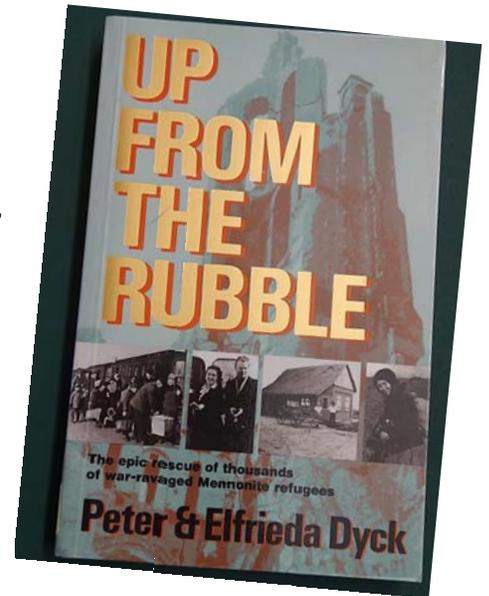
Business Office
Monday and Tuesday
8:00a—5:00p

From our Library

It's great to see that someone has picked up last weeks book! Hopefully we can renew some interest in reading some of the books available. Please make sure you're putting your name on the card and putting the card in the box when you check it out though!

One of the great books in our library is, *Up From The Rubble*, by Peter and Elfrieda Dyck. It is a fascinating story of their work with MCC during the second World War, providing aid, and helping refugees to resettle after the war. The book reveals the desperate plight of refugees, most of whom in this story were Russian Mennonites, the great blessing MCC has been to desperate people, and how God uses ordinary people to bring His compassion to the needy of the world. During World War II, many Mennonites fled their homes in Ukraine, the place they made into the "Breadbasket of Europe" because they would have been killed if they had stayed behind. Many of these refugees sought refuge in Berlin, Germany thinking it was now a safe place, only to wake up one morning and discover the city had been divided up and they were once again in the zone controlled by Russians. If they are discovered, they will be sent back to Russia and killed. This book is an account of the hand of God at work, answering prayers, performing miracles, and working through willing servants to care for a desperate and suffering people. The book is a fascinating read, and it is hard to lay it down when you begin reading.

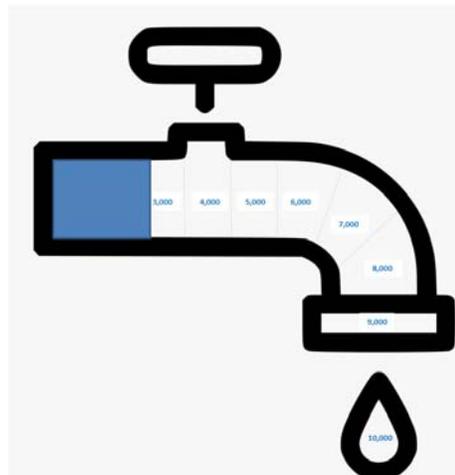
Reviewed by Phil Yoder



Outreach



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 now over 1/5 of the way there at just over \$2,000! Let's flood the water out of the spigot!!

Administration

Stewardship Report for
October 24, 2021:

Money Given to Budget \$ 2,734.00

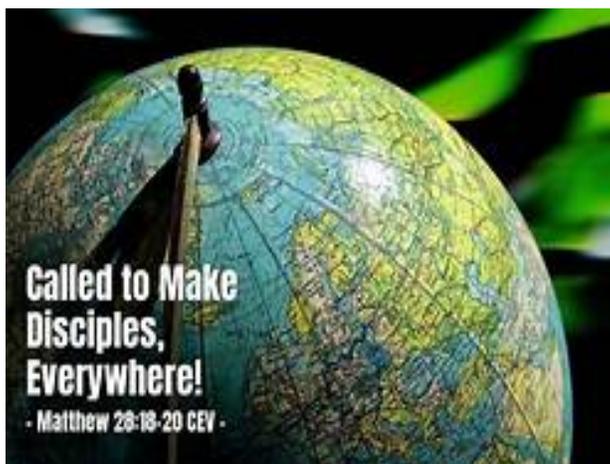
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget
\$ 5,047.52

Year To Date Money Given to Budget
\$ 43,874.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget
\$ 40,380.16

Mailboxes

Have you gotten something in your box that seems kind of peculiar? Are you sure that you pulled the mail from the box ABOVE your name? If something seems odd, please double check that it's really your mail before disposing of something that may be important to someone else!



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.

Prayer Concerns & Praises

Rejoicing in Testimonies and answered prayers for:
God's perfect plan even when we don't understand

Continuing in prayer for:

Family of Nora Elswick (loss)
Family of Ron & Dawn Puckett - Karen & Jim Pletcher's friend (loss)
Kathy Steiner (Vera Miller's daughter in law) (health)
Dale Riegsecker (surgery recovery)
Dee Weaver's Son in Law (COVID)
Ethon Tepen (newly baptized member)
Bailey—Ethon's friend (new believer)
17 Christian Aid Missionaries held captive in Haiti
Mickayla Austin—Betty Lou Kline's daughter (health)

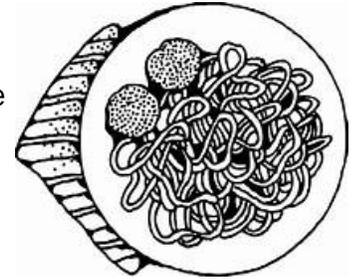
Adria—Lavera Hooley's great grand daughter (surgery recovery)
Homer Doell—Leona Yoder's brother (cancer)
John Troyer—Tina Frye's brother (cancer & surgery recovery)
Jim & Arlene Schrock (health)
Phyllis -Edna Hochstetler's sister in law (health)
Family of Harold Yoder—Dave (Patty) Yoder's brother (loss)

Ongoing prayers for Merle Mullet, Edna Hochstetler, Jim & Arlene Schrock, Doris Hershberger, Jake & Leah Schwartz, Jody Stubblefield (Gordon & Iva Jean Kauffman's Daughter), Tom Kurtz, Ralph Burton (Martha Weirich's son in law).

Note: If you have any changes additions, or corrections to this list, please let the office know. Thank you. **Please see the ledge outside the sanctuary for additional prayer lists (Food Pantry, MMN Prayer Vine).**
Congregational Care Coordinator: Jean Shriner: (574) 534-1448, (574) 596-3376, or jsshine@frontier.com

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.



Other News & Announcements

The October edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS continues it's response to Hurricane Ida, volunteers head into the city to help rebuild after a fire and one of the oldest MDS units celebrates 65 years of service.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3OAMiMY>

A Place at the Table

Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network
Annual Fundraising Dinner



Thursday, November 11th, 2021

AT 6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

**AT BREAD AND CHOCOLATE
1100 CHICAGO AVE, GOSHEN, IN 46528**

*\$150 tickets can be purchased at bit.ly/gihndinner2021
or by calling 574.534.2300.*