

LIFE @ FIRST



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Worship Preview

When I was a young man, I was a person who loved to daydream about all the things that I wanted to do in life. I remember how I so enjoyed the farm and growing up with all kinds of animals. My first love was horses. I wanted to work with thoroughbred racehorses and actually met a man who worked on a thoroughbred farm. But then I wanted my dad to raise pigs. All I could talk about was pigs! That love was soon lost after realizing that every Saturday morning we had to clean with shovels, the pig pens,--not fun. So then I discovered dairy cattle and truly fell "in love" with them. I begged my dad to buy some cows, for now, I wanted to be a dairyman. And, my dad did! We purchased a small herd of Holstein cows and I bought a couple of Brown Swiss cows and I started my career as a dairyman!

Those were my plans. To milk cows, farm the land, and raise a nice family. My life

was set. In fact, I could have covered several "lifetimes" with my plans. After all, I had all the time in the world, right? I was quickly reminded through different things that came about in life that my plans didn't take precedence over God's will for my life. And now I'm very glad about that! I struggled at first when my plans were changed, but I realized that God had other plans. He had His will for my life and I discovered that God's will and

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Sermon Title: **It is what it is**

Sermon Text: **James 4: 13-17**

Birthdays

Dale Riegsecker	11/01
Glenn Weaver	11/01
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

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Our mission is to extend grace,
build peace, and share love
within & beyond our faith
community

Worship Service
Sunday 9:00a
Sunday School 10:15a

Office Hours

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

Pastor Tim
by appointment

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

Sunday Worship - 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 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.

Outreach

FMW Sewing November Project is to support **CAM** with Cozy Comforters

People in needy countries who experience cold winters appreciate thick comforters to keep them warm. A comforter can also be a soft mat for people in Liberia and Nicaragua who don't have a bed to sleep on. You can bless a needy family by making a lightweight or heavy comforter in any size.

God won't tell you His plans are the best, He will show you his plans are the best. Way better than what we make and call plans. ~ unknown

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His plans were God's best for me, and I knew that's where I needed to be! James reminds us in chapter 4 verse 14 that our life on this earth is but a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. We can have all the plans we want, but again James reminds us that we should give our lives over to God's will, not our own boasting about our plans because we don't know what tomorrow brings. God has our best in-store, whatever that may be, and there is no better place to be!

Administration

Stewardship Report for October 23, 2022:

Money Given to Budget \$ **2,960.00**

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$ **5,992.95**

Year-to-Date Money Given to Budget \$ **31,318.00**

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$ **47,943.84**



Reminder that the fellowship hall will be closed 10/31 to 11/4 while crews remove and replace the carpeting. Please plan to enter the church through the side doors, under the canopies, during this renovation for your safety!

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.

Other News & Announcements

A Place at the Table

First Light Mission
Annual Fundraising Dinner



Tuesday, November 15th, 2022

AT 6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

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

\$150 tickets can be purchased at
or by calling 574.534.2300.



Outreach

The FMC Fall Retreat at the Farmstead Inn & Conference Center is less than 2 weeks away and we are asking folks to sign up for the meals that they are planning to attend. On the next page is a copy of the weekend's itinerary. There are 4 meals that the Outreach would like to provide for the whole church family. The sign up sheets are on a table in the foyer at the church. If you haven't already signed up please plan to do so next Sunday. If you are not able to come into the church to sign up, please call or text Pam Bingaman at 574-333-8781 and she will make sure your name is on the list.



Pantry Most Needs List

Stuffing Mix, Potatoes - Instant or not, Gravy,
Green Beans / Corn,
Mushroom Soup, Crispy Fried Onions,
Sweet Potatoes, Mini Marshmallows,
Canned Pineapple, Cornbread or Biscuits,
Dessert Mixes, Canned Pumpkin,
Condensed Milk, Cranberry Sauce,
or whatever else you can think of!

The Middlebury Food Pantry recently got a call from a donor in South Bend with a gift of 100 frozen turkeys to be given away to the food pantry clients for Thanksgiving. The food pantry is asking local churches to please participate in a Thanksgiving food drive to gather Thanksgiving dinner meal sides. Things like stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, dessert mixes, favorite side dishes to go with turkey. What do you like to eat for Thanksgiving? There are many families out there that would like to make a nice home cooked meal for their family for thanksgiving. Won't you dig deep and see what you can contribute. Please drop off your donations by the shopping cart in the church foyer in the coming weeks before Saturday, November 19th.