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Worship Preview



When I was growing up, mom would always have a time before we children went to bed that she would read us different stories. Some were Bible stories, some were the boxcar children books, and some were the Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys books. I especially liked those because they were mystery stories, and I could hardly wait till the end so I could find out the answer to the mystery. I think many people enjoy a good mystery story. Believe it or not, the

Sermon Title:
No Longer a Mystery

Sermon Text:
Ephesians 3:1-7

apostle Paul talks about a mystery in Ephesians 3. Something that was part of God's plan that was hidden from previous generations, not because God wanted to keep something from His people, but because He would reveal it to everyone in His perfect timing. God revealed to Paul that the Jews and Gentiles were to become one body--the church. And that all would need salvation and would be part of the family of God. Before this, it was unheard of, that the Gentile would be able to know God and come to Him. But because of the wonderful love of God and His Grace, the mystery has been revealed, and now you and me, --all of us can come to know God and be saved! All of us now, as Paul says, can be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God!

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

Worship Leader - Linda Young Music - Erica Kinsman
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

Shelley Bontrager	7/21
Denise Johnson	7/21
Phil Miller	7/21
Libby Graber	7/23
Katie Humble	7/23
Travis Yoder	7/23
DeRoy Kauffman	7/24
Katie Mullet	7/30
Michael Oesch	8/1
Phil Yoder	8/1
Aaron Eash	8/2
Don Miller	8/2

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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

Outreach

FMW Sewing August Project is for our own Pleasant Oaks Preschool

We need 50 kits with the following items:

- *10 ct WASHABLE thick Crayola markers
- *16 ct Crayola crayons (classic)
- *Elmer's Washable School Glue Stick (disappearing purple .21oz)

Additional items:

- Pom Poms (for crafts)
- Colored tissue Paper
- Cotton Balls
- Dry Erase markers
- Paper Plates (big & small)
- Plastic forks & spoons
- Dixie cups
- Masking Tape
- Scotch brand Tape

Please put your donation items in the collection box by August 11!



Looking ahead, in case you find good sales, the September project will be MCC School Kits which include (all new items):

- 4 Spiral or Perforated Pages Notebooks (8.5 X 10 and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler, (flat good quality, must indicate 30cm, inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils in packaging
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

Administration

Stewardship Report for July 17, 2022:

Money Given to Budget **\$ 10,030.00**

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget **\$ 5,047.52**

Year-to-Date Money Given to Budget **\$ 215,228.44**

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget **\$ 232,186.22**

Administration Commission met in July and heard our average attendance has increased to 82 for this quarter. We are behind budget by \$22,000. We are anticipating quotes for our roof leaf around the ducts and our bathroom renovation. The removal of the Scott Street tree line is completed. We gave authorization for two shrubs to be replaced on the west side of the church building and our parking lots, for both properties, to be re-sealed. We also approved a new power point projector.

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.

Worship

The Worship Commission met on 7/11/22 with all members in attendance.

Board

We are in the middle of getting 2 new board members. Hopefully soon. The new Elders have met and have created a plan. John Nissley, our bishop will be with us one Sunday. Keith Weaver, former LMC moderator, will be with us. Hopefully, we will start to learn more about LMC and feel a part of them. Jerry Beasley has agreed to continue work on our church bylaws even if he is not a board member. We appreciate this. A baptism on July 17, Kyle Walther. A celebration!

First Mennonite Church is invited to an **Open House** to celebrate **Katie Humble's birthday** on Saturday, July 23 at 13595 CR 28, Middlebury, from 1-4 pm. No gifts please.



Conference

A great way to keep in touch with the activities of others in our conference, LMC, is through their Facebook page. Please consider following them, or just checking in from time to time. There are plenty of interesting things happening!



A Spirit-led movement to:

- Make disciples of Jesus,
- Mobilize every member as missionary, and
- Multiply faith communities locally & beyond!