



September 27, 2022

Worship Preview

Since the COVID pandemic hit, our world has changed. The way we had to change how we did things, from cleaning to socializing. It took its toll in a lot of ways. And now that we are somewhat back to normal, some things still are not quite the same. A lot of pastors share the same story, in that attendance and people getting involved with their churches just aren't happening like it was before the pandemic. There may be various reasons, but for a lot of people, it has been easier to live life without church. Haggai the prophet, addressed something like this in a way. The people had returned from exile to a ruined temple. It had to be rebuilt. The Lord wanted it rebuilt. But the people were too busy living life as they wanted to, with no big hurry nor having it a priority in their life to do what God desired for them. Life was good, or so they thought. They were building nice houses, making good money, and doing the things they thought was making them happy, but put God on the back burner. In verse 7 of chapter one of Haggai, God said, "Consider your ways!". He wanted them to think about what was important. Were they thinking about what they thought life was about according to their plans or Gods? Maybe in these "post" COVID days, even though COVID-19 still exists, we as "the church" need to consider our ways in a world that needs to see Jesus!

Sermon Title:
Consider Your Ways

Sermon Text:
Haggai 1

Birthdays

Arlene Schrock	9/27
Patty (Ron) Yoder	9/27
Carolyn Miller	9/30
Carol Outman	10/1
Kyle Walther	10/1
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 9:00a
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 - Malinda Eash Music - Tim Eash
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 October Project is to support the MCC Relief Sale

The Sewing ladies would like to say thank you for the 208 school kits that FMC gathered with everyone's help!

Thank you to everyone who help set-up, volunteer a shift, and clean up. All your hard work and time was greatly appreciated.

Outreach Commission

The FMC Fall Retreat @ The Farmstead Inn & Conference Center is on the horizon. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Inn for members that would like to stay overnight. The Inn is asking for each of us to reserve our rooms before the end of September. So, if you are planning to stay, please call the Farmstead Inn at **(260) 768-4595**, and let them know that you are with the First Mennonite Fall Retreat the weekend of Nov. 4 through Nov. 6 and reserve your room for the night(s) you wish to stay.

Please note the phone number has been updated—the phone number on the slip in your mailboxes was incorrect!

Administration

Stewardship Report for September 25, 2022:

Money Given to Budget \$ **5,735.00**

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

Year-to-Date Money Given to Budget \$ **16,213.00**

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$ **23,972.04**



Thanks to everyone for your prayers, visits, texts, phone calls or gifts. I really appreciate the support from everyone during my surgery and recovery. I now know how much good my monthly cards are doing for people in nursing homes, illnesses or just house bound. If you get a chance to send someone a card, do it as it means a lot to those people. Thanks again for all your kindness and prayers
Bobbie Werker



From the Library

*From the White House to the Amish -
A Story inspired by
the life of Thomas E Kirkman*

A story based on the life of Tom Kirkman, a gentleman who questioned God's existence. A search for God and happiness seemed to elude him. Tom always wondered if God really heard prayers. A gifted man who served a president and by chance met an Amishman who changed his life. This is a great read. ~ Kathy Troyer

While the rest of the world celebrates World Communion Sunday this weekend, it's a good time to reflect and begin preparing your heart for our Communion Sunday on October 9th.

What does Communion mean to you? I hope it's not just a going through the motions kind of thing, but rather a thought provoking reminder of what our Lord has sacrificed for you. It's a chance for us to present ourselves before Him and celebrate the promise of eternal life He has made possible for us through his death and resurrection. Communion isn't something new the churches have built into their liturgy in more recent times, but rather something that was documented in the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

Part of our celebration of Communion Service on October 9th will also include a collection for our Compassion fund. Please mark your envelope with which portion is your tithe and which is for the compassion fund. If you do not use envelopes, there will be "Love Offering" envelopes available in the vestibule the next two weeks for this donation. You may use whichever method you prefer for this offering.



I have made this image "clickable" for those who get the newsletter via email.

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.