

Worship Preview

Worship Preview: Our study on healing this summer may have left you with an impression that Jesus healed everybody in Palestine, or that everybody should be healed by now. But neither of those is the case. God does heal, the Bible presents us with images of healing throughout the Scriptures, and yet there continues to be unfathomable suffering in this world. So, why does suffering, and sickness, and pain persist? And why do godly people suffer along with wicked people?

Those are common questions and are frequently asked, and the answer is, we don't know. It is beyond our scope of knowledge and understanding, and we have to admit it. We continue to live in a deeply broken world, and the influence of Satan continues to destroy God's creation. There is much we don't see in the cosmos, and much we don't know or understand.

However, there are several stories in the Bible of suffering that do offer some help. We are told that probably the first book of the Bible written was the Book of Job. One of the first questions to plague the human beings was why do the righteous suffer. In this story, Job was a righteous man, but he lost everything he had except for his own life and soul. His friends came by, convinced of their wisdom and insight into suffering, and offered their advice to Job. But in the end, all their wisdom proved to be little more than a puff of wind, and had the value of a screen door on a submarine. They were completely wrong, they had no idea why Job was suffering, and their opinions did more harm than good. The cause of Job's sufferings was something that was going on in another place in the cosmos, and Job and his friends were not aware of any of it.

Jesus warned His disciples that they don't know why people suffer, so don't try to draw conclusions about suffering by what you see (John 9).

And while there is much we don't understand, the Bible does instruct us to be patient and faithful in suffering. Even though God does not cause suffering, God uses suffering for purposes that we are not aware of. Rest in the knowledge that we are children of God, that God always desires what is best for us, and is constantly working for our good, to form us into what He created us to be. And sometimes God uses suffering to bring about a greater good, something which only God can see now.

Background Scripture: Job 1:1-2:10, John 11:1-44, II Corinthians 12:1-10

Thought For The Day: "Woe to those who quarrel with their Maker." - Isaiah 45:9

Preaching: Phil Yoder

Title: "Why Does Suffering Persist"

Text: Job 1:1-12

Worship Leader: Jim Pletcher

Music: Worship Team

Sunday Worship - 9:00a

Sunday School - 10:15a

You can 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

Jim Pletcher	9/10
Kerry Frye	9/12
Dora Graber	9/12
Lydia Frey	9/13
Ty Miller	9/16
Al Miller	9/19
Steve Bontrager	9/20
Jean Shriner	9/22

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

Office Hours

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

Pastor Tim
by appointment

Office: Linda Young

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Please pray for:

Our Congregational Care Coordinator Jean Shriner can be contacted at (574) 596-3376 or email jsshine@frontier.com

Administration

Stewardship Report for August 20, 2023

Money Given to Budget \$ 9370.00	YTD Money Given to Budget \$ 254,0851.21
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$ 5,047.52	Amount Needed Year to Date for Budget \$262,471.05

Outreach



FMW Sewing project for September

MCC School Kits (due September 14)

Join us for **the School Kit Challenge!** Help 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Whether you donate one or 100 school kits, every donation helps!

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (about 21.5 cm x 27 cm) totaling 500–600 pages
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

LAST WEEK TO BRING SUPPLIES

Of Special Interest: Aldine Wyse has been moved to Healthcare. Her new address is: 1225 Greencroft Dr., Haven, Room 621, Goshen, IN 46526



ARE YOU QUALIFIED?

“God doesn’t call the qualified
He qualifies the called!”

-Author Unknown

We have received thank you notes ...

...from Anabaptist Disabilities Network and Meno – Hof for our contributions given to them from FMC.

Meno-Hof has offered to have classes of up to 50 people go through their facility free of charge. Get your class together and give Meno-Hof a call for an interesting walk through Anabaptist history.

Volunteer Interpreters Needed!

Center for Healing & Hope is in need of volunteers who are fluent in Spanish and English to interpret for non-Spanish speaking medical providers who are giving care to uninsured and low-income patients at our office.

Shifts are mornings from 9-12 or afternoons from 1-5. We currently need interpreters on Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, Wednesday mornings, and Thursday mornings or afternoons.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about medical interpreting at CHH, please contact Missy Schrock at mkschrock@chhclinics.org or 574-534-4744 ext 206.

Our Contact Information

Center for Healing & Hope
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Ketchup with Jesus

FMC MAKE A WISH FUNDRAISER

Last Sunday, August 27 the JAVA Sunday School class had a fund raiser for Jim Schrock. Jim is presently going through chemo therapy due to cancer. He had a wish that he could ride his motorcycle to Texas to see his son Luke. Through the generous support of FMC members \$1080 was raised to help him fund this trip. He will be blessed to have Ward and Pam (his sister) Bingaman going along with him for support and safety. We wish them all the best.



FMC MY COINS COUNT

Plan to bring your extra quarters in to add to the FMC MY COINS COUNT BUCKET. You will find our bucket to collect your coins (Or dollars if you wish) sitting on the shelf outside of the sanctuary, or you can put your donation in the box by the church office. Giving from the spare change fund for September will be used for “My Coins Count” offering.



SENIOR MOMENTS GATHERING

Wednesday, September 13 at noon

Place: Pleasant View Church

Debbie Jurgielewicz will speak about the Community Health Clinic, a non-profit healthcare facility in Topeka that specializes in rare genetic condition among the Amish and offers affordable care consistent with Plain Community values.

See Bulletin Board Poster for further info!

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 Ladies Night IN	2
3 Phil Preaching	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 Tim Preaching	11 10a-5:30p Health Dept	12	13	14 FWW Sewing	15	16
17 Tim Preaching	18	19	20	21	22 MCC Relief Sale	23 MCC Relief sale
24 Tim Preaching	25 Worship Commission	26	27 Church Business Mtg	28	29	30