

Worship Preview

Worship Preview: With healing being such a dominate part of Jesus' ministry, you would think that it would be a priority for the church too. And it is important for the church. We pray for healing frequently, we anoint the sick, and care for those who are sick with compassion.

Caring for the sick and dying has always been a priority for the church. And the church probably does more to promote healing, than most people might think. It is just that the church today uses science and modern medicine as well as prayer. God also uses medicine to bring about healing, although it may not be as dramatic as instantaneous miraculous healing with no rational explanation. And unfortunately, medical healing is often not recognized for the miracle that it is.

Most of the hospitals with names that start with "Saint" were started by and are run by the church. The first Mennonite Missionary to be sent overseas from North America was a doctor. It was Dr. William Page from Middlebury who went to India as a missionary in 1898. Upon his return to Middlebury, he was instrumental in the founding of *First Mennonite Church of Middlebury*. The church has always had an interest in healing, largely because this is how we understand Jesus.

In the church, there are 2 things we do that keep the emphasis on healing alive among us. One is prayer. We constantly pray for healing, calling on the Lord to intervene and heal us and our loved ones. If we were to keep a log of our prayers and God's answers to those prayers, I think we would find it surprising how faithful God has been in answering our prayers. And the other thing we do is anointing. Some churches use anointing as the last rites, waiting to anoint a person until they are dying. But the Bible teaches anointing with oil to be used much more broadly, to be done whenever one is sick.

I Corinthians 12 provides a list of spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit to be used in the church, and in that list, we find "Gifts of Healing" (12:9). This indicates that from the beginning, prayer and healing had become formal and standard ministries in the early church. And a careful study of the James 5 passage, from where we gather our instructions on anointing, reveals things about the healing ministry in the church. . In this passage, James tells the church to call on the leaders of the church, not those specifically gifted with healing gifts, to pray and anoint in the name of the Lord Jesus. James' understanding is that the risen Lord is present in the life of the church, and He still heals. And a part of healing still is forgiveness of sins. This follows the pattern of our Lord's healings when He walked on the earth. His body now is the faithful church, and there, He still heals and forgives! This is phenomenal news to a broken world!

Preaching: Phil Yoder
Title: Healing And The Church
Text: James 5:10-16
Worship Leader: Sonya Miller
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	
Randy Miller	8/29
Kent Birky	8/30
Carol King	8/30
Jan Yoder	9/1
Stan Shriner	9/1

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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.



Prayers for the unspoken needs we might have

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 \$ 3095.00	YTD Money Given to Budget \$ 243,059.07
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$ 5,047.52	Amount Needed Year to Date for Budget \$ 257,423.53

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)



Thought For the Day: *“God didn’t remove the Red Sea, He parted it. Sometimes God doesn’t remove our problems, He makes a way through them.”* Pastor Phil

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

News From the FMC Board

The board met August 17. We approved our budget. We discussed the Child Protection Policy and child abuse training. The FMC Board recommends anyone who works with children will have a background check done and on file in the church office. Anyone who works with children on a regular basis will also complete LMC's 6 hour online training. The Fall Business meeting will be Wednesday, September 27th and Sonya will provide a meal.

Announcements



FMC MAKE A WISH FUNDRAISER

This Sunday, August 27 the JAVA Sunday School class would like to invite you to join us in a fundraiser brunch for Jim Schrock. Breakfast foods will be served between church and Sunday School. Any donations given for the brunch will go to Jim Schrock's chaperoned motorcycle journey to Texas to see his son Luke. Hope you can attend.

MCC Great Lakes Open House on Thursday, August 31, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. You are invited to visit our office in The Depot building in Goshen (1013 Division Street) for an informal time of conversation and fellowship with MCC Great Lakes staff. There will be an opportunity for those who visit to donate items for and put together a school kit for MCC's School Kit Challenge. For more information and to register, visit mcc.org/gl-open-house or RSVP to 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org by **August 24**.



KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese:

'Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen

You're invited to an anniversary celebration for Thrift at Woodland Crossing! Join us as we celebrate one year of Elkhart's MCC Thrift shop on Friday, August 25 from 10 am. – 6 p.m. There will be drawings for free gifts and store gifts cards, along with refreshments. All regular priced items will be 15% off, plus weekly 50% and 75% off items. Thank you to the community for supporting the first year of Thrift at Woodland Crossing! Come see us at 138 W. Hively Ave., Suite 7 in Elkhart.

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
400 W Lincoln Ave
Goshen, IN 46526

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!



2023 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale

The Relief Sale will be held Sept. 22-23 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. You can begin supporting the sale now:

Plant enthusiasts, share your plants at the Relief Sale. Now is the time to nurture your indoor plants or pot up your perennials as you divide them. A good plant sale depends on healthy established plants. Consider what you could contribute to the sale. If you specialize in violets or succulents, they are always popular.

The Relief Sale Online Silent Auction welcomes your donations of unique experiences, gift certificates, art works, and new/gently used items with a value of \$50 or more. Call/text 574-849-0053 or email Kauffman.mMrs@gmail.com

You can already register for the **Run for Relief** at the 2023 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale! Registration details are on the website: <https://www.mennonitesale.org/run-for-relief> . Cost is only \$25! (\$20 without a t-shirt).



FMC MY COINS COUNT

Plan to bring your extra quarters in to add to the FMC MY COINS COUNT BUCKET. Our last contribution was in 2021 with \$270.93 given. Our highest contribution was \$562.96. Can we plan on outdoing ourselves with more money than ever before???? 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.



Bless others and the work of MCC with your donation to the **2023 Quilt Auction** at the Relief Sale. Comforters and quilts of all sizes, quilted wall-hangings, plus knitted or crocheted afghans are all needed. See the website for how to register your item - <http://www.mennonitesale.org/quilt-auction>. Registration ends **August 25**. For more information contact Gail Shetler, 574-333-7142.

Volunteers needed!

Do you love seeing happy children? Then we need you to help us host a carnival for kiddos at the MCC Relief Sale! Anyone 12 years or older can sign up to run a game booth. Kids under 12 are welcome to run a game with the help of an adult. Have fun in a carnival atmosphere while helping kids learn about the work MCC does around the world. Sign up at [2023 children's activity sign up](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a829a2fbc61-2023#/) - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a829a2fbc61-2023#/> If you have questions, contact Sonya Overman at preschoolsonya@gmail.com.

Publishing Deadlines
All newsletter and bulletin submissions need to be to the church office by **1:00 p.m. Tuesday.**

INFORMATION FROM MENNONITE DISASTER DISASTER SERVICE (MDS)

Weekly Volunteer Opportunities

[Red Lake, MN - 2021 Tornado](#)

Aug 27-Sep 2; up to 11 volunteers

Sep 10-16; up to 14 volunteers

[Hurley, VA/2021 Flooding](#)

Contact Joyce at (717) 823-3877 or hurley@mds.org for any weekly volunteer opportunities.

[St. Clair County, IL/2022 Flooding](#)

Aug 20-26; up to 9 volunteers

[Arcadia, FL/2022 Hurricane Ian](#)

Oct 1-7; up to 15 volunteers

Oct 8-14; up to 15 volunteers

Oct 15-21; up to 15 volunteers

Oct 22-28; up to 15 volunteers

Oct 29-Nov 4; up to 15 volunteers

Nov 5-11; up to 15 volunteers

Nov 12-18; up to 15 volunteers

Nov 19-Nov 25; up to 15 volunteers

Nov 26-Dec 2; up to 15 volunteers

Dec 3-Dec 9; up to 15 volunteers

Dec 10-Dec 16; up to 15 volunteers

[Crisfield, MD/2021 Flooding](#)

Oct 15-21; up to 14 volunteers

Oct 29-Nov 4; up to 12 volunteers

Nov 12-18; up to 15 volunteers

Dec 3-Dec 9; up to 15 volunteers

Dec 10-Dec 16; up to 15 volunteers

[Jennings, LA/2020 Hurricanes](#)

Oct 15-21; up to 15 volunteers

Oct 22-28; up to 12 volunteers

Leadership Volunteer Opportunities

[Hurley, VA - 2021 Flooding](#)

Project Director, Aug 19-31

2 Crew Leaders, Aug 19-31

Project Director, Sep 1-Dec 16

Crew Leader, Sep 1-Dec 16

[Red Lake, MN/2021 Tornado](#)

Crew Leader, Aug 26-Sep 23

We are currently scheduling from our Fall 2023 Waitlist, and will soon post the remaining fall openings.

For more information or to serve, please contact:

Canadian residents: Rose Klassen at 866-261-1274 or email rklassen@mds.org.

U.S. residents: Josh Carson at 800-241-8111 or email jcarson@mds.org

For more information or to serve, please contact: Kaelan Miller at 800-241-8111 or email kmiller@mds.org

