

**Worship Pre-view:** Last week we looked at the seven seals in Revelation. And this week we will notice the seven

**Pastor Phil's Message:**  
"The Sound of Trumpets"  
**Text:** Revelation 9:1-6, 11:15  
**Worship Leader:** Shari Graber  
**Music:** Ken Mininger

trumpets that follow. As we progress through Revelation, the images grow more intense and gruesome. It is these images that keep some people from reading Revelation. And yet, the overwhelming message of this book is very good news. God finally judges evil, and God acts to take His creation back and restores the earth to a paradise.

So, why trumpets? In the Bible, Trumpets were used to get people's attention in preparation for some event or some big announcement. In the prophets, in Ezekial, Zephaniah, and Joel, trumpets were sounded to warn the people of God's approaching Judgment. And that seems to be one of the functions of the trumpets in Revelation. As the trumpets sound in Revelation, they announce the coming of horrific plagues, resembling the plagues in Egypt, only worse. And they bring much suffering and death. In Revelation, there are 7 trumpets. The first six announce the imminent downfall and overthrow of the kingdom of this world, and the passing of this age. Business as usual on the earth is about to come to an end. The seventh trumpet announces the coming of the kingdom of God and the reign of Christ on the earth. A new age, the age of the reign of Christ on the earth has come! In Revelation 11:15, loud voices in heaven announce the transfer of the ruling authority on the earth from the kingdom of this world to the Kingdom of Christ. This is the center of Revelation, and it is the focal point of the entire book. The announcement has now been made, but the actual transfer will take a bit more time. Evil is much deeper entrenched in the fabric and networks of the world than anyone had suspected, and it will require the wisdom and the authority of God to remove it.

The Biblical story that most of us can recall where trumpets have an important role, is the fall of Jericho. Jericho sat as a fortress to keep all would be intruders out of Canaan, and the city, with its massive walls and strong military appeared to be invincible. But after marching around the city for six days, on the seventh day, the Israelites marched around the city seven times with the priests blowing their trumpets. And on the seventh trip, which culminated in the seventh blowing of the trumpets, or the SEVENTH TRUMPET, the walls of the city collapsed, and the city fell. And likewise in Revelation, it is the seventh trumpet that announces the overthrow of the rule of Satan on the earth. There is much correlation between the story of Jericho and what is going on in Revelation. In both cases, God's people are brought to the threshold of the Promised Land, and the sounding of the trumpets announces the actions God is taking to bring His people into their promised inheritance. ~Pastor Phil

**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.



### Happy Ochoer Birthdays

Carol Outman	1
Kyle Walther	1
Edna Hochstetler	4
Viola Miller	11
Karen Pletcher	15
<b>Betty Graber</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Katie Kauffman</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Anne Yoder</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Elsie Yoder</b>	<b>21</b>

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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

**Church Office:** Linda Young, Admin. Asst.  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 8 am—1 pm

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



*Prayer*  
is the breath, the watchword,  
the comfort, the strength,  
the honor of a Christian.  
—Spurgeon

**Please pray for:**

- ♥ Remember **Martha Weirich** and her family as her son-in-law Ralph Burton passed away after fighting cancer
- ♥ Stan & Jean's Son, **Scott** and Hope Force as they help those in Asheville, NC as well as all those people whose lives were disrupted by the recent Hurricanes.
- ♥ **Jake Schwartz** as he continues to struggle with the loss of Leah.
- ♥ **Malinda Eash** and her family in the passing of her grandmother.
- ♥ Janelle's co-worker LuAnn Hochstetler who's husband passed away this past week after battling cancer.

**Ongoing prayers for....**

- ♥ **Friends and family:** Bill Johnson and Brad Miller (who are at the Laurel's), Tom Bontrager who is at Hubbard Hill, Kerney Troyer who is struggling with addictions, Marilyn Bontrager who is at Majestic in rehab. Heidi Smith and children who have financial needs, Rhoda Mininger, as she recovers from her broken leg.

**Praise for.....**

- ☺ Jan Yoder's cough being healed and her return to church.
- ☺ Our visitors Chris and Gabby and their family that have moved to Howe from Kokomo.
- ☺ Leonard Miller gave praise that Heidi Smith is seeing God's work in her life.



**Northern Lights seen in the sky outside Terry Rheinheimer's home on CR 22 in Middlebury. The Lord does some amazing work!**

**PASTOR APPRECIATION THIS COMING SUNDAY**

**October 20** is FMC's Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Please come and join the celebration during the Sunday School hour for cookies, coffee and sharing your appreciation with Pastor Phil and Pastor Tim. (No Sunday School Class this day)

*To Our Pastors Phil & Tim*

*"In celebrating you both during Pastor Appreciation, we want to Thank you for your unwavering commitment to preaching the gospel and leading us by example. Your faithfulness is an inspiration to us all."*

**FMW Project for the month**

**(through November 7)**

**First Light Mission in Goshen**

(Provides temporary shelter and resources for homeless women and families in crisis in partnership with local churches and schools.)

**NEEDS**

- Diapers—Premie & newborn
- Formula
- Q-Tips
- Baby Food
- Baby Wipes
- Tissues (Men/Women)
- Paper towels
- Kids Cereal
- Breakfast Bars
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Deodorant
- Canned Meat
- Healthy Snacks

**"On a Journey with Jesus"**

**First Mennonite Church**

**Worship 9am**

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**3 ROWS  
OF 4 INCH  
MESSAGING**

A vote will be taken on Sunday regarding replacing the sign in front of the church.

<— This is the artist's concept of what the new one will look like. It may be a different color and the worship time can be easily changed....

## ON THE JOURNEY....



From the editor: As you are aware I have reached out to everyone about sharing vacation experiences with the Newsletter. This will be the first in this series. I appreciate those who have submitted but I 'm hoping to get many more. Thank You!

### On the Journey submitted by Sonya Miller

I traveled with my adventurous dad, mom and 2 brothers by car to visit the 1967 World's Fair in Montreal, Canada. Mom had sewed my brother's shirts, my dress and her dress, all from red gingham and I felt so beautiful. (editors note: *Wish you would have sent a picture along*)

My youngest brother (Jay) remembers looking at something with great interest and when he came out of his daze, his family was gone! He was rescued by a policeman, who bought him ice cream. (Dad was in charge of watching him and mom kept much better track of my older brother and I.) When we finally tracked my lost brother down, he was much relieved and we two "Never Lost" siblings, were quite jealous of the fact that the policeman had bought him ice cream! At that time our ages were 7,8 & 9.

*Thank you Sonya for that glimpse into what fun the Graber's had while traveling.....*

Use your smile to  
change the world,  
but don't let the world  
change your smile. Author unknown



## EVENTS OF INTEREST~~~~

### RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

**When: Monday, October 21 12:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Where: FMC Fellowship Hall**

**Schedule @: 800-733-2767 or**

**RedCrossBlood.org and enter: fmcmid**

**As you can imagine, the need for blood has grown exponentially with the recent catastrophes in the United States. Give if you can.**

### AN LMC OFFERING

#### Winter Bible School

January-February 2025

Mark 11-13

We will meet seven times, for an hour and a half each session. You can attend by Zoom or in person at 450 N. Prince Street, LMC offices.

- Tuesday evenings at 6:30 - starting 1/14
- Thursday mornings at 10:30 - starting 1/16

Register by January 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact William Higgins at whiggins@lmcchurches.org or call 717 293-5246, ext. 121



**Goshen College's choirs** will perform at the annual **Fall Choral Concert** on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Sauder Concert Hall. Singing will be Chamber Choir and Vox Profundi, directed by Scott Hochstetler, and Voices of the Earth, directed by H. Roz Woll. Tickets are available at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets).

### RECIPE: QUICK POSTATO AND HAM SOUP—Recipe from Verna Weirich, shared with Linda Young

#### Ingredients:

1/4 Cup	Chopped Onions
1/4 Cup	Butter
2 Packets	Country Gravy Mix
2 Cups	Chopped Ham
8 oz	Cheddar Cheese
1-28 oz	Bag Frozen Cubed Potatoes
1 1/2 cup	Milk (Whole of 2%)

- Saute Onions in butter
- Add gravy mix and chicken broth
- Bring to boil and reduce heat
- Simmer until thickened
- Add ham and cheese
- Add potatoes at the end to avoid mushy potatoes
- Add Milk and 1/2 cup of water



**Very Tasty**