

## CALENDAR

<b>Wed 5/13</b>	5:45-6:30pm	Wednesday Evening Meal Meal: Pasta Bake Hosts: Community Life
	6:30pm	MYF: Food Pantry Service
	7:00pm	Ed Laber's Cuba Presentation
<b>Thur 5/14</b>	6:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Essenhaus
	All Day	First Mennonite Women
<b>Sun 5/17</b>	Afternoon	Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>Tue 5/19</b>	7:00pm	Music Practice
<b>Wed 5/20</b>	5:45-6:30pm	Wednesday Evening Meal
	6:30pm	Administration Comm
	7:00pm	MYF: Bible Study
<b>Thur 5/21</b>	6:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Essenhaus
<b>Sat 5/23</b>	Afternoon	Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>Sun 5/24</b>		No Sunday School
<b>Mon 5/25</b>		Office Closed in honor of Memorial Day
<b>Tue 5/26</b>	7:00pm	Music Practice
<b>Wed 5/27</b>	5:00pm	Outreach Commission
	TBA	Wednesday Evening Dessert: Banana Splits
	7:00pm	Spring Business Meeting
<b>June 8-12</b>	9:30-12:00	Vacation Bible School

**Office Hours for All Staff**  
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm  
Closed Friday

- All newsletter submissions need to be in to Angela by noon on Tuesday.
- A thumbtack indicates more information can be found on the hallway bulletin boards.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

15	Ed Laber
16	Shirley Riegsecker
17	Patti Miller, Ruby Yoder
20	Kristopher Keller
22	Ron Rheinheimer
24	Tom Bontreger
26	Kelly Kurtz
27	Rick Miller
28	Wil Beachy
30	Jill Miller
31	Dave Graber, Noah Klotz, Janelle Walther

## OUT OF THE OFFICE

**Kent** will be on vacation Thursday, May 21 – Sunday, May 31. Please contact Derrick with any pastoral needs.

## WORSHIP

**Looking Ahead:** An essential part of faith is living a life of peace. We will strive to better understand how Christians can be a peace witness and practice nonresistance as we discover new and practical ways to live a life of peace. **Background Scriptures:** Psalm 33:13-17; Isaiah 2:1-5; 11:6-9; Matthew 5:3-12, 38-48; 26:47-56; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Ephesians 2:11-22; and **Confession of Faith Article 22**

## COMMUNITY LIFE



First Mennonite Church and the MYF are all invited to **Grant Miller's** graduation open house, Sunday, May 24 from 1:00-4:00pm at his home, 58126 CR 35.



All are also invited to **Emily Weaver's** (daughter of Justin and Lyz Weaver) open house on June 6 from 2:00-5:00pm at 70013 S. River Rd. in White Pigeon.

**Happy Helper:** The anonymous donor for the fellowship hall window coverings has been nominated as FMC's happy helper! The window coverings look nice and serve well to block the sun, provide privacy, and save energy. Thank you to whoever



donated them! Shortly after they were installed, the Women's Bible Study met at FMC on the very evening that the police were trying to locate an "escapee" who had passed through Middlebury. It was such a comfort to have our windows covered that evening. Thank you for your generous contribution to FMC!



**The FMC Prayer Shawl Ministry** has been very active this year. We have distributed at least 10 prayer shawls. Some of these have gone to folks outside of our Church and into the community. We have received many words of thanks and expressions of the blessing of these shawls and knowing others care. Our shawl "creators" continue to use their talents and contribute more shawls to this Ministry (a special thank you to Jan Yoder, Elizabeth Kauffman, Patty (Dave) Yoder, and Fannie Hochstetler)! If you know of someone who is going through a difficult time that you think would benefit from a prayer shawl, please let Bernie Miller or Ruth Beasley know.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Stewardship Report for May 10:

Money Given to Budget: \$5464.00  
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$7089.97  
Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$233,086.57  
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$262,328.89

**Directory Information:** Remember to check your mailbox for your directory update form. Please review and turn back into the church office as soon as possible! If all information is correct, please note that on the form and turn into the office. Thanks!

## DISCIPLING COMMISSION

**Discipling Commission Update:** The Discipling Commission met April 22. The purpose of this meeting was to touch base with those working on behalf of the commission to gain feedback on the programs. The main objectives were to review service descriptions to ensure accuracy, update the group on what is being

done, identify improvements for the future and determine roles for next year. Those positions include coordinators for the Nursery, Bible Memory, Library, VBS and Christmas Program as well as Sunday School Superintendent. We will be searching for anyone interested in using their gifts to continue those programs. If that includes you please contact Dennis Rheinheimer, Karla Beasley, Derrick Ramer, or Kathy Troyer or leave a note at the church office.

**John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland**—prolific composer, teacher on worship and music—will speak at Prairie Street Mennonite Church (1316 Prairie St, Elkhart, IN) on Saturday, June 13, 9am–4pm. Topic: "The engaged spirituality of Jesus." Cost: \$20. Bring your own lunch or eat out. Registration at the door only, starting 8:30am.

**Bethany Bright Time Summer Camp:** June 8-12, has more than 50 athletic, fine arts, science, and all kinds of fun camps for age 4 through rising grade 8. Camps are \$30-\$40. Additionally, Shine On Campcare will provide a place for children for before, between, and after their camps. View camp listings and register online at [www.bethanycs.net/BrightTime](http://www.bethanycs.net/BrightTime). Online registration closes May 31.

**Bethany Christian High School's performing arts troupe, Emmaus**, will presents its final public program of the 2015 season at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 17 in Bethany's chapel. Shared in area elementary schools and other public venues, this year's show is entitled "Life's Lemons." Life doesn't always give us what we expect or want. The "lemon" moments of life are often the ones that provide valuable lessons for us. The performance uses music, drama and dance, and includes familiar stories (such as "Mike Mulligan's Steam Shovel") and songs (such as "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" and "I'm On Top of the World").

**Bethany Christian Schools grades 4-8 music students will present spring concerts** on Tuesday and Thursday, May 19 and 21, in the school chapel. Choral groups will perform on Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m.; instrumental groups will perform on Thursday with beginning instruments at 6:30 and band/orchestra groups at 8:00. There is no admission charge and all are welcome to attend.

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** invites you to the commencement service, Saturday, May 23, beginning at 2:30 pm at College Mennonite Church in Goshen. Dr. Nancy Bedford, professor at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary will give the address for the service in which 15 students will receive degrees and certificates.

**All are invited to the annual Spring fundraiser banquet for the Mennonite Historical Society**, to be held at AMBS (dining hall) Tuesday evening, May 19, at 6:30. After the meal, Sam Steiner will be speaking on possible implications for MC USA of the Mennonite story in Ontario, drawing on his recent book, *In Search of Promised Lands: A Religious History of Mennonites in Ontario*. Suggested donation: \$25 (but feel free to contribute what you are able). Please RSVP to Loren Johns (ljohns@ambs.edu or 574 536-7708) by 10 a.m. Monday.

## OUTREACH

**Ed's Cuban Service:** On Wednesday, May 13 at 7pm, all are invited to come and hear Ed Laber share about his recent Cuban mission trip. He has lots of pictures and stories to share; you won't want to miss it!



**FMW:** This month the First Mennonite Women are collecting monetary donations for Bible Memory Ministries. If you are interested in contributing, please drop funds off to Betty Graber or contribute on your offering envelope.

**MEDA:** Join Michiana MEDA for an African-themed dinner and program with David Eagle, MEDA Senior Consultant/Project Manager for Agriculture. We will also hold our chapter annual business meeting. A Tanzanian meal will be served. All are welcome. When: Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Where: College Mennonite Church Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door. Please RSVP by Monday, May 11 to info@michianameda.org or 574-355-3607

**IN-MI Mennonite Women** will host a luncheon at the 2015 Annual Assembly in Indianapolis on Saturday, June 20, at 11:30 AM. Wilma Bailey will present "A Story of Two Sisters". The meal is \$13, payable at the door.

RSVP to Shirley Bustos at 219-462-0526 or email at [SABustos@comcast.net](mailto:SABustos@comcast.net).

## ON THE JOURNEY

Horatio Spafford, a businessman in Chicago, sent his wife and three daughters to Europe by ship while he remained back in the States, intending to join them later. En route there was a terrible storm and a shipwreck during which their three daughters drowned. Mrs. Spafford made it to safety and wired back saying, "All of our daughters have been lost. Only I have been saved."

He took the next vessel. As they came near the place where his daughters drowned, the skipper of the ship pointed to the place where the other ship had gone down. It was there on the deck of the ship he wrote these stirring words:

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."*

Written by John Haggai, *How to Win Over Worry*  
Submitted by Kent Miller