Blessings & Concern

- Pray for Richard Geiger who is having knee surgery on Monday, August 12. Pray that the procedure has no complications and that Richard has a speedy and complete recovery.
- Pray for Phil & Esther Birkey as Esther heals and recovers at home.
- Praise God for the birth of Josephine Marie Timpe, daughter of Brian and Robin Timpe, sister of Hazel, born Monday, July 29.
- Praise God that Mary Birkey is cancer-free at this time and able to lead an active life. Mary lives in Indiana and is Phil Birkey's mother.
- Pray for Neil Kehler and his family. Neil's wife, Eileen passed away at 2 pm on Wednesday, July 31. Neil is a member of First Mennonite, Bluffton and has been attending Grace for the last year.
- Pray for Frank and his friend Laurie, as Laurie struggles to make it through chemotherapy.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family as they serve in North America. The Ross Richers engage in two-way mission that has them living six months in Ecuador and six months in North America, where they share their journey of mutual conversion with congregations.
- Please pray for encouragement and hope for all the farmers in our county, region and world whose livelihood is being directly affected by climate change this season. Pray for all people everywhere for wisdom and courage to make the necessary changes in our relationship with God's creation so that our one planetary home in the cosmos will continue to be habitable for future generations.

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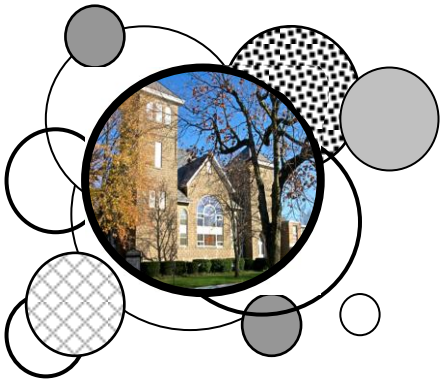

Parish Notes

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Calendar

Sunday August 11	9:00 am - 9:10 am 9:00 am – 9:30 am 9:30 am – 10:15 am 10:30 am	Prayer time in prayer room Coffee and snacks Sunday school Worship service
Tuesday August 13	6:30 pm	Bring extra garden produce to church
Wednesday August 14	7:00 pm	Shepherding Team meeting
Sunday August 18	10:00 am 10:30 am After worship	Coffee, juice & donuts Worship service at Frank Gibbs' with communion and baptisms Lunch provided by Community Connections
Samaritan House items .....spaghetti or tomato sauce		
Ottawa Food Pantry.....spaghetti sauce		
Noisy Offering ……September 1		

Church News

If you have extra produce, please bring it to the church each Tuesday by 6:30 pm. (Put it under the walkway near the foyer entrance.) I will deliver to several Lima locations on Wednesday mornings. Thank you! *Tim Luginbill*

Worship at Frank's farm 4376 CR 37, Rawson is next **Sunday, August 18**. Worship at Frank's is a special opportunity to enjoy a time of church "retreat" where we worship and fellowship together in a beautiful natural setting. Worship at Frank's has also been a time of receiving new members through baptism. This year's retreat will be extra special as we will be receiving *Greta Kauffman, Madelyn Renner* and *Sophia Smucker* into full membership through baptism! Lunch will be provided by Community Connections. There is no rain date. Should it rain, we will worship at the church.

Brazo en Brazo hosts FIESTA Familiar on Sunday, September 8 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm (Dinner 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm) at Lima Mennonite Church. (See bulletin insert for more information.) Two people from Grace are needed to serve from 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Our church is responsible for chips and watermelon – please contact Jeanette Weaver to donate. Donations will be for Brazo en Brazo work.

First Fruit Offerings 8/4/2019

No SS
Noisy Offering……$62.56
Budget……$2,000.00
CS Kits……..$440.00

Assisting with 8-18-2019 Service

Worship leader……...Ivan Friesen
Scripture reader……Cindy Luginbill
Musician……Angie Renner

Church Related News

Habitat for Humanity Build in Elida. The building has begun and we are seeing great progress. **WE CONTINUE TO NEED VOLUNTEERS each Saturday**: Construction workers, Meals for volunteers, and Donations. To volunteer, go to the Habitat website: www.habitatlima.org. On the very first page you will see a picture of the work in progress and a link to "Get Details and Sign Up." Follow the directions on that link to get trained for the work, to sign up for work or meals, or to donate to help fund the build. You can also call the Habitat Office to volunteer: (419)222-4937. We will have major build days every Saturday for a couple of months. We will also need volunteers on Wednesdays. If you can come on a Wednesday, please call our office. Thank you for helping make decent, affordable housing a reality in our area.

May God give us the courage to stand for the life and redemption given to us through Jesus rather than death and violence. Read MC USA's response to the federal government reinstating the death penalty: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/death-penalty-reinstatement-response.

Mennonite Church USA is currently seeking to hire two Communications positions, Communications Production Coordinator and Multimedia News Editor. Find the job descriptions and contact information at mennoniteusa.org/who-we-are/employment.

Still time to register! MCC Great Lakes is excited to offer a unique training opportunity for individuals to explore and engage with the legacy of colonialism and understand the intersecting history between Native people and European settlers. This training will use the framework of the Doctrine of Discovery to explore the taking of land from Indigenous people, which led to the justification of the global slave trade. Participants will be equipped with a number of educational tools which they can utilize to further educate others on the Doctrine of Discovery. Led by Michelle Armster, Erica Littlewolf, and Karin Kaufman Wall from MCC Central States, the training is open to all who are interested in the ongoing work of education and awareness-raising on these issues. It will be held August 25-27 with the Sunday evening public event, Loss of Turtle Island, at Waterford Mennonite and the following two days of training at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. The registration fee is $50 and *deadline to register is August 15*. To register, visit mcc.org/gl-dod or contact Kelly Shenk Koontz at kellyshenkkoontz@mcc.org.

The next annual **Mennonite Arts Weekend** in Cincinnati is scheduled for February 7-9, 2020. You can find information for this event at www.mennoniteartsweekend.org.