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What's your Birthdate?



Now this might not be a question you are regularly asked or even one you find yourself thinking about. However, this is a question that our pastoral team has been asking in our effort to provide pastoral care coverage for our congregation.

May 1 marked a new fiscal year for our congregation. This date also marked some changes in responsibilities for our pastoral team. One change is that Pastor Cindy has decreased from 1.0 Fulltime Equivalent (FTE) to 0.85 FTE to allow for additional time at home with her four young children. Other shifting of responsibilities was a result of discernment work from our pastoral team with leadership from Ministry Leadership Council. The pastoral team desires to use our gifts within our congregation and to have each serve to the best of our ability. Part of our discernment process was to reflect on areas of ministry that are life-giving and those that are more life-draining.

Pastoral care is one area that is affected by the changes listed above. Here is where "What is your birthdate?" comes into play. Pastor Velma will continue to be primary pastor for pastoral care for individuals 70 years old and older. Pastor Cindy will reduce her age range to now be primary pastor for pastoral care for individuals ages 50-69 years old. Pastor Neil has now become the primary pastor for pastoral care for individuals ages 25-49 years old. The new pastor of family life will be the primary pastor for pastoral care for individuals ages birth-24.

So, what does this mean in practical terms? Great question! As the primary pastor for each respective age group you can anticipate that the given pastor is the one who will respond to you in the event that you have a need for pastoral care (surgery, death in family, crisis, transition, etc.). If you desire to meet with a pastor for pastoral care/conversation we would ask that, if at all possible, you begin by first contacting the pastor listed as primary pastor for your age group. In the event of an emergency we ask that you begin by contacting the pastor of your age group (phone numbers are listed in the directory as well as on the back of the bulletin). However, if he/she is not available please call the other pastors until you reach someone. We as pastors will continue to provide emergency pastoral care coverage for each other.

We welcome your prayers as we, your pastoral team, live into these new changes for our ministry responsibilities. We look forward to the privilege of continuing to walk with each household through times of joy and sorrow, and through times of everyday life.

—Pastoral Team: Neil Amstutz,
Velma Swartz, Cindy Voth

Mennonite Education Nelson's Chicken Sale on Friday, May 20

Mennonite college and Bethany students will be hosting a chicken BBQ fundraiser at Waterford as a way for them, as recipients of the congregation's generosity, to be involved in helping raise some of those funds for Mennonite education. In addition to drive up, we are trying something new: delivery to people in the Greencroft area though we will consider for anyone within a three mile radius of the church. Delivery orders should be made by Monday, May 16, by contacting Kevin Miller at Kevin.Lorene@gmail.com (or call 574 534-0000) with your order and address. Deliveries will be between 4:30-6:00. Drive-up hours at the church are 2:30-6:30. Cost is \$6.50 per chicken half and \$3.50 for Pitatoes. Pay when you pick up or upon delivery.

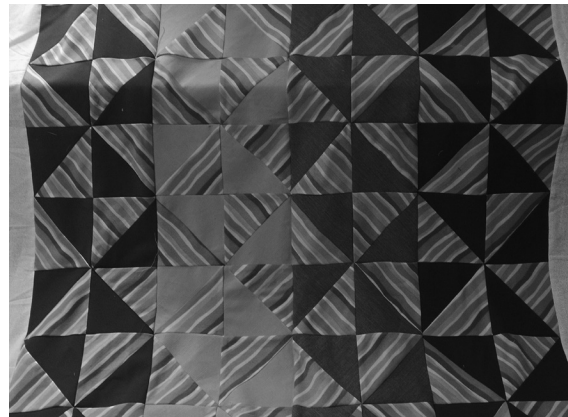
Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale

Save the dates of September 23 & 24, 2016 for the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. In what ways do you plan to contribute? If you are planning to make a quilt, comforter, handcrafted wooden item, art piece, etc. it's time to get started!

Ideas for other ways you can contribute will be coming in the next months! If you have questions or items you would like to donate, contact Carolyn Kauffman.

Senior Adult Hymn Sing
Wednesday, May 18
2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Photos from the trip to Mashulaville



Sharon Swartzendruber pieced a comforter top for the Thursday morning Women's group to knot and give away.



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Ed Swartzendruber clears an old well shed and trees to prepare space for a new pole barn. The first of four loads of dirt which Ed spread and leveled for the building pad awaits his attention.



Fancheon Resler, Steve Christophel and Larry Miller make sure the goats survived their worming.