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Welcome to Conversations That Matter!

How do you read and interpret the Bible as you do, and why?

Come join the conversation at the next Conversation Café, coming up this **Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m.!** This will be the first in a series of three Conversations That Matter on a topic that has the potential to be difficult or divisive because of our differing views. As stated in previous Buzz articles, the goal is to learn how to have these conversations in order to increase our understanding of how and why others have the views they do which may differ from our own. As well, we will have opportunity to share our own beliefs and feel heard, even though others may not agree.

On Feb. 28, we will converse around the broader topic of “How do you read and interpret the Bible as you do, and why?” The more specific questions will be, “What do you believe the Bible says about homosexuality?” and “How has your reading of scripture informed your belief?” Before we engage in the guided table conversations, we’ll hear a single presentation of three differing Christian views of homosexuality based on how people view scripture.

You may wonder why this topic, and why now? Last fall, in a Sunday School survey conducted by Aaron Lehman, you had the opportunity to list some potential conversation topics in which you would be willing to engage. Homosexuality was the one most often listed in the survey. In addition, Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference has encouraged individual congregations to invest time in a discernment process regarding questions of how they relate to LGBT persons. Before we do that, however, we can already practice how to have respectful conversations on “hot button” topics.

Our hope is that through conversing and listening, participants will gain understanding of how and why people interpret the Bible as they do in general, and

on this particular topic. Come even if this feels scary. Come because you are scared! You may be surprised to find that the love of our church family transcends the differences we may have.

*–Rose Shetler, for the CTM Group:
Pastor Neil Amstutz, Aaron Lehman,
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Mark Thompson Update

I have been corresponding with Mark Thompson, son of George and Karen Thompson, who are former attenders of WMC and now live in Detroit. Mark is currently incarcerated in the State Prison at Westville. He has recommitted his life to Christ and asks for prayer and devotional helps and would also love to hear from some of you to encourage him in his new walk.

His address is:

Mark Thompson 267009, C2-S2-7L
Indiana Department of Correction
Westville Correctional Facility
5501 South 1100 West
Westville, IN 46391

Both your return address and his address must be hand-written, no labels or typing.

Thanks for your consideration and prayers,

–Russ Hochstetler, for the Jail Ministry Team

Telephone Update

Neil and Janette Amstutz’s landline is no longer in service. To contact them, please phone or text to the cell phone numbers listed in the most recent church directory.



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June Yordy Bio

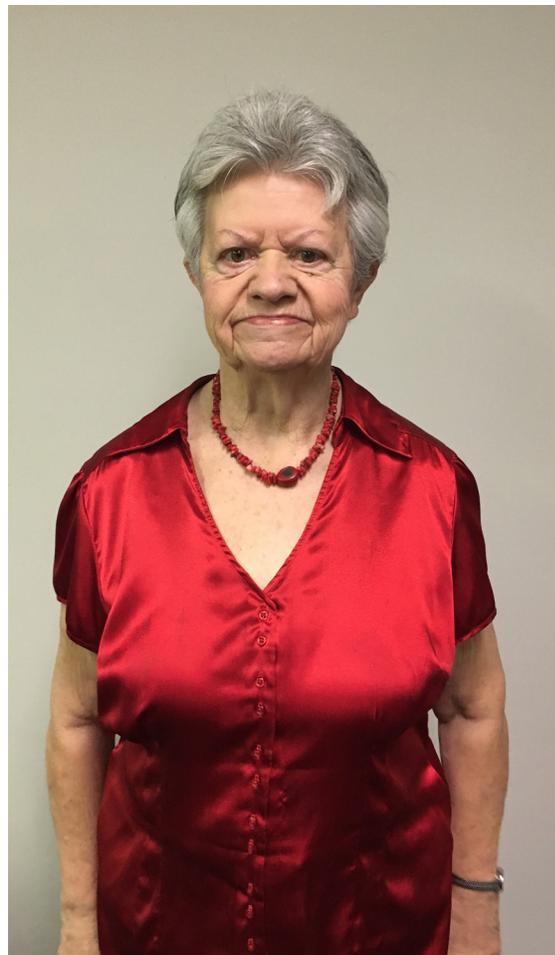
June Yordy grew up in Chicago. As a teenager she began attending the Chicago Home Mission's active youth group with her neighbor friend, Evelyn Yordy. She later married Evelyn's brother, Jim, and they had five children.

June worked at home, keeping the books for Jim's trucking business. Later she also worked as secretary for the Lombard Mennonite Church for many years.

When their daughter, Jeanne Yordy Baer and her husband, Matt Baer had a little girl with Spina Bifida, June and her husband Jim moved to Tucson, Arizona, where they helped care for Josey for the four years that she lived. They then stayed on in Tucson as members of the Shalom Mennonite Church.

Jim died two years ago and June recently moved to Greencroft. She knows many people in the Goshen area from Lombard, Chicago and Tucson winter visitors.

June encourages people at Greencroft to play Scrabble with her; it keeps their minds alert!



Colin Judson and Gabe Hartzler give a performance at talent night last weekend at Winter Youth Retreat at Amigo Centre.

Swords to Plowshares

On Sunday, March 4, during the nurture hour, the Open Door class will be hosting Lisa Weaver for a special presentation. Lisa has written a children's book called *Swords to Plowshares*, that tells the story of John Klassen, an artist who made a medallion by melting down bullets. It is a true story, and takes place in a Mennonite village in Ukraine in the 1920s. He made the medallion to say thank you to the Mennonite Central Committee workers who brought food and relief supplies to that war-ravaged region.

John Klassen eventually immigrated to North America and became an art professor at Bluffton College (University). Lisa has a slide show of some of his artwork that gives a narrative of his life and includes the story of the medallion. It would be of interest to anyone who is aware of the work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC); it is really the story of how and why MCC was created. The Open Door class invites anyone interested to join them in the sanctuary.