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BULLETIN & The CURRENT INFORMATION DEADLINE

Thursday noon

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~ Thank You! ~

"A very hardy thank you to the congregation and all who have been praying for my elbow surgery."

[Willie Miller]

~ Special Offerings ~

The Finance Committee is grateful for your ongoing generosity and would like to highlight two important opportunities to support the mission of Yellow Creek. First, based on an estimate of what we hope to receive from the sale of the two older buses, we are within approximately \$2,000 of fully funding the purchase of Yellow Creek's "new" bus! Also, as announced last Sunday, a Special Missions Offering is being planned for Sunday, August 31. That offering will be dedicated entirely to funding the Missions organizations identified in our current Spending Plan. We will be announcing a goal for the Special Missions offering soon. Again, thank you for your generosity and your prayerful consideration of these two giving opportunities.

~ Engaged ~

Silas Pasqualone & Grace Miller are announcing their engagement with plans to be married in September 2026.

~ Cookie Baking for Relief Sale ~

There is a cookie baking night planned here at the church to help supply baked items on September 25, 6 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to help supply cookie dough and to help bake that evening. Details for baked items at:
www.mennonitesale.org/donate

~ Bible Memory ~

Memorizing scripture is a wonderful way to draw into a closer walk with Christ and know His will. Please consider joining us in the Bible Memory program this year. Scripture and curriculum are available for children ages Kindergarten through High School, as well as Adult scriptures. A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer today and next Sunday, August 24. Any questions, please contact **Karen Leinbach**.

~ Carnival Volunteer Needed ~

The Carnival committee is looking for someone to lead in the kitchen area. The job includes a few meetings during the months of September and October along with prepping and serving food in the afternoon and evening of October 25. Please contact **Emily Reinhardt** with any questions or to volunteer.

Our mission is to call and prepare everyone to be fully committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Yellow Creek Happenings . . .

Sunday, August 17

9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship – Wes
The Call to Faith

10:45 a.m.

No Sunday School
Congregational Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bowling
Meet at Signature Lanes, Elkhart

Monday, August 18

7:00 p.m.

Iron Sharpens Iron

Tuesday, August 19

6:30-7:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study/Fellowship at
Angel's House of Pancakes,
Linway Plaza

6:30 p.m.

Day Care Board

Sunday, August 24

9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship – Wes
The Call to Endurance

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

Extended Calendar

(Activities at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

August

- 26 - Leadership Board, 3:30 pm
- 27 - Activities & Classes, 5:30 pm

September

- 1 - OFFICE CLOSED for
Labor Day
- 2 - Open Volleyball
- 3 - Activities & Classes, 5:30 pm
- 3 - MYF, 6:45 pm
- 4 - Daycare Back to School
Bash, 6-8 pm
- 8 - Open Pickleball, 6:30 pm
- 8 - Iron Sharpens Iron
- 9 - Day Care Board, 6:30 pm
- 9 - Open Volleyball
- 10 - Activities & Classes, 5:30 pm
- 10 - MYF, 6:45 pm
- 14 - BP Checks, 9 am

~ Attention All Artisans! ~

This year's annual Yellow Creek Craft Show is Saturday, November 1, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. We offer a reduced rate of \$20 per booth for any YCMC member. Applications can be found on the YC website or by contacting **Doug Hernley**. Be looking for upcoming sign-up sheets for helping and baked items for our Bake Sale. Questions may be directed to **Doug**, **Joy VanDiepenbos** or **Teresa Mack**.



~ Daycare Happening ~

Thursday, September 4, 6 p.m. the daycare is having a Back to School Bash in the fellowship hall. They are asking for monetary donations and desserts for that evening. If you would like to give to this event, please make your checks out to **Yellow Creek Day Care**. For desserts, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

YOU'RE INVITED TO
YCDC'S
BACK TO School BASH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH AT 6:00 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ACROSS FROM THE GYM

DINNER PLATES FOR SALE - \$15
CHICKEN LEG QUARTER, MEXICAN RICE & BEANS
DESSERTS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE!

PAY TO PIE YOUR
TEACHER! WHO WILL YOU
CHOOSE???

PHOTO BOOTH,
BOUNCE HOUSE,
AND LOTS OF FUN!

SEE JES OR HANNAH FOR PRE-SALE TICKETS
FOR DINNER PLATES!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT US AT
YELLOWCREEKDAYCARE@GMAIL.COM OR 574.862.1045

~ Ministry News ~

~ Senior Bus Trip ~

Senior bus trip to St. Ignace, MI is fast approaching. If you haven't paid your balance for the trip, please get that to **Anna Lou Helmuth** by or on Sunday, August 31.



~ Family Nights ~

Circle Wednesday nights on your 2025 calendars now for Family Night, August 27-November 12, 2025. Information was in your mailboxes last week.

~ Women's Fellowship ~

Women's Fellowship Committee is collecting items for school kits. Please keep your generosity to the listed contents. Lists are available on the table in the foyer. Any questions contact **Lisa Weaver** or **Brooke Weaver**. Place supplies on the table in the foyer or bring to the church office workroom by Sunday, August 24.

~ MyCoins Count ~

It will soon be time to pass our tin cans for My Coins Count! Bring your coins for three offerings, Sundays, September 7, 14 and 21. If you don't have many coins to drop, bills are good too! If you would like to make a matching gift or have questions please contact, **Deanna King** or **Emily Reinhardt**.



~ Leadership Board News ~

To provide vision, guidance, feedback, and support for our staff and ministries to fulfill the mission of the church.

The congregation has affirmed the following people 100%, to begin leadership ministry assignments, which start September 1.

Leadership Board Member.....	<u>Doug Hochstedler</u>
Leadership Board Member.....	<u>Burnell Weaver</u>
Gifts Discernment Committee Vice-Chair.....	<u>Rhonda Hochstedler</u>
Gifts Discernment Committee Member.....	<u>Brenda Gongwer</u>
Gifts Discernment Committee Member.....	<u>Toni Hartman</u>

On behalf of the Leadership Board and the Gifts Discernment Committee, we would like to thank all who participated in the Affirmation and Discernment Ballot. We thank these people for their willingness to serve and ask that you keep them in your prayers as they begin their work this fall. **Bob Steury**, Leadership Board Chair.

~ Outside Information ~

2025 Fall Programs at Amigo

Amigo Park Carry-in and Auction, August 30

Celebrate the community and rich history of tent & RV camping at Amigo Park! Bring a dish to share and place your bid on baked goods, quilts, home decor, and other auction items! Proceeds from the auction support on-going maintenance needs at Amigo Park.

Amigo Bike Michiana, September 12-14

Join bikers of all ages and abilities for a weekend of biking through the beautiful lake and farmland of southern Michigan and northern Indiana. Choose shorter routes and enjoy afternoons of family-oriented activities at main camp, or choose longer routes while children are cared for by Amigo staff. Find more information at AmigoCentre.org/bike. Register by August 29.

Amigo Scrapbooking, Quilting, and Crafting Retreat, September 26-28

Treat yourself to a weekend of intentional time spent on creative projects and let Amigo take care of the finer details! Extend the weekend; arrive early and stay late. Register by September 12 at bit.ly/AmigoRegistration.

~ Relief Sale Information ~

Plant Coordinator for Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale:

If you are someone who loves working with plants, volunteers, and customers - this position is just for you! Consider becoming the volunteer coordinator for the Plant section of the Relief Sale, Sept. 26-27. Any interest or questions contact Chris at chris.holsopple.kauffman@gmail.com

The Crafter's Marketplace sales for last year's Relief Sale exceeded our expectations, thanks to your prayers and support! We are looking for volunteers for Friday evening and Saturday morning to help with pricing, straightening tables, helping customers, Kids Make and Take and clean up. You can drop off your completed donations at the Community building on Friday morning of the sale, or email: crafting.mmrs@gmail.com to make other arrangements, or to volunteer.

The Fall Decorations and Dried Flower booth would greatly appreciate donations of all natural dried flowers and grasses along with traditional fall decorations such as gourds and corn. If you have questions, please reach out to Ruth Andrews, 765.860.4047.

How can you be a blessing to others? Bid on an item at the Quilt Auction at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. Come and view the comforters and quilts of all sizes, quilted wall-hangings, plus knitted and crocheted afghans on Friday evening, Sept. 26. Then bid either in person or online on Saturday morning, Sept. 27 beginning at 8 a.m. See the website for information about how to bid on an item - www.mennonitesale.org/quilt-auction. For more information contact Gail Shetler, 574.333.7142.

Start your Relief Sale Saturday on Sept. 27 with a little exercise before enjoying the delicious food available! The 5K run/walk and 2K fun walk will begin at 8 a.m. on the track by the grandstand. You can register online or download the form at www.mennonitesale.org/run-for-relief. You can also register on Friday evening, Sept. 26, near the quilt auction or Saturday morning at Dairy Barn II near the grandstands. Please join us!

You can help bring joy at the kids' carnival activities at the Relief Sale in September! Anyone 12 years or older can sign up to run a game booth. Even better, get a group of your best friends, small group, Sunday School class, sports team, or youth group and sign up together to make it even more fun! Kids under the age of 12 are welcome to run a game with the help of an adult. Your gift of time will make amazing memories while also helping kids learn about the work MCC does around the world. Contact Sonya Overman at preschoolsonya@gmail.com or text 574.849.2969 with your name and preference for Friday, Sept 26, 5:30-8 p.m. or Saturday, Sept. 27, 9-11:30 a.m.