

Pastor Transition Update

In November, 2012, Pastor Norm and Pastor Joel announced to the FMC congregation the beginning of a 2.5-3 year transition time where Pastor Norm would be stepping into a different role at FMC and Pastor Joel would become the lead pastor. Let us answer the most often asked questions since that announcement. This will be refined over the next year and a half but this is where it stands as of now. We say a huge **Thank You** for your prayers and support.

1. How is the transition going? It is going very, very well. The congregation overwhelmingly tells us that we are making the right decisions. The church staff has received a detailed list of responsibilities and target dates that these changes should take place.
2. When will the transition be complete? Spring 2015 is the prayerful target.
3. When is Pastor Norm retiring? The transition plan never included Pastor Norm retiring. He is simply stepping into a different role at the church.
4. What will Pastor Norm do after the transition is complete? He will...
 - Step into a different role at the church, he is not retiring.
 - Be a shepherd instead of a rancher.
 - Help hurting sheep instead of herding a large flock.
 - Comfort lonely mates instead of being CEO for the masses.
 - Build deeper relationships with a few instead of having surface relationships with a large group.
 - Be a pastor instead of a promoter and preacher.
 - Find the one sheep who went astray and bring him home instead of helping 99 who need no help.
 - Try to grow small groups instead of growing the large group.
 - Fine tune our Bridge Events to more effectively build a bridge to the unchurched in our community.
 - Find hurting pastors and put them in an FMC house for weeks or months to help save them and, if possible, their ministry.
 - Build relationships with real sinners instead of just rallying the saints.
 - Work on learning and remembering the names of adult attenders of FMC.
 - Pray for, encourage, and support the next lead pastor like never before.
 - Tell the story of Project Help helping people, believing if everyone in Steuben County knew the Project Help story, they would generously support the ministry.



This Week at a Glance...

Sunday, November 10

- 9 & 10:30 am **Worship Services**
 9 & 10:30 am **Adult Small Churches** - A list of Adult Small Churches and their locations is available at the Connection Center.
 9 & 10:30 am **Children's Sunday School**
 9:00 am **Teens Sunday School**
 12 noon-2 pm **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Packing Party** for families with kids 3 years to 5th grade. Lunch provided. *In the gym.*

Monday, November 11

- 10 am - 4 pm **Red Cross Blood Drive** - Call for an appointment, 1-800-733-2767. Rooms S103/104

Tuesday, November 12

- 6:15-7:30 am **Prayer time in the sanctuary.** All invited.
 7:30-8:30 pm **Ladies Intercessory Prayer Meeting** Room S101 (library)

Wednesday, November 13

- 5:30-6:30 pm **Fairview Grill** - in the gym
 5:45-6:30 pm **Kids Christmas Musical Rehearsal**
 6:30-8:00 pm **FSM - Fairview Student Ministries** Grades 6-12. *In the teen rooms*
 6:45-8:00 pm **Nursery through adult classes** A list of classes is available at the Connection Center.
 8:05-9:30 pm **Worship Rehearsal**

Thursday, November 14

- 5:30-6:45 am **Early Morning Men's Bible Study**, room S102 (chair room)
 10:00 am **Young Moms/Kids Play Group** Meeting at different inside locations. Please call or text Amber Shipe or check the Facebook page for details each week, 574-315-7671.

Friday, November 15

- 6 - 8:00 am **Men's Bible Study**, Fireside room

Saturday, November 16

- 9:00 am **Ladies Holiday Brunch** - The deadline to sign up is today at the Connection Center. *In the gym.*
 2:00-6:00 pm **High School Teens to Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Fort Wayne.** Meet at FMC.

Children

Children's Ministries -

Nursery through 5th grade

Sundays 9 and 10:30 am

Wednesdays 6:45 to 8:00 pm

Where do my kids go on
Sundays and Wednesdays?

Nursery & Toddler - Hallway to the gym, across from the mailboxes

Preschool - Children's Ministry hallway

K-3rd grade - Kids worship room

4th & 5th grade - Room C120

Sundays - upper level of children's hallway

Wednesdays - upper level behind gym

Jessica Bonner, Director

419-889-7900 * jessica@fairview-missionary.org



**Fairview
Student
Ministries**

Grades 6-12

Sunday School 9:00 am

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

In teen rooms upstairs behind sanctuary

Jon and Erin Geyer, 260-223-2687
jon@fairview-missionary.org

High School Only - Sat., Nov. 16

Meet at FMC at 2:00 pm

Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Fort Wayne
 \$25 (everything including dinner)

Sign up in teen room or email Pastor Jon.
 Must have signed waiver from teen room.

**For 6th-12th Grades - 3DYC
 (3 District Youth Conference)**

Sat-Mon, December 28-30, 2013

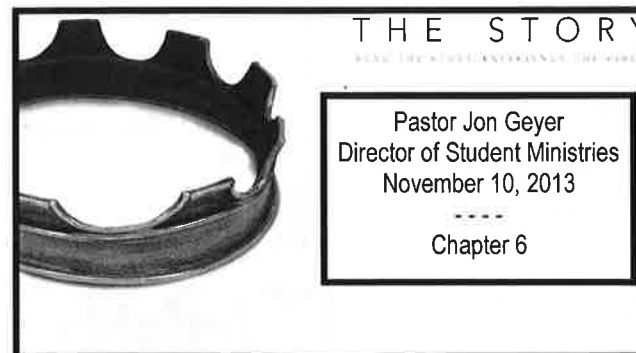
3DYC, in Ft. Wayne - a time to grow closer to God and grow closer as a youth group!

\$200 (all meals included).

Sign up in the teen room.

Registration Deadline: November 24

Check web site for updates: www.fairview-missionary.org



Pastor Jon Geyer
 Director of Student Ministries
 November 10, 2013

Chapter 6

Wandering

Some of the Scriptures used to form this message:

Numbers 20:8-12

Joshua 4:1-9

Numbers 13:27-31

Matthew 20:26-28

John 14:6

Deuteronomy 30:19



Sunday, December 22

Either service. Pick up information from the literature rack and return the form by Thursday, December 19.

Retta Lewis will make a 45-60 second slide show of your child if you provide her with 15-20 of your favorite pictures on or before Wednesday, December 18. You can e-mail them to her at rettajolewis@yahoo.com



Ladies

Coffee, Cake & Conversation Thursday, November 21, 9 am

I will provide the coffee (or tea, juice) and coffee cake, you come help provide the conversation!

Please join me at my house, **900 Northwood Drive, Angola** for this time of fellowship with other ladies. I just need to know who is coming so I have enough coffee cake prepared. RSVP by calling me, Linda Fuller, 665-6975 or email me at linda fuller6@gmail.com.

Hope to see you!

Sunday Speaking Schedule

Nov. 17-24	Pastor Norm
Dec. 1-15	Pastor Joel
Dec. 22	Pastor Norm
Dec. 29	Pastor Joel
Jan. 5-26	Pastor Norm
Feb. 2-23	Pastor Joel

Tidbits...

FMC E-mails - Norm's Notes, Fairview Family News, FMC Classifieds... To subscribe, go to our web site www.fairview-missionary.org

Pastor Norm and Pastor Joel welcome your insights into anything you want to talk about. Contact either of them at the office, 665-8402.



Coats for Kids

At Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
3376 S Golden Lake Rd, Pleasant Lake

Saturday, November 16
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

New and gently used coats will be matched up with kids who need them this winter, children must be present so we can fit them properly.

New hats, gloves and scarves are available. There will be a limited supply of coats for adults.

Update: Almost 1000 coats were distributed by the Steuben County Coat Bank on its first two distribution days with still another distribution day (November 16). Thank you for your generous contribution!

In the Family...

Our sympathy to Lowell Hilsmier on the passing of his mother, Evelyn Hilsmier last Monday. Arrangements are: Visitation 3-5 pm and 6-8 pm tomorrow at the Goodwin Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. Ind. 124, Bluffton. Services are Tuesday, November 12, 11:00 am at the Ossian United Methodist Church, 201 W. Mill St., Ossian, with visitation from 9:30 am until service time.



Ed and Marlene Sweet
are moving to Georgia!

Before we leave Indiana on November 26, we would like to get together with our "Fairview Family" for a **potluck dinner** at the church (location within the church to be determined) on **Sunday, November 17** after 2nd service. Please sign up at the Connection Center and indicate the type of dish you plan to bring. Many of you have become family to us; we hope to see you for a time of fellowship... one last time...

Ed and Marlene Sweet

Contact Information for Ministry Staff

Glenn Flint	260-665-0083
Jake Shipe	574-315-7671
Jessica Bonner	419-889-7900
Joel Greenwood	260-668-6734
Jonathon Geyer	260-223-2687
Norm Fuller	260-665-6975



"Heirloom Christmas"

Ladies Holiday Brunch
Saturday, November 16
9:00 a.m. in the gym



- ◇ Getting back to the real meaning of Christmas!
- ◇ Our own Tracey Foster will be providing the program.
- ◇ All ladies invited to this free event
- ◇ Please sign up at the Connection Center by TODAY! Be sure to mention if you need childcare.
- ◇ If you would like to help prepare the food that morning, please call Shelly Miller, 488-2907 or Liz Scofield, 668-1069.

Last day to sign up!



There are 40 small group, small church and fellowship flock type gatherings at FMC. They meet weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc. There is one for you too! If you are not now in a small gathering and would like to be in one, please contact Pastor Norm, 665-8402 or norm@fairview-missionary.org.



Operation Christmas Child

Today is the deadline to bring in your filled shoe-boxes. Watch next week for the grand total of boxes brought in and boxes packed at the Family Packing Party after church today!

217 boxes in - 483 to go!

A special welcome to our first time guests.

We invite you to go to the Guest Reception Center in the foyer to receive a special gift. Pastor Joel and Pastor Norm welcome your response to your experience at FMC today. Contact them by e-mail: joel@fairview-missionary.org or norm@fairview-missionary.org, land mail: 525 E 200 N, Angola, IN, 46703, or by phone: 665-8402.



Bethlehem Marketplace Our 24th Year!

**Saturday & Sunday
December 7 & 8
1:00 - 5:00 pm
Here at FMC**

**Sign up
continues
in the foyer!**

There is a place for you, whether it be behind the scenes, a character in the Marketplace, providing cookies, preparing a meal for the workers, setting up or tearing down! It takes 200 people to fill all the character positions over the 8 hours of BMP. We only have 75 signed up so far. Come visit the BMP table in the foyer - we'll tell you all about it!

Publicity for BMP is located in the center of the foyer by the BMP sign up table. Feel free to pick up all you can use.

How to use it:

1. Put a poster on a bulletin board at work.
2. Put a stack of flyers in the break room.
3. Carry some in your vehicle.
4. Get permission to stuff it in mailboxes at work.
5. Give some to the person who does the newsletter for your organization to get it in your publication - start early on this.
6. If you know of places where this BMP info can be put free on the internet, please do so for us.
7. Mention BMP in your email signature and put a link back to the FMC web site.

In your prayer times, be sure to mention BMP.

Surprise a Child This Christmas Pack a Shoe Box Gift!

Family Packing Party!

For families with kids
3 years old - 5th grade

Today, 12 noon - 2 pm

In the gym - lunch provided

Questions? Contact Miss Jessica,
665-8402 or Robyne Spillers, 624-2064.



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Men's Basketball

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Beginning November 19

For all men post-high school.
?s, call Dave Huffman, 316-4986.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day

Samantha's Restaurant, Angola

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

and

Lake Missionary Church

9030 U.S. 20, west of Angola

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

THE STORY

READ THE STORY EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE

Weekly Story Small Churches (Sunday morning)

Time	Location	Teacher
8:00	S103/104	Paul Stepp
9:00	S103/104	Faith Frey
	S105	Jonathan Brown
	Fireside Room	Curt and Kerri Dowell (lower level)
10:30	S103/104	Leon Weaver/Jeff Miller/ Tom Pendergrass
	S105	Wil Iler/Gil Hanson
	Fireside Room	Jake and Amber Shipe

Ron Frey's 9:00 class is a 12-step recovery class targeted to those who are recovering from various addictions. They meet in G111.

Dennis Rider's 9:00 class is studying *Behold Your God* - a biblical overview with video/discussion. They meet in S101 (library).

The above two classes will continue as such and not do *The Story* study.



Christmas Decorating

Many hands are needed (men and women) to help decorate the church for Christmas!

Monday and Tuesday, November 25 and 26. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served!

Strip Club Update

Another round of the struggle with keeping the strip club out of Angola will be fought this coming Wednesday, November 13, in a court room in South Bend. Please continue to pray that God will send His angels of wisdom and powerful arguments into the battle to give righteousness and decency the counsel they need. Pray that a spirit of confusion and stupor would rest upon those who wish to bring the club here. In this battle we fight not against flesh and blood but against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm. That means that anyone who is praying for righteousness and decency to win this battle has a part in the struggle just as though they were actually in the courtroom testifying.

Love to Read?

The FMC library has over 3,000 current books for you to check out. The library is in Room S101, on the northeast side of the building and is open from 8-9 am on Sunday mornings as well as most of the time during the week.



The FMC Meals Ministry provides meals for new moms and people recovering from surgery. Would you like to be on the calling list to provide a meal once in a while? Please sign up at the Connection Center.

Offering Envelopes

Thank you for filling out your offering envelope and putting your giving number on it. If you need a giving number, contact the office, 665-8402. E-Giving may be right for you. Details available in the literature rack.

2ND
saturday serve

Second Saturday Serve

"The Church has Left the Building"

January 11, 2014

We will not be doing one in December.

8 am - 12 noon, meet in the gym

Having surgery? Contact the church office and a staff person will be there for your surgery to pray ahead of time and possibly to sit with your family while you are in surgery. Each individual family handles surgery and hospital stays differently. Some only want the pastoral staff to pray over the phone. We ask you to tell us what you want the pastoral staff to do and which staff person you prefer.

Project Help of Steuben County

711 East Harcourt Road, Angola, across from the YMCA

Project Help is a strategic partner with FMC in helping meet the practical needs of the underresourced people of Steuben County. Even though Pastor Norm is Chairman of the Board of Project Help, Project Help is not a ministry of FMC.

In October 2013, Project Help's food bill at the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne was \$7,000. Because Community Harvest Food Bank sells to food pantries at approximately 20 cents on the dollar, that \$7,000 translates into \$35,000 of food at retail prices, all distributed to Steuben County people in one month's time.

After donations of food from many generous organizations in Steuben County, Project Help will still spend approximately \$3,000 to purchase food from the Community Food Bank to provide Thanksgiving meals for underresourced people of our county. Thanksgiving meal distribution is Monday, November 25, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Would you like to help with it? Please call 665-9697 to volunteer.

Hunters have you shot a deer and don't want the meat? You can donate it to Project Help. Here is how: Anstead Butcher Shop, 7245 N 925 E, Fremont, 495-7632, will process it for Project Help. You take the deer there. They are a state licensed check spot too. It costs the hunter nothing to have the deer processed, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry pays for it all. The deer is processed into ground burger and when Anstead Butcher Shop gets approximately 300 pounds of meat they call Project Help to come pick it up. In short, you shoot, you deliver to Anstead, they process it for Project Help, people get fed and all the processed meat stays in Steuben County.

Christmas help at Project Help is done through underresourced families being "adopted" by others. Adoption lists will be available some time this week. If your small group/small church, etc. would like to adopt a family or several, leave a written note at the Connection Center and someone will contact you in about a week.

We are all getting Christmas catalogues in the mail. Project Help's Christmas catalogue is available in the FMC literature rack across from the mailboxes. Included in the 8 1/2 x 11" one sheet black & white brochure is the need for a commercial freezer which costs \$4,000. Thank you for your generous giving.

Project Help is always looking for volunteers - just show up.

The Resale Store has sold many coats in the last few weeks. Check it out: Monday through Friday, 10 am-6 pm and Saturday 10 am-2 pm.

Holiday Schedule 2013

Sunday	November 24	Last day for teens to sign up for 3DYC. See Pastor Jon.
Monday/Tuesday	November 25/26	Decorate Church for Christmas (could use 10-15 people)
Wednesday	November 27	No Wednesday evening ministries. Enjoy family time.
Thursday/Friday	November 28/29	Office and Daycare closed
Tuesday - Friday	December 3 - 6	Set up Bethlehem Marketplace, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Need 10 people each day with a special appeal to contractors Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. to set up walls.
Friday	December 6	6:30 p.m. BMP Dress Rehearsal (not music rehearsal)
Saturday/Sunday	December 7 - 8	BMP, 1-5 p.m.
Monday	December 9	8:00 a.m. Tear down BMP. Special appeal to cleaning crews, 3 - 9 p.m.
Tuesday	December 10	8:00 a.m. BMP detail cleaning crew. Need 10 people. We clean everything in the church twice.
Wednesday	December 18	7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas program. All teen and adult ministries join in the sanctuary to watch the program.
Sunday	December 22	Family Christmas worship services and child dedication. No children's programs, no teen or adult small churches. Infant and toddler rooms staffed.
Tuesday-Wednesday	Dec. 24-Jan. 1	Daycare closed
Tuesday	December 24	6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, usually the largest attended service of the year. Communion.
Wednesday	December 25	No Wednesday evening activities, church office closed
Saturday-Monday	December 28-30	3DYC in Fort Wayne
Monday	December 30	Undecorate the church
Wednesday	January 1	No Wednesday evening activities, church office closed



Each year we decorate our sanctuary and foyer with poinsettias that people have donated in memory or honor of a loved one. If you would like to remember or honor your loved one with a poinsettia, please fill out the form below and return to the Connection Center with \$15.00 for each plant requested.

Plants will arrive right before Bethlehem Marketplace and be used to decorate for Christmas during December. You may take poinsettias you ordered home following the Christmas Eve service on December 24.

I want to HONOR:

I want to REMEMBER:

Your Name: _____

How many plants? _____

Requests with payment must be received by next Sunday, November 17.

