

Greater *things*

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Marriage Night Advice - Not Just For Couples

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As I read over the notes I took at Marriage Night to prepare to write this article, I realized that much of what was shared can be applied to relationships other than marriage. Here is some of the advice and insights given during the presentation.

According to Conway & Jada Edwards, the path to happiness, whether married or not, is to fully surrender to God. We should serve each other in love. Serving each other should take priority over seeking our own personal happiness. James 4:2 says that when we can't get what we want, we quarrel and fight. Fights happen in marriage and in other relationships because we expect other people to make us happy, or to meet our needs of acceptance, security, purpose, and identity. Those are needs that only God can meet and expecting that from another person will always lead to disappointment. We need to set others free from that burden and realize that our joy, contentment, and delight is in the Lord. They also shared Luke 10:27 where we are commanded to love our neighbor as we love yourself. They reminded those of us who are married, that our spouse is our closest neighbor!

Love your spouse as you love yourself.

Dr. Les & Leslie Parrott shared that conflict is normal and that conflict is the price you pay to get deeper intimacy in a marriage or to achieve a closer friendship/relationship with others. They shared the acronym C.O.R.E as a tool to help remember how to fight a good fight. Their CORE of a *good* fight is:

- **Cooperation** - Realize that you are not each others' enemy.
- **Ownership** - Realize and accept that you are part of the problem (own your piece of the pie).
- **Respect** - Show respect when fighting. Sarcasm and contempt are toxic to a relationship.
- **Empathy** - Put yourself in each other's shoes. Give the gift of grace.

I hope these tips help us all to better our relationships with others - our spouses, our siblings, our friends, and our co-workers.

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UPCOMING DIAPER SHOWERS

Everlynn Yoder (Harold Yoder & Jackie Carter) - Sunday, Oct. 4th

*Please bring size 2+. No brand preference.

Kollin Borntreger (Jory & Natalie Borntreger)- Sunday, Nov.1st

*Please bring size 3+. No brand preference.

MENNO HAVEN WORK DAY

Saturday, October 4th

Come volunteer, meet others that love camp, and enjoy a meal.

Tasks may include splitting firewood, clearing trails, deep cleaning, and more. All ages are welcome! This is always a fun day of teamwork and ministry with others. For more information, please see the flyer posted on the foyer bulletin board or go to www.mennohaven.com/work-day to sign up.

AMC FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 11th

Grab your lawn chairs and join us at Bryan Yoder's pond for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship together. This will begin at 4:00pm and will include a meal at 5:00pm. Food and drinks will be provided.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ivan Yoder	Oct 1
Floyd Borntreger	Oct 2
Lamar (K) Miller	Oct 3
Olivia Gingerich	Oct 7
Jamison Miller	Oct 7
Jeff & Jenni Marner	Oct 8
Ervin Kuhns	Oct 11
John Yoder	Oct 15
Gloria Yoder	Oct 17
Larry Herschberger	Oct 17
Sam Petersheim	Oct 18
Bertha Yoder	Oct 24
Ed & Edna Gingerich	Oct 24
Kyle Crabtree	Oct 26
LeAnne Tulley	Oct 26
Lanora Gingerich	Oct 30
Lyndora Miller	Oct 30
Phyllis Kauffman	Oct 30
Clara Wood	Oct 31
Debby Kauffman	Oct 31
Maranna Chupp	Oct 31

First Fruit Giving *Giving God Our Best* Stewardship

*8/30/2020 \$8,905

*5th Sunday given to
Arthur MCC Relief Sale

9/06/2020 \$3,385

9/13/2020 \$4,580

9/20/2020 \$5,614

If you would like to give tithes & offerings during this time, please place it in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary, or mail your envelope/check to the church address:
710 E. Park, Arthur, IL, 61911.

Please include your envelope so numbers can be recorded.

A Harvest Prayer

Gracious and Holy God, we thank you for the beauty of the fall season and the bounty of the land. We pray that you would watch over our rural community during this time of harvest. Keep us safe, grant us protection, and may your provisions always be enough. Allow all of us to be thankful for your abundant blessings in life even when times are difficult. We trust in your faithfulness and your promise to abide with us always. We pray this in the name of Jesus, in whom we have our hope and salvation. Amen.