

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Worship: **next Sunday, February 11, 2018**

*Message* Great Day of Singing

*Scripture* Psalm 96

*Childcare* Sonya & Jeremiah Overman

*Greencroft driver* Joyce Driver 538-8271

**IHN schedule...**We are scheduled to "host" Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network **Feb. 11-18**, April 22-29, and July 1-8. GIHN has opened its fixed site at St. Mark's United Methodist Church where guests stay overnight. East Goshen's role is to take supper and spend evening hours with the guests from 5-10 pm daily, during our scheduled slots. Steve Hochstetler Shirk, will be leading an orientation around 7:00pm. on the 11th, and will provide leadership as we learn about this new facility.

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, January 30 we served 8 families and 31 individuals. Our Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

### Last Week by the Numbers - January 28, 2018

General Fund	\$3,328.52
Food Pantry	50.00
Scholarship Fund	100.00
Children S.S. offering	2.75
Transportation	16.00
Adrian & Susie support	100.00
Bequest- Miriam Charles estate	14,042.40

\$17,639.67

Amount needed each Sunday in 2018 for General Fund  
\$7,115.75

Attendance last Sunday 176



WELCOME!

### Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

### Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all age groups

### Childcare

Age 5 and under  
Toddler room—lower level

### Infant Nursery

Outside the sanctuary doors,  
(unstaffed)

### Pastoral Team

**Merle Hostetler**

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Office Hours, Monday,  
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You are welcome to call anytime  
to make an appointment. Occa-  
sionally pastoral responsibilities  
take pastors away from the  
office.

### Church Staff

Office Administrator

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Office hours  
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9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Please send information items for  
the *Pathways* newsletter to the  
church office by Thursday  
morning. The email address is  
[egmc@eastgoshenmc.org](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org).

## EGMC NEWS UPDATE

### Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)

East Goshen Mennonite Church is planning on taking a group of 6-10 persons to volunteer with MDS in the first week of April. If you have any interest in this wonderful opportunity, please contact Tony Janzen or Jeff Kauffman.

**February 18th, SS hour:** Roberta Miller Yoder will report on her MCC learning trip to Kenya and Ethiopia. We especially invite those not able to attend the previous presentation. Let's plan on meeting in the Sanctuary. Information will be given if the location needs to be changed. Questions? Ask Sojourner SS participants.

**GRID Card Sign Up:** EGMC attendees interested in getting Goshen Resident ID cards are encouraged to sign up using the sheet on the bulletin board for a slot the morning of February 24. The GRID Card is designed to help "create a greater sense of belonging and safety" for those living in Goshen, and especially for our immigrant community. The cost is \$25 (\$20 for those ages 17 and under or 65 and up), and offers a number of local business discounts. When you sign up, please take an appointment card, which lists the three required forms of documentation on the back. More information can be found on the bulletin board or at <http://chhclinics.org/GRID-english>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun. Feb. 4, Sharing in the Lord's Supper
- Sun. Feb. 4, Souper bowl chili fundraiser
- Wed. Feb. 7, 9:00am, Ladies Sewing @ Depot
- Wed. Feb. 7, 6:00pm MYF
- Wed. Feb. 7, 7:00pm J-Frogs
- Thurs. Feb 8, 7:00pm, Leadership Kick-off
- Fri.– Sun. Feb. 9-11, J-Frog Retreat @ Amigo
- Sun. Feb. 11, Second Sunday carry-in

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*For Congregations and leaders* of IN-MI Mennonite Conference in living into our renewed vision.

*Unity & Hospitality*, especially for the vulnerable in the Goshen community.

*David & Karen Powell*, in this time of congregational transition.

*Chad Maxson*, friend of Gary Kauffman Jr., who underwent heart surgery on Jan.31.

*Peggy Mallott*, Mike's mother, thankful for a successful heart procedure. For improved health, and for guidance in making health related decisions.

*Phyllis*, friend of Debbie Ouimet', has stage 5 kidney failure and has started dialysis. she deals with depression, and wants to return to work.

*Juanita Thompson*, mother of Teresa Sherrill, for renewed strength.

*Sandy*, friend of Rhoda Stoesz, healing as she recovers from surgery.

*The family of Hannah (Grieser) Hochstetler*, for the inbreaking of Christ's peace in continued grief.

*Caleb Hochstetler*, continued healing in many forms, and hope as he prepares for another surgery.

*Martha & Wilbur Kaufman*, as they face life changes together.

*Barb Welty and her family*, for comfort and peace as they grieve the passing of her mother.

### Those in other places

**Adrian, Susie and family** as they study scriptures with inquirers, as they work with refugees, and as they lead other disciple makers.

### Those unable to attend Sunday morning worship

Darlene Martin, Dale Sherman, Irene Meyer, Dennis Stoesz, Mary Ann Schrock, Martha Kaufman.

### Prayer for the new year

As Mennonite Church USA, we're embarking on our Journey Forward in this new year. We invite prayers that we may seek the beauty and hope of God's spirit drawing us into this community of faith. Let us continue joining our voices in song, in prayer, in fellowship—that even the mountains and the hills may join.

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**The Everence Sharing Fund** provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our congregation last year. These grants matched contributions given to the Mutual Aid Fund, Emergency Assistance Fund, and the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Thank you for your participation in Everence products and services that makes this possible. —Cindy Steiner, EGMC Everence Advocate

### Coming soon ... Meditation/Peace Sanctuary Room

At the invitation of the Worship Ministry, a small group has taken on the task of re-purposing a portion of the old sanctuary into a prayer and meditation space. A list of items that could be used include: Area rugs not less than 5X7 - patio or other furniture either wooden, wrought iron or wicker - large world map - coffee or end tables - bookshelves of any size - pictures to hang on the walls. Please send a snap shot of what you may have to lend or donate to Gwen Hershberger at [gwenhersh@gmail.com](mailto:gwenhersh@gmail.com) or text to 574-536-2087. We will then be in conversation about your items. Thanks for your help!

**David and Karen Powell** have recently made the decision to no longer attend East Goshen. Copies of their letter explaining their choice to change their church participation can be found in box labeled "Letter from the Powells" near the end of the church mailboxes. While we will miss Karen and David's presence among us, we give thanks for the many ways they've enriched our community and bless them on their continued journey as followers of Christ

**Renewing a Vision Update:** In December, the Missional Leadership Team (MLT), our Indiana Michigan Menn. Conference (IMMC) leadership team, sent out to IMMC congregations an update on the "Renewing a Vision" document. The fall months were a time for both IMMC leadership and congregations to "flesh out" this document, which is our conference direction forward that delegates passed last June at IMMC Annual Sessions. See a full print out of the MLT report regarding "Renewing a Vision" on the bulletin board..

**Summer Camp is coming!** Think warm!! Camp at Amigo runs June 17-July 27, 2018. Some weeks fill early, so sign up soon to hold your spot. Amigo Centre summer camp registration is available online. Help create some wonderful memories for those special children in your life. Call or register online! 269-651-2811 or [dave@amigocentre.org](mailto:dave@amigocentre.org) or [www.amigocentre.org](http://www.amigocentre.org). There is registration information for both Amigo and Little Eden on the shelf under the mailboxes.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Singing Valentines:** Bethany Christian High School's performing arts troupe, Emmaus, will deliver singing valentines on Wednesday, Feb. 14. The cost is \$10 and includes two songs and a card with the option of including a message on a card. Recipients need to be within 1 mile of Goshen, and the Valentines will be "delivered" between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Registration forms are available in the school office or may be downloaded online ([bethanycs.net/emmaus-2018-sv](http://bethanycs.net/emmaus-2018-sv)). The troupe can only do a limited number of Valentines, so get your orders in early! Orders accepted through Monday, February 5, or until the schedule is full.

**Maple City Health Care Center** is looking for a welcoming, empathetic person to join our front office team. For more details, please see the job description on our website: [mchcc.org](http://mchcc.org). Please send a resume and three letters of reference to [lrusel@mchcc.org](mailto:lrusel@mchcc.org).

**Afternoon Sabbatical...** Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018 1 p.m. At Sauder Concert Hall, Music Center. *Why Quality of Place?* Diana Lawson, CEO of the Elkhart County Convention and Visitors Bureau Americans – especially the young and talented – are on the move and they are deciding where to live first and how to make a living second. This has led to an influx of the young and talented to vibrant communities, while other places are losing out. It's important that Elkhart County cities and towns create quality places to attract and retain young talented individuals. Come learn about Vibrant Communities and how you can be engaged in creating the place you want to live! This community program is free. If you have questions please call 574-535-7564 or email [aftsabb@goshen.edu](mailto:aftsabb@goshen.edu).

**Amigo Scrapbook, Crafting, and Sewing Retreats...** Whether you scrapbook, sew, quilt or craft, Amigo invites you to join us for a relaxing weekend filled with good food and fellowship. Come alone or bring friends/family. We provide the space, lodging, food and just the right amount of focused input to allow you time to balance your productivity with time to rest, restore and refresh your body and soul. Spring Dates: March 16-18 (or come early on the 15th) or April 6-8 (or come early on the 3rd). Call or register online! 269-651-2811 or [mandy@amigocentre.org](mailto:mandy@amigocentre.org) or [www.amigocentre.org](http://www.amigocentre.org)