

IMPORTANT NOTES

Lenten Theme

“Me & You & Darkness in View”

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

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Childcare Sarah Grieser & Lisa Yoder

Greencroft driver Joyce Driver 538-8271

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, February 27, we served 10 families and 29 individuals. Our Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Last Week by the Numbers - February 25, 2018

General Fund	\$5,118.72
Food Pantry	13.00
Scholarship Fund	650.00
Adrian & Susie	50.00
Fellowship Comm.	30.00
Children's SS offering	12.75
Transportation Fund	196.00

\$6,070.47

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

Attendance last Sunday 175



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

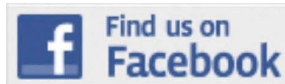
Outside the sanctuary doors,
(unstaffed)

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You are welcome to call anytime
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Please send information items for
the *Pathways* newsletter to the
church office by Thursday
morning. The email address is
egmc@eastgoshenmc.org.

EGMC NEWS UPDATE

MARCH 4, 2018

NEWS AND NOTES

We at **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)**, along with our partners around the world, are blessed by your continuing support for the work of MCC. We thank you, friends and supporters at East Goshen Mennonite, for the many ways you contribute to the work of MCC. In addition to the donations, energy and time you give at relief sales, thrift shops, meat canning and with material resources, your congregation contributed \$3,006.41 in 2017. We are especially grateful for your prayer support for MCC's work. Whether in Lebanon, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Ukraine or Appalachia, your support is sharing God's love and compassion. through relief, development and peace in the name of Christ Thank you! Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC Great Lakes

Senior Recitals... Julian Harnish will have his senior piano recital March 10 at 4 p.m. in Reith Recital Hall at the Goshen College Music Center. He will be performing works by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Kapustin and Debussy. Monica Miller's recital is March 17 at 4:00pm in Reith Recital Hall. She will be accompanied by Siwon Kim, featuring works by Stravinsky, Saint-Saens & Barber. Admission is free for both events, there will be refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to come!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed. Mar. 7, 9:00am, Ladies Sewing @ The Depot
- Wed. Mar. 7, 7:00pm MYF & J-Frogs
- Sat. Mar. 10, IN-MI Conf. Regional Mtg.
- Sun. Mar. 11, Second Sunday carry-in meal
- Sun. Mar. 11, 12:30pm, trip to Yoder's Farm Sugar Bush
- Wed. Mar. 14, 7:00pm J-Frogs, MYF
- Sat. Mar. 17, MYF Auction
- Sun. Mar. 18, 10:30 worship, GC Parables

PATHWAYS

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Those in our community and congregation, dealing with damage from the flood this past week.

John & Gladys Bontrager Miller families, as they grieve the loss of Gladys, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Miriam Wengerd, suffering torn leg ligaments, while also dealing with a ankle fracture in her other leg.

Lois Schrock, facing the possibility of colon cancer.

Norma, Food Pantry guest requests prayer for her son who needs to find a place to live

Ida, Food Pantry guest, having neck problems, may need surgery to replace rod in her spine.

Barbara, Food Pantry guest is suffering from COPD, and is very discouraged.

Dorothy Gangwer, peace and healing, following two cardiac procedures.

Peggy Mallot, mother of Mike, as she faces recurring health concerns.

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 Hannab (Grieser) Hochstetler, for the inbreaking of Christ's peace in continued grief.

Caleb Hochstetler, for healing and strength of body and spirit as he recovers from recent leg surgery .

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

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.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

The annual Goshen College International Coffeehouse is coming on Sat., March 24. This student-run event features a dinner at 5:15 pm in the College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall and a family-friendly international variety show at 7:30 pm in Sauder Hall (Music Center). Tickets for this fund-raiser are available from the Music Center (535-7566) or online (www.goshen.edu/tickets). Adults: \$20 (dinner & show), \$14 show only; students & children: \$14 (dinner & show), \$6 show only. This entertaining event promotes international friendship and also will be raising money for the local DACA-Dreamer support fund. Thank you for your support!

“With every ending comes a new beginning!” Goshen High School will perform the Disney musical Tarzan from Thursday, March 8th, to Sunday, March 11th. The story follows Tarzan, the boy raised by gorillas, as he navigates figuring out who he is. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Email your order to musictickets@goshenschools.org or call 574-533-8651 extension 2518. The performances will be at 7:30 pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you for your prayers, hugs, cards and many concerned conversations over the past 2 years for my mom. Each of them brought comfort and strength through this difficult journey. It was special how you wrapped your love around someone you had never met. We will have a memorial service for my mom April 28th for the family. Barb Welty

Elective Sunday School: An elective SS class will begin to meet the 3rd quarter, starting March 11. The focus of the class will be guided by the book “Anabaptist Essentials” (Palmer Becker). This elective will be taught by Joe Yoder and Teresa Sherrill and will meet in room 102 on the lower level. Books will be available to purchase.

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.

The Center for Community Justice will be facilitating a Restorative Justice Mediation Training on May 3-5. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about Restorative Justice and mediation, this is your opportunity! See the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Wounded Lovers: Embracing our Sexuality. This Mennonite Men retreat will create a safe space for men to reclaim God's gift of sexuality, address their shadow, and embrace who they are as spiritual and sexual men who long for loving relationships with others in life. Led by Steve Thomas, Coordinator for Mennonite Men, the retreat is Saturday, April 28 at Pathways Retreat in Goshen, Indiana. For information, go to pathwaysretreat.org/wounded-lovers-mens-retreat or contact Steve at SteveT@MennoniteMen.org.

Join us for the **Goshen College Men's Chorus** spring break tour home concert today, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students and can be purchased at the Music Center Box Office or at goshen.edu/tickets.

URGENT NEED FOR HOUSEWARMER PROJECTS!
MW USA partners with Mennonite Disaster Service to provide hand-crafted wall-hangings for each re-built home dedication. Because of extremely high demand, the supply of wall hangings is depleted. Becky Koller, volunteer coordinator for this ministry, shares this story. "I recently presented a wall-hanging at a home dedication, and the home owner tearfully responded, "Oh my goodness, someone who doesn't even know me made something this beautiful for me?" The wall-hangings become a treasured, beautiful reminder of the way MDS and MW USA care for those who have struggled with disaster. Becky reports that she is regularly sending several wall-hangings per month to the Mennonite Disaster Service home office in Lititz, PA for distribution by project managers to homeowners. Please find full instructions for sewing and sending a quilted wall-hanging on our website.

Please join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA) for our March Business Tour of Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC) in Nappanee -- Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 8:30am. Our morning will begin with a hearty Amish buffet breakfast at Mullet's Dining in Nappanee. Then we will travel just a few miles down the road to tour Aluminum Trailer Company's new 100,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, LEAN manufacturing facility. This is a local business tour you won't want to miss! Please RSVP by noon on Tuesday, March 13, to fo@michianameda.org or 574-355-3607. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door (cash or check only). See poster on the bulletin board.