

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

*The River of God*

*Message* Doug Kaufman  
*Scripture* Genesis 2: 8-15; Revelations 22: 1-5  
*Breaking Bread Scriptures* Genesis 2: 8-15

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, Mar. 30 The Food Pantry served 6 families, including 16 individuals, The Food Pantry will remain open each Tuesday morning from 9:00am to 12:00pm . We are using a “drive through” method in order to best serve our guests. Please pray for our guests and the faithful volunteers who come to serve each week.

### Last Week by the Numbers - March 28, 2021

Thank you for sending your tithes and offering by mail or online. The mail is collected regularly and a deposit made each Wednesday. Working together enables us to continue to support the services we provide.

General Fund	\$2,630.00
Food Pantry	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,655.00</b>

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund \$7,565.23  
Amount currently behind projected budget (\$13,082.29)



WELCOME!

**Zoom Worship Service** You are welcome to call anytime to make an appointment.  
10:30 a.m. Occasionally pastoral responsibilities take pastors away from the office.

**Zoom Sunday School**  
9:00 a.m. for children  
9:30 J-FROGS

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**Church Staff**  
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**Ray & Jenny VanDaele**  
  
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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](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org).

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Worship Survey:** Thank you to all those who responded to the recent worship survey that was provided by our COVID Team regarding in-person worship. While the survey responses offered many helpful perspectives for leadership, they were also filled with much appreciation. The COVID Team met this past week to consider the responses and to determine how to advise church leadership in next steps. Look for more information in the next weeks about future worship plans. Continue to pray for these groups as they listen, learn, and make decisions.

**On this Easter Sunday,** pray with Mennonite Mission Network that the continuing need to proclaim Jesus’ resurrection and his offer of new life is met in the land where he lived. Nazareth Hospital, in Israel, is seeking volunteer chaplains to provide holistic care for patients from diverse religious backgrounds. May God inspire and equip qualified people to respond

## UPCOMING EVENTS

-Men's Fellowship, each Thursday at 11:30am on Zoom. Contact Roger Mertz for the link.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

- Apr. 1, April Zehr
- Apr. 2, Aphaphanh Nussbaum  
(my apologies to these two ladies, I missed their birthdays last Sunday)
- Apr. 5, Peter & Mindy Schlegel
- Apr. 8, Olivia Renze
- Apr. 10, Dave Chupp, Lucy Yoder
- Apr. 11, Delores Greenawalt  
Hannah Snyder
- Apr. 12, Larry & Roberta Yoder

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Our congregation:* grant us grace, patience, understanding and consideration for everyone as we work at returning to in-person worship.

*Tom Yoder*, grateful for a successful shoulder surgery. Pray for good healing and patience as his shoulder/arm is immobilized.

*Becky Mishler*, sister of Connie Miller, has completed radiation treatments and has started chemotherapy.

*Bill*, Judy Gerzeski's brother, dealing with health issues. Pray for peace and comfort through this time.

*Hanna family*, as they work with foster children's health needs and daily routines.

*Our Food Pantry:* Sara Chupp and other volunteers as they carry on the weekly distribution of food to our community.

*Fred Yoder*, Olivia Renze's dad, keeping them in our prayers as they navigate a multitude of health stressors.

### Remembering those in other places:

**Pastor Naomi**, on sabbatical through May 1.

**Rosa Powell** is attending The Wilderness Way Girls' School Camp in South Carolina.  
Rosalinda Powell  
c/o Wilderness Camp  
175 Camp School Lane  
Fair Play, SC 29643

**Caleb & Nina Longenecker Fox:** Currently in Quito, Ecuador

**Adrian, Susie & family:** As they make preparations for their work in Djibouti. Pray for wisdom in seeing what God is preparing.

**Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:**  
Good News Community Chapel, Pinckney, MI

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**New phone numbers:** Cal & Loretta Kaufman have changed their phone numbers. Their home phone is 574-537-4893. Their cell phone is 574-349-0376.

**DRIVE THRU FISH FRY FUNDRAISER** - Bethany Christian School is holding their biannual Fish Fry fundraiser on Friday, April 23. This is a drive-thru, pick-up and go! No need to get out of your car. Pre-sale tickets are now available online until April 15 for \$10. The Juniors are hosting this fundraiser. When ordering tickets online, please consider one of our East Goshen students to receive credit for the sale - Mark Hanna, Caleb Mast or Logan Nussbaum. More info available online.

<https://ticketpeak.co/bethanytheatre/events/5012-Fish%20Fry%20-%20Junior%20Class/17695>

### Gifts Development Team- Youth Delegate Nominees

The IMMC Gifts Development Team invites nominations of young people, 16-21 years old, for two step-up delegates representing IMMC to the Mennonite Church USA delegate assembly. Please send suggestions and a short explanation to the [imoffice@im.mennonite.net](mailto:imoffice@im.mennonite.net). The delegate assembly will be virtual this year, so no travel is necessary to participate. More information available on the MennoCon21 website.

**50th Anniversary:** We have a whole year of monthly activities planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our *Outdoor and Environmental Education* program. To see what is coming up and to save the date check out our website [www.amigocentre.org](http://www.amigocentre.org)

**Sunday School materials:** It will soon be time to order supplies for the Summer quarter of Sunday School. I would appreciate a more accurate count of what each class that uses the MennoMedia series needs for their class. If the CML person from each class would send the information to the office it would be very helpful. If you wish to receive the "Rejoice" devotional booklet and are not already on the list, please call the church office or email me at [egmc@eastgoshenmc.org](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org). by April 11

**Updated Church Directory:** I plan to print an updated church directory for 2021 this week. If you have any changes (address or phone numbers) for your family, please call or send that information to the church office by Wednesday. Carol Birky

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**Gospel Evangel:** Attached is the Apr/May/June edition of the Gospel Evangel. You will be able to access this and previous editions of the Gospel Evangel on the conference website: <https://im.mennonite.net/gospel-evangel/>

**Mennonite Church USA:** Join Michael Danner, Mennonite Church USA's associate executive director of Church Vitality, in a webinar April 8 at 7 p.m. ET, as he interviews Elaine Enns and Ched Myers, authors of *Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization*. Register here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/registration-decolonization>

### MennoCon21

Registration for MennoCon21 opens April 6 for in-person and online attendance. Learn more here: <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>

Please pray for the **Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA**, which is gathering for a virtual meeting on April 16-17. The Executive Board meets two or three times per year, setting the vision and guiding the direction of the denomination.

**Staying Connected:** As the pandemic unfolded, MennoMedia launched a weekly eblast amid state and provincial stay-at-home orders. "Staying Connected + Staying Safe" has been designed to help keep people in your congregations connected to our resources and to each other, even while at a distance. Starting this week, this newsletter pivots to just "Staying Connected." Some worship in person, some via electronic platforms, some in a hybrid format. Regardless, we at MennoMedia want to keep connected and continue to offer resources for you and your congregation.