

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Living Water

Message Frances Ringenberg

Scripture John 7: 37-39

Breaking Bread Scriptures John 7: 37-39

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, April 6 The Food Pantry served 31 families, including 103 individuals. proving the first week of the month is always busy! 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 - April 4, 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	\$7,625.00
Food Pantry	90.00
Insurance refund	6,934.00
Total	\$14,649.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$13,022.52)



WELCOME!

Zoom Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Zoom Sunday School

9:00 a.m. for children

9:30 J-FROGS

Pastoral Team

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You are welcome to call anytime to make an appointment.

Occasionally pastoral responsibilities take pastors away from the office.

Church Staff

Office Administrator

Carol Birky

Church office hours are limited during this pandemic. I will be in the office Wed. Thurs. & Fri. mornings.

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Custodians

Ray & Jenny VanDaele

Church Treasurer

Ina Kauffman

Please send information items for the *Pathways* newsletter to the church office by Thursday morning. The email address is 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. The COVID Team is watching the local counts each week. Due to the increase in positive cases, our services this week will be on Zoom. Pray for our COVID team as they listen, learn and make decisions.

Some of you will recall **Deus, (an IVEP from MCC)**, from Tanzania who came to our church over a year ago and lived with the Hanna family for a part of his year in the states. His dream was to start a chicken project when he returned home. The Hannas, Joe and Jan Yoder, and Greg Suderman from the Hively Mennonite congregation have been supporting his project in the past year. Today he has 100 laying hens. He wants to increase his flock to 300. Our **Mission Ministries** is giving a \$500 grant to this project. They are inviting others to join. Simply mark your donation Deus Chicken Project if you would like to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

- Apr. 11, Delores Greenawalt
- Hannah Snyder
- Apr. 12, Larry & Roberta Yoder
- Apr. 13, Kate Holsopple
- Apr. 14, Heather Esteban
- Apr. 15, Orië Schrock
- Apr. 16, Ellie Slabaugh
- Apr. 18, Ina Kauffman
- Apr. 19, Grace Thomas

PATHWAYS

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NEWS AND NOTES

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Dan Hochstetler, is scheduled for a heart catheterization on Fri. Apr. 16.

Becky Mishler, sister of Connie Miller, will be having chemotherapy every other week for the next six months.

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:
Grace Chapel, Saginaw, MI

IN OUR CONGREGATION

A prayer time for Adrian and Susie will be held Wednesday morning at 11:00 am on Dorothy Mertz's zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7576566104?pwd=WUFEOXp2eWFuSkY0UWlwLzFzZE9ndz09>
Meeting ID: 757 656 6104, Passcode: EGMC

Everyone is welcome to join us on zoom or pray for them where ever you are. They are half done with their time in the US before heading back to Marseilles, France and then on to Djibouti. Please pray for 1) future partners especially Saul who is traveling to share God's word, 2) great connections with churches and people in this time to gain more prayer and financial support, and 3) for their family for spiritual growth and smooth transitions. If you would like to know more about how to help them meet their financial needs or how to get updates on their journey, please contact Dorothy Mertz (dmertz51@gmail.com or 574-536-7748).

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>

Sunday, April 25 will be Frances Ringenbergs last Sunday with us as Sabbatical Pastor. As these 3 months are quickly coming to an end we want to thank Frances for all the creative time and energy she has given us. If you wish to express your gratitude, you may send notes, emails, etc. to her home address or email: mfrancesvr@gmail.com or mail to her at 414 Vistula St. Elkhart, IN 46516.

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/>

MennoCon21

Registration for MennoCon21 opened 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.

Amigo Centre Leadership Transition -Amigo Centre is looking for their next Executive Director. This full-time position is responsible for the oversight of all programming, administration and maintenance of Amigo, offering strategic vision toward the future. This position also includes publicly representing Amigo Centre and finding various ways to strengthen support for Amigo within its diverse constituency. Qualified applicants will demonstrate strong leadership skills of leading and managing an organization. They will have a passion for transformative faith experiences and a gift for working with people, including excellent communication skills. Letters of interest and resumes can be sent to amigosearch@amigocentre.org. Join us in praying for Amigo and the search process as we discern a new Executive Director.