

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

*Water of Life*

Message *Worship in song*

Scripture *Psalm 36: 7-9*

Breaking Bread Scriptures *Psalm 36: 7-9*

**Welcome back Naomi Yoder!**

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, April 20 The Food Pantry served 5 families, including 21 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 - April 18, 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	\$6,875.00
EGMC Mission Fund (chicken project)	650.00
Total	\$7, 525.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$8,116.64)



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](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org).

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**The COVID Team** is watching the local counts each week. Due to the continued increase in positive cases, (the 7 day average was 60.9 in Elkhart Co.) 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, (MCC IVEP)** 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 Hively Mennonite 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 ChickenProject if you would like to help. Our Vanco direct deposit does have a Mission Fund option.

**Breaking Bread Leadership:** The coordinators for our EG Breaking Bread ministry would welcome 1 or 2 more persons to join them. If you are interested in small group ministry and being a part of this team, contact team participants Arlen Welty, Barb Welty, or Dru Mack.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries this week**

Apr. 26, Isabella Graber

Apr. 27, Vernon & Carol Birky

May 1, Ezra Esteban

APRIL 25, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

*Orie & Miriam Schrock,* as Orie's health declines and Miriam cares for him in their home.

*Wilma Mast,* scheduled for a procedure on Thurs. Apr. 29 to remove a lump from the top of her head.

*Barb Eiler,* scheduled for a second throat procedure on May 4.

*Nancy Detweiler,* has returned home after her recent hospitalization for an infection. She will continue OP treatments for two weeks. Don & Nancy both appreciate the prayers and concern shown them during this time.

*Bruce Bishop,* pray for comfort and peace as he deals with kidney difficulties.

*Sam Nolan,* brother of Jake (Amanda), who is suffering from severe depression.

*Brian Weaver,* son of Mike & Phyllis, as he recovers from Covid.

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

*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.

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

### Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:

Pray for Annual Sessions Planners as they continue to do the work of planning for Annual Sessions during a pandemic.

This week, the **Worship Ministry Team** will be sending out a short survey, and would really appreciate input from each and every person in our congregation. We love all things worship, and we want to find others that love all things worship too!

**2021 Church Directory:** The EGMC directory for 2021 has been completed and is in your mailbox here at the church. Those of you who live at Greencroft and do not drive have had your directory delivered. If you are unable to come pick up a directory, contact the church office. Extra copies are available. Due to the pandemic several positions have not been filled this year. Please review your address & birthday to verify that your information is correct. There are always updates and changes, and they are easy to make if you let us know.  
Carol Birky

**Today, April 25** is Frances Ringenberg's 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](mailto:mfrancesvr@gmail.com) or mail to her at 414 Vistula St. Elkhart, IN 46516.

Enjoy the **Ten Thousand Villages, Goshen Artisan Mother's Day Auction** this week and support women around the world who've had a tough time during Covid. We've carefully paired store items for an unforgettable gift for all the caregivers you celebrate. We'll even gift wrap and deliver locally! We created gifts worth cherishing for the plant lover, refined woman, grand hostess, grandmas, wise one, woman of letters, lovers of tea, coffee or chocolate, women who survived Covid . . . oh, my! With 34 items to choose from, you'll find it difficult to make a decision. Auction is open now [http://bit.ly/ttv-sp21\\_for\\_previews](http://bit.ly/ttv-sp21_for_previews), and items are on display at the store, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, Tuesday-Saturday. Bidding runs 8:00 am, Monday, April 26 — 10:00 pm, Sunday, May 2. Of course you can buy your gifts from the floor with the help of a trained volunteer or purchase a gift card so she can choose her gift. Spread your support worldwide for the amazing folks who have nurtured you, 'cause Mom taught you to care. Questions? 574-533-8491; [goshen@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:goshen@tenthousandvillages.com)

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

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

**Pathways Retreat** has *Stations of the Resurrection* up in the woods and available online in a virtual format until Pentecost, May 22. Pathways welcomes Betty Schrag as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Daily prayers continue via zoom. Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org).

**IN-MI Conference:** When God calls someone to leadership, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Indiana-Michigan Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for fall 2021 is July 13 with the final registration deadline on August 10. For more information visit [www.ambs.edu/journey](http://www.ambs.edu/journey), or contact your pastor, or Dan Miller at [dan@im.mennonite.net](mailto:dan@im.mennonite.net) or at 574-534-4006.

**Birds of a Feather - Birding Retreat.** May 7-9. This is a new retreat for families and bird lovers of all ages. Come to Amigo and spend time birding the 400 acres of wetlands, forest and lake. Learn how to draw birds with charcoal or watercolor, gather with other birders and see what you can see. Weekend and commuter rates available. More information and to register check out our website, [amigocentre.org](http://amigocentre.org).

**SAVE THE DATE!** 24th Annual Amigo Centre Golf Scramble will be June 5, 2021 at 8 am. Registration to come soon. If you are interested in joining and want registration information feel free to contact Amigo Centre at 269-651-2811 to have your name added to the list.