

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Water in the Wilderness

Message Steve Hochstetler Shirk

Scripture Isaiah 41: 10, 17-20

Breaking Bread Scriptures Isaiah 41: 10, 17-20

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, April 27 The Food Pantry served 8 families, including 27 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 25, 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	\$3,662.00
EGMC Mission Fund (chicken project)	500.00
Mutual Aid Fund	100.00
MCC	100.00
MennoHof	100.00
Total	\$4,462.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$12,019.85)



WELCOME!

Zoom Worship Service Church Staff

10:30 a.m.

Office Administrator

Carol Birky

Pastoral Team

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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

You are welcome to call anytime to make an appointment. Occasionally pastoral responsibilities take pastors away from the office.



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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.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Dear East Goshen Family.

Thank you for the special farewell Sunday. I will treasure the mug made by Bruce Bishop and savor the opportunity to use the Linton's and Ten Thousand Villages gift cards, being sure to select things that will represent this time together. Most of all I will treasure the experience of getting to know the congregation and having the privilege of walking with you. May your journey ahead be full of God's goodness and blessing!

Frances Ringenberg

Welcome back to our Pastor Naomi from her 3 month sabbatical. You may be creative in how you do your own personal greetings to her! We look forward to her sharing with us about her sabbatical at a later date. Since we are virtual this Sunday you may want to make a sign to show on Sunday or perhaps make a card. You may join us in decorating her office door and narthex area for her return. There is a basket by the office door for cards or treats.

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NEWS AND NOTES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

May 5, Isaiah Sherrill,

Sebastian Graber

May 6, Van Wysong

Leroy & Shirley Schrock

May 7, Beth Grieser, David Graber

May 9, Jan Yoder

May 10, Sarah Haser

Sophie Swartzendruber Snyder

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Evelyn Smith, was admitted to the hospital this week with an infection.

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

Wilma Mast, had a procedure on Thurs. Apr. 29 to remove a lump from the top of her head. Surgery went well.

Barb Eiler, scheduled for a second throat procedure Thurs. May 6.

Merlin Graber, scheduled for a knee replacement surgery Tues. May 4.

Nancy Detweiler, after her recent hospitalization for an infection, continuing treatments outpatient. 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.

Bill Sexton, Judy Gerzeski's brother, dealing with lung 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.

Remembering those in other places:

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:
Holdeman Mennonite Church, Wakarusa, IN

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.

The Breaking Bread Ministry would like to remind everyone that the last official week of groups meeting is the week of May 23. It has been a challenging year in many ways but the Breaking Bread Ministry hopes everyone who participated in a group was able to enjoy their time getting to know others in the congregation and studying the scriptures.

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.

Bethany Bright Time Summer Camp registration is now OPEN! We're excited to offer an assortment of Covid-19-safe camp tracks the week of June 7-11, and want to see your children learning and exploring on our campus again. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and to register... but don't wait too long! Camps are filling up fast and registration closes May 24. We can't wait to spend Bright Time week with your kids!

Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program is offering three learning and service opportunities in the United States this summer. Pray for participants, ages 15-22, to be challenged by the Doctrine of Discovery tour, the civil rights tour, or the immersive peacebuilding experience, which will include cooperative interaction with Colombian Mennonite youth.

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.

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, or contact your pastor, or Dan Miller at 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.

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.