

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Water in the Wilderness

Message Parables from Goshen College
Scripture II Corinthians 4:7, II Kings 4:1-7, Ecclesiastes 12:1-7
Breaking Bread Scriptures II Corinthians 4:7, II Kings 4:1-7

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, May 4 The Food Pantry served 23 families, including 86 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 - May 2, 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	\$6,215.35
EGMC Mission Fund (chicken project)	550.00
MCC	100.00
Food Pantry	75.00
MDS	50.00
Total	\$6,990.35

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund \$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget (\$13,369.68)



WELCOME!

Zoom Worship Service Church Staff
10:30 a.m. Office Administrator

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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

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 following worship next Sunday (May 16th) on the Sunday Zoom link.

MMN: Urgent prayer request from Colombia experiencing the most deadly third wave of the virus, with cases of COVID-19 and resulting deaths surpassing all-time highs last week.

1. God's love to comfort and give strength to all who are suffering because of disease, loss of loved ones and injustice.
2. God's justice to roll down as a mighty stream.
3. Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia (IMCOL) as they seek ways to express their call for nonviolent action and support people who are suffering.

MAY 9, 2021

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 9, Jan Yoder

May 10, Sarah Haser

Sophie Swartzendruber Snyder

May 11, Dan Hochstetler

May 12, Kaylee Woelk, Easton Prah

May 13, Maria Yoder

May 15, Amelia Unruh

May 16, Roger Mertz

May 17, Josh 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, has been transferred to Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse, Her address is 500 E. Pickwick Dr. Syracuse, IN 46567.

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

Wilma Mast, recovering well from her OPS, very thankful for the prayers and support of her church family.

Barb Eiler, as she recovers from a second throat procedure.

Family of Joe and Norma Hostetler, uncle and aunt of Merle Hostetler, following Joe's death. May they be granted God's peace as they gather this weekend to remember Joe.

Merlin Graber, recovering from a knee replacement surgery.

Nancy Detweiler, after her recent hospitalization for an infection, iscontinuing 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

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:
Hopewell Mennonite Church, Kouts, IN

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Sabbatical Sharing: Thank you, church family, for your prayers and blessings for my time of sabbatical and for welcoming me back so warmly. Your notes, texts, and words have been so meaningful as I return to the daily rhythm of life at EGMC. I'll look forward to sharing more about my sabbatical with you next Sunday, May 16th, a few minutes after the worship service (on the same Zoom link). As you prepare to hear about how I experienced the Fountain of Life in sabbatical, I invite you to be ready to share your own encounters with God's abundance, refuge, and "river of delights" in the past months. How precious is God's steadfast love!
Naomi Yoder

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.

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

Mission Fund Project: 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 Chicken Project if you would like to help. Our Vanco direct deposit does have a Mission Fund option.

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Do you have a canopy or tent? As we continue to explore creative options for in-person for worship, it would be helpful to know who in our congregation has canopies and tents they would be willing to share for worship gatherings. If you have one you'd be willing to offer, please email Naomi with the details.

COVID-19 Vaccines: As COVID-19 case numbers continue to be high, many local resources are offering access to one of the most effective tools to fight the pandemic: vaccines. In addition to the [daily appointments available through the Indiana Department of Health](#) (where you can sign up for any of the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines), there will be a Johnson & Johnson Clinic May 20-22 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Goshen High School. If you haven't already, please consider being vaccinated as a part of our effort to care for our community and enable us to safely gather together again.

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](#).

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.

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!

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.