

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, May 23, 2021**

*Pentecost*

*Message* Naomi Yoder  
*Scripture* Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Romans 8:22-27  
*Breaking Bread Scripture* Romans 8: 22-27

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, May 11 The Food Pantry served 17 families, including 64 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 9, 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	\$7,804.00
Food Pantry	20.00
Seekers SS class	50.00
EGMC Mission Fund (chicken project)	150.00
Total	\$7,954.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund \$7,565.23



WELCOME!

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

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

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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

**Congratulations to our HS Graduates!**  
We are blessed to have numerous graduates this year who have been a vital part of our church family, representing either Goshen or Bethany. Let's celebrate with them these next few weeks.

**David Kozlowski** (BHS) and **Joseph Mounsithiraj** (BHS) invite you to join them on Sat. April 22 from 5:00- 8:00pm here at EGMC.

**Austin Hostetler's** (GHS) open house is on Monday, May 31 from 11:00am -1:00pm here at EGMC.

**Noah Meikle's** (GHS) open house is Sat. June 5 from 2:00-8:00pm at 1921 Donald St. in Goshen.

**Tyson Miller** (BHS) invites you to his house at 1214 Shore Lane, Syracuse, IN on June 6, from 5:00– 8:00pm.

**Matthew Snyder's** (GHS) open house is scheduled for June 12 from 4:00-7:00pm at 18 Meadow Lane, Goshen.

**Tatium Markum** is graduating from GHS  
**Tinsley Yoder** is graduating from BCHS

**Beautiful Blackport!:** The J.FROGs plan to again clean up along Blackport Drive this Wednesday, May 19, something they have done regularly for the last number of years. You are welcome to join the J.FROGs and East Goshen neighbors, meeting at the church at 7:00 pm. Trash bags will be provided.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Birthdays & Anniversaries this week**  
May 16, Roger Mertz  
May 17, Josh Snyder  
May 18, Noelle Prahl  
May 20, Joel Holsopple  
May 24, Evelyn Smith

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NEWS AND NOTES

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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.

*Evelyn Smith*, has been transferred to Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse for rehab. Her address is 500 E. Pickwick Dr. Syracuse, IN 46567.

*John Driver, and Mike & Phyllis Weaver*, as they adjust to changes after moving to Greencroft Assisted Living.

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

*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*, as he deals with infection while recovering from a knee replacement surgery.

*Nancy Detweiler*, had a surgical procedure to place a stent in her ureter to help restore kidney function. Don & Nancy both appreciate the prayers and concern shown them during this time.

*Norene Myers*, sister of Gary Kaufman, as she receives treatment for cancer. Please pray for healing for Norene and comfort and strength for the family.

*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

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:**  
Hudson Lake, New Carlisle, IN

**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 this 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.

**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.

**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.

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**Transitions:** Sunday, May 30, "Learning to Say Goodbye on Zoom" 4 - 5:30 p.m. You will be able to access this event through our regular church zoom address. This our last time to connect with the church family, in gratitude of how East Goshen Mennonite has sustained us here through 32 years.

Dennis & Rhoda Stoesz

**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. [daily appointments available through the Indiana Department of Health](#) (where you can sign up for any of the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. 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.

**Goshen Christian Montessori School** is holding a yard sale and carnival to benefit the preschool Sat. May 22, 8am - 3pm in the parking lot of Assembly Mennonite Church, 727 New York St., Goshen. Come buy baked goods, gently used children's items, furniture, housewares, clothes and MORE! Come enjoy \$1 carnival games and crafts! Fun for the whole family.

**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.