

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Dying Like Grain, Bearing Much Fruit:

The People of God Transformed

Signs and the Spirit

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture Acts 15

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, July 6 The Food Pantry served 21 families, including 66 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 - July 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	\$12,325.00
Food Pantry	50.00
JEG Foundation (Silas)	100.00
Adrian & Susie	500.00
Total	\$12,975.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$17,163.36)

The second quarter financial report is completed and is available in the “Financial statements” mailbox in the foyer. (Right side, top row).



WELCOME!

Zoom Worship Service Church Staff

9:30 a.m.

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Church office hours are 9:00am

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Custodians

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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

July Worship Services: We plan to meet at 10:30 in the sanctuary each week for worship. We will continue to monitor COVID counts and CDC guidelines. Watch for email notification of any changes. We will also continue the Zoom services for those who cannot attend in person.

Fall Book Study: A four-session book study of the book “*Speak Your Peace*” (2020 Herald Press) is being planned for our congregation by Christian Formation Ministry. This book study will be led by its author Ron Sider, who will join us virtually on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm starting August 29. Sider, in this writing, and as “a respected and prophetic voice in Christianity today, ... helps us consider what the Bible says about loving our enemies. He returns us to the inescapable call of the Son of God, reminding the church of its true vocation in a world of hatred and war.” An ordained minister in both Mennonite and Brethren in Christ denominations, Sider lives with his wife, Arbutus, in eastern Pennsylvania. To obtain this book, you can either order your own copy, or buy one through the church office (\$15).

JULY 11, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Men’s Fellowship Lunch, every Thurs, 11:30am. Amos Hostetler’s backyard

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

- July 11, Daniel Driver, Kalin Meikle
Steve Hochstetler Shirk
- July 18, Alma Bontrager, Milad Hanna
Teresa Sherrill
David & Haly King
- July 19, Jackie Berkey

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our congregation, as we discern what God is calling us to release and what God is calling us to cultivate.

Tony Wood, father of Lisa & Michael Wood, recovering from a stroke and dealing with kidney failure, is being transferred to rehab this week.

Becky Mishler, Connie Miller's sister, has reached the halfway point in her chemo treatments. Scans show the tumor has shrunk, lymph nodes look good but there are still several spots on her lungs. She is thankful for the cards and prayers.

Zaiden Eiler, grandson of Phil & Barb, as he undergoes cardiac related tests scheduled in July.

Evelyn Smith, facing health decisions after another fall. Remember both the Hanna & Smith families.

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

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

Bruce Bishop, as he deals with kidney and other health difficulties.

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

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: in Quito, Ecuador

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:
Morning Star, Muncie, IN

IN OUR CONGREGATION

July 15th Zoom on Series Questions: Before July 18th, EGMC leadership is asking all attenders to join in a discussion about the *Dying Like Grain, Bearing Much Fruit* questions: What are we, as EGMC, being called to release? What needs to die? What are we, as EGMC, being called to cultivate? What is starting to grow? We're asking each Sunday School class to schedule a time to discuss those questions and then to share the notes with leadership. If you do not participate in a Sunday School class or you're not able to attend your class's gathering, please plan to join our open Zoom conversation on Thursday, July 15th, at 7:00 p.m. using the usual church Zoom link. We hope you'll join in these times of discerning God's calling for our life together!

Congratulations! Andrew Harris and Katrina Evans were united in marriage on Wednesday, June 30 in Crested Butte, CO.

New Address: The Unruh's have moved to 59600 Grandview Court, Elkhart, IN 46517. Please update Seth, Ashley and the girls in your church directory.

Church Membership and Baptism: If you are interested in church membership and/or being baptized, contact one of the pastors.

Lacasa's Help-A-House service day for EGMC is scheduled for August 7, 2021. Volunteers age 14 and older are welcome to help make a positive change for someone in our community. Please contact a member of the Mission Ministry Team as soon as possible: Gwen Hershberger, Naomi Yoder, Jeff Kauffman, Michael Grieser. Thank you for considering!

Prayer Request - Please continue to pray for Amigo Centre as the transition in leadership begins at the end of July. Matt Ropp, Executive Director, will be stepping down from his position. Please pray for the Board of Directors as the search continues for the next Executive Director and for the staff as they continue to host guests and run programs.

Amigo OEE 50th Anniversary upcoming events:

Full Moon Campfire July 22 & 23 6-11 pm, gather a group of friends to enjoy the long days of summer.

Food in Foil July 23rd 4-6pm. Enjoy a traditional foil dinner over the fire and stick around for a full moon campfire afterward. Limited space available. More information at amigocentre.org. Please RSVP at 269-651-2811 or by email to cheryl@amigocentre.org.

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Cross-country bike ride to raise visibility on climate issues: Follow the journey of 19 young adults on their cross-country bike ride to raise visibility on climate issues. **The Climate Ride** is hosted through an MCC partnership with The Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS). More information at sustainableclimatesolutions.org/climate-ride

- **Local Townhall Event:** "How should we as the church respond to climate change?" on July 14 at 6 p.m. at Fidler Pond Park in Goshen ([Zoom option available](#)) Hear from those working with Mennonite and other churches about how faith communities can effectively engage with climate change. Riders will give their reflections on what they see in churches they've visited along their journey.
- **Join the Climate Ride** for the day on July 15 Leaving at 8:00 a.m. from Assembly Mennonite Church in Goshen, ride with the group from Goshen to Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center.

Financial Assistance: We invite anyone who is interested to help support Silas Immanuel, as he starts at Goshen College this fall. He is from India, a brother to Tabitha who was an active participant in the East Goshen community throughout her College years. Her family and GC have reached out to see if our church could help with his support for the four years that he will be here, along with other sources as well. We are hoping to contribute \$2000.00 per year to his tuition. Silas will be staying with Ken & Sheril Mullet. Checks can be written to East Goshen with JEG Foundation/Silas in the subject line. You may contact Sheila or Millard Graber with questions.

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference (IMMC) has an employment opportunity for an Administrative Coordinator at .80 FTE. Applicants must have a belief in Christ's transforming power for all people, an appreciation for the local church as an expression of God's reign, and an understanding of administration as pastoral care. The qualified candidate is proficient in using oral and written communication, writing and editing publications, and preferably bi-lingual. They are competent with planning and managing multiple projects and meeting deadlines, and using technology in its various and changing forms (MS Office, MS Access, WordPress and social media, etc.). They will relate with diverse cultures with strong intercultural competence, managing and making decisions consistent with IMMC's stated mission and vision. Underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Contact imof-vice@im.mennonite.net or call 574-534-4006 for a job description. To apply, send resume to sharon@im.mennonite.net.