

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, August 1, 2021

*Dying Like Grain, Bearing Much Fruit:
The People of God Transformed*

Message Congregational Sharing on the Series Questions

Please consider, and be ready to share if you feel led, your own response to the questions: What are we, as EGMC, feeling called to release? What needs to die? And, what are we, as EGMC, feeling called to cultivate? What is starting to grow?

Scripture John 12:24

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, July 20 The Food Pantry served 19 families, including 54 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 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	\$3,820.00
Sunday School elective (books)	75.00
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Total	\$3,895.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$16,258.56)

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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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

August Worship Services: We plan to keep meeting at 10:30 in the sanctuary each week for worship, and will continue to monitor COVID Counts and CDC guidelines. There will be some changes to our gathering practices. Look for more information coming in announcements and emails. We will also continue the Zoom services for those who cannot attend in person.

Attention Quilters! Starting on Monday, August 8 at 9:00am there will be a quilt set up at Edna Hoover’s house to quilt on in preparation for the Relief Sale. Plans are to meet each Monday, bring your own lunch. If you have questions, contact Edna Hoover or Sheril Mullett.

You are invited to join me in attending “*Breakfast with the Chaplain*” a monthly open meetings the last Thursday of each month, hosted by Cory Martin, Chaplain at the jail. There is free coffee and donuts, a time of updating what is happening by Cory and a story shared by one of the inmates. I’d love to have anyone join me who might be interested in learning more or perhaps feeling a nudge to explore ways to become involved. Folks attending gather there at 8:00am, are ready to go back to the meeting room at 8:30 am, and things are wrapped up by 9:30 am. Please contact me if interested in attending.

Kathy Holsopple

JULY 25, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Men’s Fellowship Lunch, every Thurs, 11:30am. Amos Hostetler’s backyard
- Birthdays & Anniversaries this week**
 - July 25, Millard & Sheila Graber
 - July 28, Aaron Mounsithiraj
 - Barb Welty
 - July 30, Kevin & Jenna Prah
 - Jeff & Chris Holsopple Kauffman

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Millard & Sheila Graber's granddaughter, Joyce, (Parents are Paul & Amy) is scheduled for open heart surgery at Riley Hospital on August 13.

Naomi Helmuth, as she deals with health issues related to her cardiac medications.

Tony Wood, father of Lisa & Michael Wood, recovering from a stroke, dealing with kidney failure, and facing further challenges after a fall.

Evelyn Smith, who remains in failing health. Please 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

Adrian, Susie and family, as they transition to Djibouti.

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:
New Hope Community Church, Midland, MI

IN OUR CONGREGATION

New grandbaby arrived! Vern & Tammy Gerber are excited to announce that their grandson, Spencer Gerber, was born July 21 at 6:31pm. to Heath and Krystal. Everyone is doing well.

Congratulations! Jamie Graber and Betsy Long were united in marriage July 18.

Breaking Bread Groups will once again be formed in August and start in September. This is an opportunity to get to know new people in our congregation and to engage the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. A survey will be coming out soon. Take the time to fill it out so groups can be formed in a timely manner. If you are not interested in being in a group, it would be helpful to know why. If you would consider being a leader, please get in contact with Barb Welty, Dru Mack or Dorothy Mertz.

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. An ordained minister in both Mennonite and Brethren in Christ denominations, Sider lives in eastern Pennsylvania. To obtain this book, you can either order your own copy, or buy one through the church office (\$15).

Financial Assistance: We invite anyone who is interested to help support Silas Immanuel as he starts at Goshen College this fall. 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. Sheila or Millard Graber, I

MCC urgently needs sewing kits! Our supply of sewing kits has been depleted, and we need your help to fulfill requests from our partners. In many places where MCC works, sewing skills open doors to additional income that can help a family make ends meet. These kits are often given through MCC-supported programs that teach sewing or tailoring and provide the tools to make and mend clothing or to begin a business. For more information, including a list of kit contents, visit mcc.org/kits/sewing. Completed kits can be dropped off or mailed to the Goshen Material Resources Center at The Depot (1013 Division Street, Goshen, IN 46528)

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Announcements:

- Plan to attend a fundraising banquet to support the MMRS on Thursday, August 19, at 6:00 pm, at the Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center in Middlebury. Sponsor a table of 8 (\$225), or purchase individual tickets for \$30. Download a reservation form online (www.mennonitesale.com) or call 888-503-8559. Reservations are due August 1.
- Interested in sewing? We are looking for leadership for the Sewing Box at the sale: organizing, pricing, selling fabric, notions, and craft books. If interested, call Helen Glick at 330-763-4980.
- Quilt auction items: If possible, deliver items before August 20 for-photography. The auction will be live at the fairgrounds AND live on the web this year! Call Helen Glick for drop off: 330-763-4980. Also needed: volunteers to display quilts, bag and distribute to buyers, and more, during the sale.
- Practice begins August 1 for the Relief Sale choirs and continues every Sunday (except Sept. 5) from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at College Mennonite Church. The new men's director is Stephen Lowe and Shirl Bontrager returns as director of the women's choir. The choirs will combine for several pieces as well.
- Attention all runners and walkers! Now is a good time to think about completing a 5k or 2k run or walk at the 2021 Relief Sale and celebrate an in-person event after missing out last year! Check out our race web site: <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Goshen/MCCRunForRelief>. Check out the MMRS website (www.mennonitesale.com) to register at this link, download a mail-in registration form, and other information. You can also register in person at the sale Friday evening or Saturday morning. The registration fee remains a reasonable \$25 with a T-shirt or \$20 without a T-shirt.

Due to various concerns surrounding COVID-19 and vaccination levels, the MCC Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen will not be held in person this fall. However, the planning committee would still like to make as many comforters for MCC as possible. Packets with materials available for you to make comforters at home or in small groups in your churches and communities can be picked up at The Depot (door #2) Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment by calling 574.534.4071. For more information, visit mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash.