

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Baptism Service at the Chupps

Meditation Merle Hostetler

Scripture Matthew 3:11-13, Romans 6:1-4,10-11

Breaking Bread Groups

Our scripture this week for the BB groups is Matthew 3: 11-13. Some of the groups may be starting this week, others may be later this month. If you've not heard from your group leader you will receive a call soon.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, August 31 The Food Pantry served 15 families, including 112 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 - August 29, 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.

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| General Fund | \$8,933.68 |
| JEG Foundation (Silas) | 200.00 |
| Food Pantry | 600.00 |
| Book Study (Speak Your Peace) | 15.00 |
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| Total | \$ 9,748.68 |

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| Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund | \$7,565.23 |
| Amount currently behind projected budget | (\$6,983.90) |



WELCOME!

Worship Service

In Person and Online
10:30 a.m.

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.



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Church Treasurer
Ina Kauffman

Assistance Available
There are large print hymnals available on the Welcome Center. For a hearing assistance device, stop by the tech booth in the northwest corner of the sanctuary.

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

September Worship Services: Through the month of September, we will meet outdoors and on Zoom at 10:30am. The county COVID color system will be used to determine back-up options in case weather requires a change. Thanks for your continued graciousness and attention to communication with the need for continued adjustments.

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale: Mark the date September 24/25 on your calendar. EGMC will be staffing the Sausage and Meat booth. Plastic/grocery bags are needed. Please place any extras you might have in the tote in the foyer. Be looking for volunteer sign-up details coming soon!

My Coins Count 2021: Memorial to Fred Greenawalt Fred Greenawalt has been a generous supporter of My Coins Count. Fred and Delores have encouraged their grandchildren to do the same. This year, our collection for My Coins Count is a Memorial to Fred. Let's remember Fred's enthusiasm, care for others and his generous spirit, as we consider our donation to My Coins Count. Our monies to this project with MCC will help more children in the world have clean water.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall Book study 7:00pm: Sept. 12, 19, & 26 using the church's Zoom link.
- Men's Fellowship Lunch, every Thurs, 11:30am. Amos Hostetler's backyard

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

Sept. 6, Susan Hanna
 Sept. 7, Diane Hershberger
 Sept. 8, Debby McKenzie Ouimet
 Sept. 9, Wilbur Hershberger
 Sept. 11, Sonya Overman
 Sept. 12, Carl Helrich, Cal Kaufman

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NEWS AND NOTES

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Our congregation, for continued attentiveness to Christ's calling.

Amigo Centre, recovering from significant storm damage.

Merle Mullett family, brother of Ken Mullett. Merle died Tuesday after suffering several weeks with COVID.

Fred Greenawalt family, as they grieve the loss and celebrate the life of their beloved spouse, father, grandfather and friend.

Julianna, cousin of Naomi's mother Thea Yoder, as Julianna is recovering from major cancer surgery.

Millard & Sheila Graber's granddaughter, Joyce, (Parents are Paul & Amy) is back home recovering from open heart surgery.

Evelyn & Maurice Smith, as Evelyn is in healthcare at Greencroft, and as she is on Hospice.

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

Norene Myers, sister of Gary Kauffman, is doing very well and is very thankful for the prayers of support during her cancer treatment.

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:
Prairie Street Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Baptism Service, Picnic, and Celebration Next Sunday: During our September 12th worship service, we'll celebrate the baptism of Matthew Holsopple and Peter Shirk at the pond at the Chupp family's home (21560 CR 36, Goshen) and on Zoom using the normal church link. After the (10:30) worship service, the church will be providing a simple sandwich picnic lunch, and then folks are invited to stick around and play games or swim in the pond until 2:30. Come join in the joy of celebrating the commitment Peter and Matthew are making to Passionately Follow Jesus by coming together in a time of worship, fellowship, and fun!

Book Study Again Next Sunday!: The four-session study of the book "Speak Your Peace" (2020 Herald Press) led by its author Ron Sider, via ZOOM, 7:00 - 8:15 pm is *not* meeting tonight due to the holiday weekend. For each session, Ron offers a 10-15 minute summary of the chapters, followed by questions and discussion. Plan to participate, and invite someone else to participate as well. In preparation for this series:

Session 2 - Sept. 12 - read chapters 4-7

Session 3 - Sept. 19 - read chapters 8-10

Session 4 - Sept. 26 - read chapters 11-14

The Worship Ministry would like to recognize a group of people who have been vital to our worship services. People who you don't often see, but without whom you would not have had the opportunity to experience worship in such unique, thoughtful, and creative ways, especially during COVID restrictions. Some of these people have been doing this for years, but have adapted to new needs and equipment. Some have stepped up into positions new and challenging to themselves and have worked so hard. Thank you to our Zoom team, our camera and streaming team, our sound system team, and pastors Merle and Naomi. Thank you for all you do, both what we see AND what we don't!

We would also like to extend an invitation to everyone who may feel called to join these teams. We especially need more individuals to run the Sound System. We have a person who is generously willing to pay for an online training program to help prepare you. If you're willing to help, contact Tom Yoder (tech coordinator) or Naomi Yoder,

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

IMMC office updates: We are pleased to announce that Clayton Gladish has accepted the position of Office Coordinator here at the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference offices. We look forward to Clayton joining our team. If you get a chance, make sure to welcome him to our community! Our new office hours at IMMC are Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. (Clayton is sharing office space here at EGMCI)

EG Neighborhood Picnic: You are all invited to the East Goshen Neighborhood Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 11. Gather at Dykstra Park at 5:00pm for a good time with EG neighbors and friends. Hot dogs provided, bring food to share.

New this year at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale: "**Holy Surprises**" an evening of Theater and Music by Ted Swartz & Jeff Raught. Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7:00pm in the "Quilt Building" (bldg. 409) at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN. Free general admission, a free-will offering will be taken. See the poster on the bulletin board, along with several extra brochures regarding the Relief Sale events.

MCC Update: Continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan, including vulnerable women and children, and the many partners with whom MCC works. Pray that hope would not be extinguished during this season of uncertainty and fear.

Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty: During September and October, Mennonite Church USA invites you to learn about poverty considering the pandemic, by engaging its new "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative – The Cost of Poverty. We will include a special focus on housing insecurity and mutual aid. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/learn-pray-join/cost-of-poverty/>

Climate Change and Migration: What it means for southwest Michigan, northwest Indiana, and crafting a faithful response: As climate disruption continues to intensify, climate migrants and refugees will seek refuge from rising temperatures, drought, famine, fire, and natural disaster. How are people of faith called to respond to climate migrants? How do we seek justice and live out our faith stories with political movements charged with xenophobia and hatred? Join MCC and the Interfaith Action Southwest Michigan Peace & Justice Collaborative on Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ (1200 W. Glenlord Road) in St. Joseph, Michigan, or online via Zoom. Participants will hear from experts on climate and migration and learn how they can advocate for change. Please email KaterinaParsons@mcc.org for Zoom information or to RSVP