

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

*Peaceful Practices*

*Message* Naomi Yoder  
*Scripture* Genesis 32:22-32, 33:1-10

### Breaking Bread Groups

The BBG Scripture for this week is Genesis 32:22-32, 33:1-10.

May God bless each of these groups to be spaces for deep connection with God and one another. If you are still interested in joining a group, please contact Dru Mack, Dorothy Mertz, or Barb and Arlen Welty.

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, Sept. 7 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 - September 5, 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	\$12,080.00
JEG Foundation (Silas)	225.00
Food Pantry	50.00
My Coins Count	200.00
CPT	100.00
Seekers S.S. class	75.00
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Total	\$ 12,730.00
Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$2,469.24)



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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Custodians

**Ray & Jenny VanDaele**

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](mailto: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.

**Baptism Service, Picnic, and Celebration This Sunday:** After we celebrate the baptism of Matthew Holsopple and Peter Shirk during our 10:30 worship service around the pond at the home of Dave & Sara Chupp. (21560 CR 36, Goshen) and on Zoom using the normal church link, 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!

## 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. 12, Carl Helrich, Cal Kaufman  
 Sept. 14, Teo Esteban  
 Sept. 15, Edna Hoover,  
 Cheryl Hochstetler Shirk  
 Van & Peggy Rupp Wysong  
 Sept. 16, Tom Yoder  
 Sept. 19, Dave Snyder  
 Sept. 20, Adrian Troyer

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

*Amigo Centre*, recovering from significant storm damage.

*Ellis Bontrager family*, brother of Elvie Bontrager as they grieve the loss and celebrate the life of their father, grandfather, brother and friend.

*The Schlegel Family*, as Peter recovers from a breakthrough COVID-19 case, and the family manages the complications that brings.

*Dorothy Gangwer*, at Greencroft Healthcare following a recent stroke.

*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 sees slow, but real progress in recovering from major cancer surgery. Please pray for deep and consistent rest and healing .

*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.

*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**, have arrived in Djibouti, settling into new home, new school for the girls. Pray for connections and chances to be the fragrance of Christ.

**Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:**  
Shalom Mennonite Church, Indianapolis, IN

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

### **MCC MY COINS COUNT:**

There is an anonymous donor that is willing to match up to \$1000!! This is so exciting! So gracious of this donor, and so energizing for the rest of us to save quarters, dimes and dollar bills, to reach \$1000 as our first goal. Then we get to watch the number double! Thanks to this donor and what a big invite to anyone else who might want to put up matching funds also.

Here's an idea for this week: Set up a container by the sinks in your home. Every time the faucet gets turned on, add coins to the container. Bring your coins each Sunday or you may direct donations to the Mennonite Central Committee through EGMC online giving. Please send an email to [egmc@eastgoshenmc.org](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org) or call Carol to indicate the donation is for MY COINS COUNT!

**Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale:** Mark the date! Friday and Saturday September 24-25. EGMC will be staffing the Fresh Meat and Sausage booth and will need volunteers throughout the event. Volunteer sign up will be available after the Sunday morning service, OR contact Chris Kauffman. The slots will be Friday 5-7pm, 7-9pm. Saturday 7-9am, 9-11am, and 11-1pm. This is a great time for Mentors and Mentees to work together, SS classes, youth, or families. Come join the fun!

There are other volunteer opportunities at the Relief Sale. Maybe you would prefer helping out with Sonya Overman and the children's activities, Sausage and Pancake Breakfast, etc. Please contact Chris Kauffman, if you have any interest!

**Book Study Again This 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 will meet together again tonight for the second session. 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. You can view the recording of the first session at <https://youtu.be/PNmMsl37Oxg>

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

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

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/>

**Mennonite Church USA** (MC USA), Mennonite Church Canada, and Herald Press began partnering in September 2020 to encourage Mennonites to engage in a "common read," a shared reading experience focused on specific books written to nurture Christian faith in this cultural moment.

"The Common Read" continues September 2021 through November 2021 with *Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith* by Sara Wenger Shenk. Common Read participants can join the author on a live Zoom event on Tuesday, October 19, at 7 pm ET. Books are available from [MennoMedia](#), [CommonWord](#), and we also have copies available in the church office for \$15.

Here is the Sara Wenger Shenk link if you would like to read more about it. [Herald Press, MC USA, and MC Canada begin second year of Common Read | Mennonite Church USA \(mennoniteusa.org\)](#)