

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

*Peaceful Practices: Curiosity and Discovery*

*Message* Naomi Yoder

*Scripture* Acts 2:1-13; Matthew 18:10-22

### Breaking Bread Groups

The BBG Scripture for this week is Acts 2:1-13.

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. 14 The Food Pantry served 17 families, including 58 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 12, 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	\$6,923.61
JEG Foundation (Silas)	100.00
Food Pantry	20.00
My Coins Count	1,482.00
Seekers S.S. class	100.00
Adrian & Susie	50.00
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Total	\$ 8,675.61
Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23



WELCOME!

### Worship Service

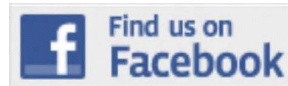
In Person and Online  
10:30 a.m.

### 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 are meeting 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.

### MCC MY COINS COUNT:

In Memory of Fred Greenawalt: We reached the goal of \$1000 and more! Funds collected \$1682! With matching donor funds of \$1000, the total is \$2682. You are generous adults and children; who gave from your heart so that families that lack resources will have clean water. Thank you! AND THERE IS ANOTHER MATCHING DONOR for the next \$1000. collected for MyCC. Save your coins and dollars and send donations into the church throughout this next week! Let's meet this challenge. Thanks be to God!

**Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** September 24/25: Volunteers needed for the EGMC meat booth. There are open slots on Friday night and Saturday. Could you get excited about making some baked goods to donate, play with children, or other positions? Please sign up with Denise Ressor Janzen or contact Chris Kauffman.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall Book study 7:00pm: Sept. 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. 20, Adrian Troyer  
Sept. 21, Joyce Driver  
Sept. 22, Roberta Miller Yoder

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

*Amigo Centre*, continuing to recover from storm damage.

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

*Julianna*, cousin of Naomi's mother Thea Yoder, for deep and consistent rest and healing as Julianna recovers from cancer 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.

*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:**  
Sunnyside Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN

### **Retreat on the Grounds!**

The annual Church Retreat is being held here on the church grounds on Sunday, October 3, from 9:00am to 2:30pm. We will not be going to Amigo Centre this year. Look for more information via email and announcements.

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Updated Addresses for our college students.** Please remember our college students in prayer, then surprise them sometime with a note or something to let them know we are thinking of them!

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**Office schedule:** Carol will be out of the office from Sept.27–Oct. 1. Grace Thomas will be filling in several days (office hours will be listed in next Pathways) and Cindy Steiner will take care of the financial responsibilities. Thanks to both women for your assistance!

**Book Study Again This Sunday!** The four-session study of the book "Speak Your Peace" is being led by author Ron Sider. We will meet together again tonight via Zoom for the third session at 7:00pm. 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>, and the second at <https://youtu.be/B7VZsHgsncI>

In preparation for this series:

- 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 \(mennoniteusa.org\)](#)

**Goshen College's Study-Service Theology Term** (SSTT) is currently inviting high school applicants for a two-week study experience in Guatemala in June 2022. Participants are selected through a competitive application process and will be drawn from students from any Christian denominational group in the United States who have completed their sophomore, junior or senior year by June 2022, with priority given to students from African-American or Latino communities. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2021. Learn more at [goshen.edu/sstt](https://goshen.edu/sstt).