

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

*Retreat on the Grounds*

*“Worship with Voices Together”*

*Message* Adam Tice

*Scripture* Psalm 136

### Breaking Bread Groups

The BBG Scripture for this week is Psalm 136

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. 21 The Food Pantry served 12 families, including 39 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 19, 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	\$4,085.00
Food Pantry	20.00
My Coins Count	887.00
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Total	\$ 4,992.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$6,591.10)



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 Staff

Office Administrator

**Carol Birky**

**Church office hours are 9:00am**

**-12:30pm office each weekday**

**morning.**

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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

**EG Church Retreat on the Grounds  
Sunday, October 3.**

Focus: “Worship with Voices Together”

Guest Leader: Adam Tice – Voices Together

Hymnal Committee

Following is a general schedule:

9:45-10:15 Song service in the outdoor sanctuary

10:30 Morning worship in the parking lot

12:00 Catered meal (by donation)

1:00-2:30 Teaching/Resourcing session in the parking lot

**My COINS COUNT UPDATE:** Thanks be to God for the sharing of your contagious generosity. Children and adults you have been amazing! Thank you from those that do not always have a voice, but will now have clean water.

Your giving of coins and matching funds has met higher goals than ever before. In doing so, we have indeed celebrated the life and generosity of our dear friend and brother in Christ, Fred Greenawalt. He would be so excited and so proud of the goals met in this project. Thank you! May you feel blessed as you have blessed others. The anticipated total is above \$6000! Stay tuned for the final count.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries this week**

Sept. 27, Alex Schlegel

Sept. 28, Jake Nolan

Sept. 29, Gary Kauffman Jr.

Kari Wildman

Sept. 30, Samantha Chupp

Oct. 2, Luke Hanna, Merlin Graber

Oct. 3, Barb Eiler

Oct. 4 Roger & Rhonda 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 Gangner*, dealing with pneumonia while 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.

*Lindsey Szabelski*, cousin of Ethan Romba, as Lindsey was recently diagnosed with cancer.

*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:**  
Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN

**Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale: THANK YOU** to all the volunteers from EGMC that helped make this sale a success! We so much appreciate your contribution to MCC in this way. From the Children's Activities, and EGMC Meat booth.

## 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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**Thank You:** The family of Fred Greenawalt is so grateful for all the support the congregation showed our family during the recent illness and passing of Fred. Thank you so much for all the food, cards, memorial gifts, calls, and texts. All these signs of caring are comforting.

**Office schedule:** Carol will be out of the office from Sept.27–Oct. 1. Grace Thomas will be filling in several days To do the Newsletter and bulletin, Cindy Steiner will take care of the financial responsibilities. Thanks to both women for your assistance!

**Book Study Again This Sunday!:** The last in our study of the book "Speak Your Peace" is being led by author Ron Sider tonight at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For each session, You can view the recording of the first session at <https://youtu.be/PNmMsl37Oxg>, the second at <https://youtu.be/B7VZsHgsncI>, and the third session at <https://youtu.be/5lJiAw-9sqE>

In preparation for Session 4 - Sept. 26 - read chapters 11-14

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**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/ssstt](https://goshen.edu/ssstt).

**Mennonite Church USA:** In the wake of the tragic earthquake that hit Haiti and the traumatic civil and political distress in Afghanistan, you are invited to join Mennonite Church USA in prayer for all people who call these countries home. Read the prayer for Haiti and Afghanistan here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/prayer-haiti-afghanistan>

**Mennonite Men and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary are co-sponsoring *Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity***, a three-part series of events that seeks to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith, and equity. Participants will share their own personal narratives, identify the ways they've been shaped by masculine messaging, and reframe their own masculine identity so it's more inclusive and holistic. The series will be composed of two webinars and one daylong on-campus event (also available online). For more information and to register, visit [ambs.edu/narrative](https://ambs.edu/narrative).