

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Peaceful Practices: Engagement and Dialogue

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; John 4:3-26

Breaking Bread Groups

The BBG Scripture for this week is John 4: 3-26.

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. 28 The Food Pantry served 4 families, including 10 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 - October 3, 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	\$2,265.00
My Coins Count	\$1,050.00
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Total	\$3,315.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$11,891.10)



WELCOME!

Worship Service

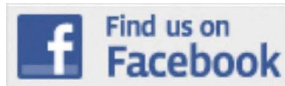
In Person and Online
10:30 a.m.

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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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

**EGMC Retreat on the Grounds
Today, 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

In case of rain, look for email instructions.

Donations are being accepted for **Amigo Centre** to help offset the loss of income when groups are not able to carry out their events due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ladies Sewing at the Depot, Wed. 9 a.m.
- Men’s Fellowship Lunch, every Thurs, 11:30am. Amos Hostetler’s backyard

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

- Oct. 3, Barb Eiler
- Oct. 4, Roger & Rhonda Yoder
- Oct. 6, Arlen Welty
- Oct. 7, Phyllis Weaver
- Oct. 9, Caleb Longenecker
- Oct. 10, Maurice Smith

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Amigo Centre, continuing to recover from storm damage.

Dorothy Gangwer, who was admitted to Elkhart General Hospital this past week when her lung congestion did not improve. Please pray for healing for Dorothy and strength and peace for her whole family.

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.

The family of Ori Schrock, who passed away this past Friday. For Miriam and family as they grieve his death and celebrate his life. He was 97.

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:
Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN

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.

Our study of the book **"Speak your Peace" with author Ron Sider** concluded last week. We are grateful for the good participation and discussion. You can view recordings of all four sessions through the following links:

First Session: <https://youtu.be/PNmMsl37Oxg>,
Second Session: <https://youtu.be/B7VZsHgsncl>,
Third session: <https://youtu.be/5ljiAw-9sqE>
Fourth Session: <https://youtu.be/vL4CYvle-5c>

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Board thanks you for your support of this year's sale. Total proceeds of the sale were over \$492,000, including \$160,000 from the quilt auction—the highest ever—and \$113,000 from My Coins Count! Your support helps Mennonite Central Committee's global work to ease the lives of the oppressed. THANK YOU!

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.

Mennonite Church USA invites you to engage in its "Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty" initiative. Throughout September and October, MC USA is offering stories, blogs, prayers and resources to encourage you to learn about the impact of poverty, to pray for economic justice and to join in mutual aid and advocacy work. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-poverty>

Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Worship, theology, biblical study and praxis with the option of hands-on immersion experiences. This year's theme is, Land: Loss, Connection and Imagination. Keynote speakers are Laura Meitzner Yoder and Timothy Eberhart. In-person at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., or virtually, October 14-16.