

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Peaceful Practices: Authenticity and Transformation

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture Luke 6: 37-45; Acts 15: 1-12

Breaking Bread Groups

The BBG Scripture for this week is .Luke 6: 37-45

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, October 5 The Food Pantry served 24 families, including 90 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	\$10,995.70
My Coins Count	213.00
Adrian & Susie	1200.00
Food Pantry	150.00
Amigo Retreat donation	300.00
Retreat meal donations	988.00
Ins. Refund	115.00
CPT	100.00
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Total	\$14,061.70



WELCOME!

Worship Service

In Person and Online
10:30 a.m.

Pastoral Team

Merle Hostetler
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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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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.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

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.

Amigo Centre is needing a volunteer to host lodge guests for October 15 and 16. Lodging and meals are provided. Volunteers help with meal serving and light cleanup, open the gift shop, oversee check-out, room checks, generally be available to answer guest questions, do a final checkout, and communicate with Amigo staff. "Hosts" can include two households who may want to spend the weekend at Amigo. Of note, this weekend there is a small group registered. The hosts may stay Saturday night as well. Contact Jeff Kauffman, if interested.

Calling all quilters, painters, printers, wood workers, muralists, visual artists of all kinds!! We are inviting you to create a piece to add to the decor of our church building to make it feel more welcoming. If you are interested in participating or have a person or idea to suggest, please contact Jane Yoder.

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. 10, Maurice Smith
- Oct.12, Caleb & Jana Yoder
- Oct. 15, Job Esteban
- Oct. 17, Seth Unruh
- Oct. 18, Zach Ganger

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NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Amigo Centre, continuing to recover from storm damage.

Frank Moreland, brother-in-law of Merle Hostetler, hospitalized in Iowa this past week with Covid difficulties.

Dorothy Gangwer, 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 Orie Schrock: Please keep Miriam and family before God in prayer as they grieve Orie's death and celebrate his life.

Our Food Pantry: Sara Chupp and other volunteers as they carry on the weekly distribution of food to our community.

Sara and Caleb Mast, as they prepare for and participate in their service assignment with SOOP this month.

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:
Wildwood Mennonite Church, Engadine, MI

IN OUR CONGREGATION

SOOP Sara and Caleb Mast will be participating in a SOOP assignment (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) through Mennonite Mission Network. They will be serving in San Antonio, TX, October 16-22, 2021. Please join us in praying for Sara and Caleb as they prepare for this assignment and while they are gone. This will be Sara and Caleb's first SOOP assignment, and we hope they will have a meaningful experience! For more information about SOOP, please visit the website, <https://serve.mennonitemission.net/serve/Pages/SOOP.aspx>.

New Location: Mennonite Youth Choir Festival would like to invite children in grades 3-9 to join us for a weekend of singing, March 5&6, 2022 in Berne, Indiana. We love praising God through song and want to pass on the love of music to youth of all ages. No matter where you go to church on a Sunday morning, your voice is needed in our choir!

2022 Festival Dates:

- Practice on Saturday, March 5, 2022; concert performance on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 2 p.m. (free and open to the public)
- Who: Children from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and beyond who love to sing—grades 3 through 9.
- Cost per Child: \$35 Registration Deadline November 15 (Music will be sent in the mail.)
\$45 Registration fee after November 15
- Location (NEW): First Mennonite Church - Berne, Indiana
2022 Guest Director: Brent Hyman

For more information and to register, please visit:

www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com or email: mychoirfest@gmail.com

Our study of the book **"Speak your Peace"** with author Ron Sider concluded. 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/5JiAw-9sqE>
Fourth Session: <https://youtu.be/vL4CYvle-5c>

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 \(mennoniteusa.org\)](#)

Learn more about Service Adventure!

Take a break from the classroom, test out a vocation and experience self-discovery, all while serving God and living in Christian community. Service Adventure units are spread throughout the United States. This gap, or bridge, year opportunity is for participants ages 17-20 and offers 10 months of hands-on learning.

What to expect:

- Units are composed of a leader(s) and three to five participants. Unit leaders serve as mentors, live in community, and share the responsibility of participating in activities and leading participants.

Service placement

- Volunteer daily in your placement(s) at partner agencies, such as local childcare facilities, soup kitchens and other similar service-oriented organizations.

Learning components

- Take turns leading a household experience. Do you have a special skill or unique tradition in your family you would be willing to share?

Worship nights

- Set aside time to connect spiritually with your unit members and hear where others are seeing God at work.

Household responsibilities

- Help with cooking, cleaning, grocery shopping, etc.

Host church(es)

- Connect weekly to a place of worship; this is often a place where participants are encouraged to use their gifts. Host families: Spend time away from unit life with a family from the host church — a "home away from home."

Still have questions?

- Visit our website for more information, or send us an e-mail.