

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture Jeremiah 3: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10;
2 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36

Breaking Bread Groups

The BBG Scripture for this week is Luke 21: 25-36

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, November 16, The Food Pantry served 12 families, including 47 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 - November 14, 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	\$11,405.00
Food Pantry	20.00
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Total	\$11,425.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$1,171.62)



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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**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.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Worship Sunday, November 21:
Our 10:30 worship service will be on Zoom this week using our usual EGMC link.

It's that time of the year! *The Bread of Life Food Pantry* will once again be distributing hats, gloves (preferably waterproof ones), scarves, and stocking hats in memory of Marv Graber during the month of December. This year, we will also be adding warm socks (all sizes.) We could especially use women's gloves, scarves and socks. Items can be delivered to the church office, or contributions made through designated giving marked for the Christmas project. Questions can be directed to Dorothy Mertz or Sara Chupp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Men's Fellowship Lunch, every Thurs, 11:30am. lower level kitchen at EGMC
- 4:00 pm, Sunday, Dec. 5, Congregational Meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

- Nov. 22, Austin Hostetler
- Nov. 23, Tammy Gerber
Josh & Bethany Boese
- Nov. 24, Job & Heather Esteban
- Nov. 25, Dan & Cindy Steiner
- Nov. 26, David Eigsti
- Nov. 27, Mara Miller
- Nov. 28, Roger & Dorothy Mertz
- Nov. 29, Judy Yoder
Randy & Debby Ouimet

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NEWS AND NOTES

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Our congregation, Growing as passionate followers of Jesus.

Elkhart County and our healthcare facilities, as we contend with this current rise in COVID-19 cases.

Frank Moreland, brother-in-law of Merle Hostetler, died after battling COVID-19 for several weeks. Services were this past Tuesday.

Mary Kathryn, Sister of Evelyn Smith, died this week, in Harrisonville, MO. Services are this weekend, we remember the Smith family as they grieve the recent loss of Evelyn and also her sister.

Kent Wildman, Kari's father, who has suffered a brain bleed and is recovering from a successful surgery.

Dorothy Gangwer, who tested positive for COVID-19 this week. She is receiving care at Greencroft, and anticipating a move to Greencroft healthcare in the coming weeks.

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

Our Food Pantry: Sara Chupp and other volunteers as they offer hope through food distribution and gracious interactions.

Remembering those in other places:

- **Rosa Powell** is attending The Wilderness Way Girls' School Camp in South Carolina. She plans to be back home for Thanksgiving weekend!
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**, Serving in Djibouti, Pray for connections and chances to be the fragrance of Christ.

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:
Bethel Mennonite Church

A prayer request from Taelore at Dollar Tree who works hard to keep our pantry shelves stocked: Please pray for serenity as she deals with challenging situations in her life.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Office schedule: Merle will be out of the office at a family gathering from Nov. 19-21. Naomi will be working remotely from Nov. 18 through Nov. 27th; she will be available by cell phone and email. The SLC will be assisting with in-person urgent pastoral care needs during these times.

Scholarship Fund: This school year our EGMC Scholarship Fund is providing financial assistance for 12 of our students from grade 6 through seminary. Our commitment this year is \$11,825 more than what is in the Scholarship Fund at this time. Designated giving to the Scholarship Fund will help to meet this commitment by the end of the year. Your support is appreciated as we continue providing assistance for our families and students. Thank you. –Finance Team

Holiday Market: Sunday, Dec.12,

I will be at Goshen Farmers Market from 3:00-7:00pm for the Holiday Market. The proceeds from the wood creations I sell will be given to the EGMC MYF. Come out and do your Christmas shopping while supporting our youth in the process! More details on the EGMC Facebook page. Bruce Schlabach

MCC Canning: The Annual MCC Meat Canning business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00pm at Pleasant Grove Mennonite church, located on CR38, 1/2 mile east of CR35. The past few years have brought many challenges in our lives. The great need for our work remains. All interested persons are welcome, light refreshments will be served. Contact Ken Mullett if you have questions.

Storm Clean-up at Amigo Centre: Amigo Centre is grateful for to have had many people help with the clean-up following the significant damage sustained during a storm in August of 2021. A logging crew was also brought in to do a salvage-harvest of the downed and damaged trees. With the logging crew nearly finished, it is time to begin cleaning up the trails so that they can once again be used.

Plans are being created for a clean-up blitz from **November 29 to December 4, from 9am to 4pm each day.** Large machine and tractor operators have been arranged, but volunteers are needed to run chainsaws and move branches.

To volunteer, contact Cheryl at (269) 651-2811, extension 105. or contact Michael Grieser at 574-303-6675 or email megrieser@gmail.com. It is important to let us know if you plan to attend so that enough food can be prepared for volunteers.

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Calling Goshen Community Volunteers for the 2021-22 Reading Camps!

Our schools need you! Reading Camps are for 2nd-grade students asking for your help with reading skills. Students are provided a helping hand in strengthening their reading through your mentoring and relationship. Reading Camps will be held January 24th through March 17th on Tuesdays and Thursdays or Mondays and Wednesdays depending on site. Camps run from 3-4pm at Chandler, Model, Parkside, Waterford and West Goshen. Volunteers can sign up for one or both hours per week, or as part of the Sub Pool. Please respond to Sharon Sarber at ssarber@goshenschools.org or 574-533-8631, ext. 12045 to participate in this wonderful program! Volunteer registration deadline is January 14, 2022. Contact me today!

Pathways Retreat will be offering Advent Visio Divina on Wednesday mornings starting November 24. Pathways Retreat will be closed December 20 - January 10 for the holidays. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.

Discover creative ways to engage with "Dare to Imagine," **Mennonite Church USA's 2021 Advent at Home** worship guide. Join writer Talashia Keim Yoder for a one-hour webinar on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT for creative ideas on how to slow down and connect with God each day during this season of anticipation. Learn about the guide here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/advent2021> Register for the webinar here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/adventwebinar2021>.

Goshen College Music Together offers affordable, fun and interactive early childhood music classes for families with kids ages 0-8. Based on child development research, Music Together offers free baby classes (0-8 months), Family classes (0-5 years) and Rhythm Kids (ages 5-8). Save money with early bird registration through Dec. 12. Learn more and register at gcmusiccenter.org/music-together

Give gifts of comfort and joy with MCC! Delight your loved ones and share God's love with our global neighbors this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, clean water, fruit trees, books and many more. Give at mcc.org/delight or call 888.563.4676.