

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

*Faith Stories and the Stage*

*Scripture* Psalm 33:1-5, Colossians 3:15-17

### Breaking Bread Groups

The BBG Scripture for this week is Colossians 3:15-17.

May God bless each of these groups to be spaces for deep connection with God and one another. Dru Mack, Dorothy Mertz, and Barb and Arlen Welty are coordinators.

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, April 26, the Food Pantry served 15 families and 55 individuals. The Food Pantry will remain open each Tuesday morning from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Please continue to pray for our guests and the faithful volunteers who distribute food each week.

### Last Week by the Numbers - April 24, 2022

Thank you for sending your tithes and offerings 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.

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| General Fund                                   | \$4,798.00 |
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| Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund | \$7,705.40 |



WELCOME!

Worship Service

Online 10:30 a.m.

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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](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org).

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Blessing Basket:** We've added a "Blessing Basket" to our Welcome Center. We're asking you to take time to write a note of encouragement or blessing to our Food Pantry guests. There are blank notes & pens. Simply write a note and place it into the basket. They will be given to our guests on Tuesday at our Food Pantry.

**Monthly Meals at EGMC!** If you've missed the second Sunday meals we had before the Pandemic, please help make it possible to bring them back! If your Sunday School class or Small Group is willing to plan, set up and clean up for one month's carry in, please contact Carol in the church office.

**EGMC Planting Plan:** If you're willing to help develop and implement a Planting Plan to increase the beauty, use, and sustainability of our church property, please get in touch with Merle or Naomi.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Lunch** 11:30 am each Thursday in the lower level kitchen. All men are welcome to come. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship time.

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

May 1, Ezra Esteban

May 5, Sebastian Graber,

May 6, Van Wysong

Leroy & Shirley Schrock

May 7, Beth Grieser

May 9, Jan Yoder

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NEWS AND NOTES

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Our congregation*, that we may see and believe our Risen Lord!

*Area Community Schools staff and students*, as they respond to incidents of violence and gang activity involving students, and as they contend with ongoing changes and challenges.

*The country of Ukraine*: for God's mercy and that the Prince of Peace may show us how to witness to his Reign in this time of war.

*Dave Snyder's mother*, recently hospitalized in Oregon with complications from leukemia

*Judy Houtz*, Deb Powell's mother, was recently diagnosed with cancer and is recovering from surgery.

*Marilyn Voran*, died on Easter Sunday. A memorial service will take place June 18th. See Marilyn's obituary on the Yoder-Culp website.

*Jackie Berkey*, has been transferred back to Greencroft Healthcare. She is in Rm 550 in the Cottage Unit.

*Tammy Gerber*, who is healing following a kidney procedure.

*Barb Eiler*, who continues to suffer with severe back pain. Please pray for peace, answers, comfort from pain, and healing.

*Miriam Wengerd*, had tests this past week for cardiac concerns.

*Loren Helmuth*, for healing of his leg wound. Grateful for slow progress

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

### **Remembering those in other places:**

- **Rosa Powell** is at The Wilderness Way Girls' School Camp in South Carolina.
- **Caleb & Nina Longenecker Fox** in Quito, Ecuador,
- **Adrian, Susie and family**, for their life and relationships in Djibouti.

**Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:**  
Liberty Christian Fellowship, Jackson, MI

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Teachers Needed for the Children:** Beginning today and going through the summer, the Children's Sunday school will be taking a trip through stories of the Bible! Members of the congregation are invited to sign up to teach one or more Sundays. Lessons are prepared for you to follow, or you can of course create your own lesson to go along with the Bible story on that Sunday. This is a small group of preschool-3rd graders that are eager to learn and get to know more people in the church. Hopefully you'll join them and take the opportunity to learn more about our young people. There is a sign-up on the welcome center or you can talk with Ashley Unruh for available dates. Once you pick a date, Ashley will get you the lesson materials you need!

**Youth Auction is Coming!** This year it includes the MYF and J.FROGS! Mark your calendars for this bi-annual congregational event, planned for Saturday, May 14, at 5:00 pm. The Youth Auction, selling items (only new and collectible) and services, will be the primary fundraiser for our youth groups, supporting the majority of their involvements. We missed this significant congregational gathering in 2020 due to COVID, so we're looking forward in advance to congregational participation (donations and bidding). Auction coordinators are Ashley Unruh, Janice Eigsti, and Mindy Schlegel. Look for sign up sheets in your mailboxes, or on-line sign-up on the EGMC Facebook page.

**Library is open!** Frieda Borntager has been working in the library to catalog new books and update items that were not used during the pandemic time. Take time on Sunday morning to see what is available. We have a good selection of children's books and CDs or DVDs. The Driver family has donated some books from John Driver's collection for you to check out. There is also a new autobiography of Alma Bontrager that someone has taken to read that has not been cataloged yet. If you have that book, please return it to the library soon.

**As many Sunday School classes resume meeting in person**, there is a small group that continues to meet on Tuesday Eve at 7 PM on zoom. We are studying the Salt and Light Quarterly sessions and anyone is welcome to join the discussion. For the zoom link and questions, please contact Dorothy Mertz at [dmertz51@gmail.com](mailto:dmertz51@gmail.com).

**Pottery Guild Sale Today:** The final day for the pottery sale is today from 1:00-4:00 at 212 W. Washington St. Thank you for your support of our local artists.

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**Our Fresh Start** For most of our 25 years, **Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network** partnered with local churches to serve the homeless in our community. Over the past several years, we have seen some significant changes, which were accelerated when COVID-19 changed all of our lives. As our model of service changed, our mission and vision shifted as well. After operating out of St. Mark's United Methodist Church for several years, we more recently found a new permanent home to call our own. In the midst of all of these changes, we engaged in a rebrand process in order to better communicate who we are and where we are going. We are thrilled to announce that Goshen Interfaith Hospitality is now First Light Mission, a place of refuge and fresh starts. More information will be coming as we move into our new location.

**Everence Medicare Mondays:** Join a free webinar on Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. to learn about enrollment details and deadlines, Social Security - when do I start, prescription drug coverage, and plans that supplement Medicare. Register and learn more at [everence.com/Medicare-Mondays](https://everence.com/Medicare-Mondays)

**MDS Family Program at Camp Amigo:** Enjoy a week at Camp Amigo while also volunteering with Mennonite Disaster Service. This July, MDS offers the Family Program, a 4 or 5 day summer-time experience for the whole family. During your stay for the Family Program, your family will enjoy the beauty, and serenity of the Amigo Centre and participate in age-appropriate maintenance and building projects on the property in response to a storm that hit in August 2021. Click here to learn more - [mds.org/amigo](https://mds.org/amigo)

**Want to engage in creation care and climate action by planting trees?** All genders and ages 18+ are invited to help plant 300 trees at the Mishawaka toll plaza along the Indiana Toll Road on Friday morning, May 20. This project is part of *JoinTrees*, a campaign to plant one million trees to help restore the Earth. Contact Steve Thomas at [SteveT@MennoniteMen.org](mailto:SteveT@MennoniteMen.org) to help with this project. Learn more about *JoinTrees* at [mennonitemen.org/jointrees](https://mennonitemen.org/jointrees).