

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, May 15, 2022

From Generation to Generation

Scripture

Luke 2:22-40; Psalm 145:1-7

Breaking Bread Groups

The BBG Scripture for this week is Luke 2:22-40.

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, May 3, the Food Pantry served 15 families and 54 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. Thanks to Dave Miller & Sara Chupp who worked in the pouring rain all morning!

Last Week by the Numbers - May 1, 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 | \$6,003.00 |
| Food Pantry | 580.00 |
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| | \$6,583.00 |
| Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund | \$7,705.40 |



WELCOME!

Worship Service
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

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.

Upcoming Youth Auction! This year the auction will benefit both the MYF and J.FROGs. This bi-annual congregational event is planned for next Saturday, May 14. Doors open at 4:00, and the live auction starts at 5:00. Pulled Pork sandwiches, along with the fixings, will be available to purchase. This is the primary fundraiser for our youth groups, supporting the majority of their involvements. Please have all donations turned in by this Tuesday, May 10. Auction coordinators are Ashley Unruh, Janice Eigsti, and Mindy Schlegel.

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 9, Jan Yoder
 May 10, Sarah Haser,
 Sophie Swartzendruber Snyder
 May 11, Dan Hochstetler
 May 12, Easton Prah
 Kaylee Woelk
 May 13, Maria Yoder
 May 15, Amelia Unruh

MAY 8, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Area Community Schools staff and students, as they respond to recent incidents of violence in the midst of other pressures.

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.

Ashlynn Gongwer, young lady from Goshen who is currently at Riley Hospital facing her third brain surgery. Her father stopped by to ask that we pray for healing for her and God's peace and strength for their family.

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

Maurice Smith, as he prepares for a heart catheterization on Tuesday.

Judy Houtz, Deb Powell's mother, as she navigates a recent cancer diagnosis.

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

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

Loren Helmuth, for healing of his leg wound. Grateful for signs of 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:
Maple River Mennonite Church, Conway, MI

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Blessing Basket: We've added a "Blessing Basket" to our Welcome Center. Take time to write a note of encouragement or blessing to our Food Pantry guests, using the 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.

Library is open! A big "thank you" to the family of John & Bonny Driver and anonymous persons for your generous gifts of children's books, fiction, historical and religious books to our library. After a long absence, the library will be open before and after church for you to look and wander and check out books, DVD's or magazines to take home. There is a self-service checkout system on the table. Look for the display of "Books of the month" as you pass by. Frieda Borntreger

Financial Report: First quarter financial reports are available. There are copies in the "Financial Reports" mailbox on the top right hand side of the mailboxes in the foyer.

Enjoy a weekend away at Amigo Centre. Amigo offers no-charge Retreat Center housing and meals for those interested in hosting weekends this spring and summer. Amigo invites you to share this weekend with another friend or family. Hosting includes assisting Amigo Guest Coordinator Mandy Yoder with Friday late afternoon guest check in (this has some flexibility), opening the gift shop, and the nature center, being a contact person for guests, and for some light duty with meals. Weekends are still available throughout this spring and summer. Contact Mandy at Amigo Centre (269-651-2811), or Jeff Kauffman if you have any questions.

When God calls someone to leadership, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Indiana-Michigan Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for fall 2022 is July 12, with the final registration deadline on August 9, 2022. For more information [visit www.ams.edu/journey](http://www.ams.edu/journey), or contact your pastor, or [Joanne Gallardo at joanne@im.mennonite.net](mailto:Joanne.Gallardo@joanne@im.mennonite.net) or 574-534-4006.

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

MCC invites you: Welcoming newcomers and addressing the trauma of migration: Tuesday, May 10 at 2 p.m. EDT, join Saulo Padilla, MCC U.S. immigration education coordinator, and Elaine Zook Barge, a trauma and resilience educator and consultant, for this webinar. Learn how trauma and resilience-informed individuals, churches and communities can be better equipped to ensure the overall well-being of newcomers and their receiving community. Register here: bit.ly/3OR8w25

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.

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

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 to help with this project. Learn more about *JoinTrees* at mennonitemen.org/jointrees.