

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, May 29, 2022

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Message Congregational sharing on the question
"What has God been teaching you lately?"

Scripture Psalm 25: 4-6; 1 John 1: 1-3

Breaking Bread Groups

The BBG Scripture for this week is 1 John 1: 1-3.

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 17, the Food Pantry served 11 families and 44 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 - May 15, 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.

General Fund	\$8,803.00
Food Pantry	40.00
JEG Foundation	200.00
Scholarship Fund	5,000.00
Youth Auction	700.00
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	\$14,743.00

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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Ray & Jenny VanDaele

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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

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.

Talk with our EG Delegates: The MC USA delegates will gather May 27-30 in Kansas City, MO, joining together in worship and discernment about four resolutions. EGMC's delegates (Luke Holsopple, Cindy Steiner, Naomi Yoder) will host one more conversation session today, May 22, at 4:00 pm to share about these resolutions and to get feedback to help with discernment. This will be a Zoom conversation using the church link. You are welcomed to contact the delegates separately as well.

Call to Pray and Fast: This Friday, May 27, we as a congregation are being called to a day of prayer and fasting for this Special Assembly, seeking God's guidance towards a whole-hearted witness to the way of Christ.

Congratulations! Paul Graber (son of Millard & Sheila) and Amy Snowden were married yesterday in our outdoor sanctuary. God's blessing on the start of this marriage journey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Lunch**, 11:30 am each Thursday, starting this week will meet in Amos Hostetler's backyard. All men are welcome to come. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship time.

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

May 26, Rhonda Yoder
John & RoseAnn Meikle
May 27, Elizabeth Snyder
Elvie & Ruby Bontrager
May 29, Gary Kauffman
May 29, Sophia Sherrill

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NEWS AND NOTES

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Our congregation, that we may be open to God's new callings to us in the "old old story of Jesus and his love."

Area Community Schools staff and students, as the school year comes to a close.

The country of Ukraine: for transformation of hearts to bring hope for peace. We pray also for the courage for all Christ-followers to know how to show his love in the face of violence.

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

Janet, Dave Snyder's mother, in Oregon experiencing complications from leukemia.

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

Barb Eiler, for patience and endurance as her back fracture heals slowly. Grateful that her throat condition has improved.

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:

Mennonite Fellowship of Bloomington,
Bloomington, IN

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the growth of Mennonite Bible School (formerly Bethany Bible School) in South Africa. Pray for the school's coordinator, Reuben Mgodeli, as he teaches and provides administrative support in five locations in South Africa's Eastern Cape Province. Pray also that the participants will be strengthened in their faith and in their leadership ministries.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Greencroft is having its "creativity is timeless" arts and craft show next weekend from May 26 to May 30, 2022 at the Community Center. Show hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 26, and Friday, May 27, and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 28, 29, and 30. Come see what talent is displayed from retired but very creative people!

Parents of LGBTQ+ children. Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship has started a group for parents or guardians of LGBTQ+ children in Goshen-area Mennonite congregations. This group is meant to provide mutual support and to build resources for LGBTQ+ youth in our local congregations and community. For more information or to express an interest in joining, please contact Sarah Morrison at sjhigley@gmail.com.

Library is open! A big "thank you" to the family of John & Bonny Driver and anonymous persons for your generous gifts of children's, fiction, historical and religious books to our library. After a long absence, the library will be open before and after worship for you to look and wander and check out books, DVD's or magazines. 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

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.

EGMC Directory changes and updates. The recent directory (remember bright green!) has several updates.

Joe Yoder's email– jyoder56@frontier.com.
Cal Kaufman's – calkaufman7@gmail.com
Miriam Wengerd, phone-419-439-6444
Mel Stutzman, birthday– February 9

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

MCC Material Resource Center – The MRC in Goshen and Kidron function to process and ship quality material resources for MCC both domestically and internationally. Caring volunteers provide the person power behind the MRC while taking part in MCC's ministries offering educational opportunities to visitors and volunteers alike. - Nadine Zook Miller – nadinezookmiller@mcc.org

MCC in need of material resources: MCC is resuming shipments of material resources to Ukraine. Five containers of emergency supplies are being shipped to Ukraine in the next few months with more planned for later in the year. With this increase in demand for supplies for Ukraine and other countries around the world, MCC's inventory of material resources is getting low. We need comforters and relief, hygiene, school, dignity, infant care and sewing kits, as well as soap and towels. Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope to people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Go to mcc.org/kits for information on needed supplies and drop-off locations.

Journey Program: When God calls someone to leadership, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. 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.ambc.edu/journey, or contact your pastor, or Joanne Gallardo at joanne@im.mennonite.net or 574-534-4006.

"Dementia and Congregational Care" Thursday, June 16, 1 pm ET, noon CT, 10 am PT Dementia affects individuals, their family members and the congregation. Many times, we want to offer support but we do not know where to start. We often back off because we don't want to do the wrong thing. This webinar will help you understand basics of dementia and learn how to reach out. We will offer communication tips and practical ways to stay connected. This webinar will be led by Heddie Sumner, RN, BSN, and co-hosted by Church of the Brethren Discipleship Ministries and Anabaptist Disabilities Network. Visit our website to register and learn more at this link:

<https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/Resources/Webinars/Pages/Dementia-and-Congregational-Care.aspx>