

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Revisiting Grain and Growth

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture John 12:24; Luke 8: 26-39

Breaking Bread Groups

As we wrap up the breaking bread groups for this past year, please fill out the end of the year survey that will be coming out soon. Your feedback will be appreciated as we think about organizing the Breaking Bread gGroups for September. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Welty or Dorothy Mertz.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, May 31, the Food Pantry served 3 families and 11 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 29, 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	\$4,826.00
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Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund	\$7,705.40
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$34, 151.48)



WELCOME!

Worship Service

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

Walk Your Faith! What better way to focus ourselves for worship than to spend time in God's creation and in prayer! Walk Your Faith is an initial opportunity to experience community, faith and fun within our congregation as we walk a portion of the Pumpkinvine trail, praying for ourselves, our church, our community and our world. This is an open invitation to all ages to walk a designated portion of the trail anytime between 8:00 and 10:00am on Sunday, June 19. More details coming soon!

--Christian Formation Ministry Team

An open invitation! New to East Goshen? No Sunday School involvement? Summer schedules leaving your regular class a bit empty? This summer, Christian Formation Ministry is offering space for Coffee and Connections, a new informal opportunity to gather, meeting in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15, beginning June 12. Just show up!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Lunch**, 11:30 am each Thursday, 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

- June 5, Ray VanDaele
- June 6, Sarah Holsopple
Matt & Sonya Overman,
Landon & Emily Slabaugh
- June 7, Vernon Birky, Larry Yoder
Naomi Schlegel
- June 8, Phil Shenk
Sam & Maria Woelk
- June 10, James Graber,
Luke Holsopple
- June 12, Fred & Joyce Driver

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NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our congregation, that we may feel God's Spirit moving among us to empower and transform our lives and our world!

Jackie Berkey family, as they grieve the loss of their beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend.

All Those Affected By the Shootings of the Past Weeks: May God's mercy and healing be close around each hurt. May we offer our hearts and prayers to weep with those who are weeping, and offer our voices and actions to stand against violence in our nation and world.

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

Steve Stutzman, son of Mel Stutzman, died of cancer on Wednesday in Kansas. A memorial service will be held in the Goshen area at a later date.

Patsy, our food pantry guest, has requested prayer for clarity and relief from current health issues.

Laban Hochstetler family, brother of Miriam Graber Schrock & Dan Hochstetler, as they grieve the loss of their brother and friend.

Ashlynn Gongwer, young lady from Goshen recovering from a recent 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, from Oregon experiencing complications from leukemia. The family is grateful for gradual improvement.

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:

New Foundation United in Christ Mennonite Fellowship,
Elkhart, IN

IN OUR CONGREGATION

MC USA Delegate Assembly: Thank you for your prayers for the Mennonite Church USA Special Delegate Assembly this past weekend. All votes taken passed. For details on those resolutions, [please see the news on the MC USA website](#); there will also be an EGMC Delegate sharing session in the coming weeks (details to follow).

Congratulations! Jonathon Snyder (son of Dave & Elizabeth) and Katie Shirk (daughter of Steve & Cheryl) were united in marriage on Saturday, May 28 in our outdoor sanctuary. God's blessing to them as they start on this marriage journey!

Library is open! Are you interested in going to Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia this summer? Then, our BOOK OF THE MONTH by Mennonite historian and author, John Roth "A Cloud of Witnesses" is for you! The book shares the story of the three Mennonite synods in Indonesia over recent decades and gives good insight into the meaning of being Mennonite in a culture different from ours. The book is available for checkout in the library today

Mississippi Learning/Service Trip Opportunity: EG MYF and Mission Ministry Team are preparing for our learning/service trip to Open Door Mennonite Church in Jackson, MS scheduled for July 2-9. Anyone interested in joining are welcome to contact Merle Hostetler or Michael Grieser. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know siblings in Christ. More details to come.

Creation care is a calling of the church:

Pentecost: the day when the tongues of fire descended upon the believers gathered in the upper room, enabling them to speak in languages they'd never spoken, so all could understand. The Holy Spirit was empowering the church for the mission of Jesus. This year, Pentecost falls on the same date as World Environment Day, June 5.

We can observe both holidays by remembering that one of the first responsibilities laid upon human beings by God was to take care of creation (Genesis 2:15). As a mission agency, we are committed to fostering and supporting work in creation care. Mennonite Mission Network is proud to have partners around the world that work in sustainable agriculture, recycling and other "green" practices.

As followers of Jesus, the church gathered, we are called to work together to care for God's sacred, beautiful and inter-connected creation. May the Spirit inspire and empower our words and actions this Pentecost and beyond. A message from Mike Sherrill
MMN Executive Director,

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Goshen Community Chorale will present parts II & III of the *Messiah* TODAY at 7:00pm in Sauder Hall in the Goshen College Music Center. There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be received to help defray expenses. Join the Chorale as it proclaims through selected scriptures set to music by George Frederick Handel that though wars wage, the Lamb is Worthy to be Praised!

You are invited to an evening of fellowship over dessert with the Mennonite Mission Network Board of Directors. This is an opportunity for you to get to know them, and learn more about conferences and ministries in your local area.

Saturday, June 11 from 7-8 p.m. ET
at the Mennonite Church offices
3145 Benham Ave., Elkhart, Indiana

RSVP by June 3! , contact Gisselle Guity,
Mennonite Mission Network

"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>

MCC Great Lakes launches new initiative: Churches Engaging on Climate Change (CECC): In light of MCC's commitment to care for God's creation and accompany marginalized communities harmed by climate change, MCC is looking for congregations interested in engaging in climate change in their own communities. CECC offers education and advocacy opportunities, connections with local partners and seed grants. Learn more and sign up for additional information at mcc.org/churches-climate-change