

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, July 03, 2022**

*Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith*

Message Sara Wenger Shenk

Scripture Proverbs 8: 1-11; Ephesians 4: 1-6; 14-16

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, June 21, the Food Pantry served 12 families and 73 individuals. The Food Pantry will remain open each Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please continue to pray for our guests and the faithful volunteers who distribute food each week.

### Last Week by the Numbers - June 19, 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	\$3,625.00
Mission Fund (Deus chicken project)	500.00
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	\$4,125.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund	\$7,705.40
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$36,476.25)



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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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](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org).

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Mississippi Learning/Service Trip:** EG MYF and Mission Ministry Team are making final plans for our learning/service trip to Open Door Mennonite Church in Jackson, MS, leaving early Saturday morning (7/2), and returning the following Saturday. In addition to our service work of helping to renovate the sanctuary area of their church building, we will also be visiting places in the city to learn about their history, the civil rights movement, and visiting congregants in their homes. This will also be an excellent opportunity to get to know siblings in Christ. Thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

**Travel Coverage:** Naomi will be out of the office from July 1st until July 19th as she has the opportunity to travel to Israel and Palestine for a program called *Jesus and his Times*. Merle will be away from July 2-9 helping to lead the trip to Mississippi. For pastoral concerns during the time both pastors are gone, please contact Ellis Shetler of the Congregational Chair Ministry or Barb Eiler of the Spiritual Leadership Council.

## 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 26, Loren Helmuth  
Dan & Arianne Hochstetler  
Gary & Connie Miller

June 30, Andrew & Katrina Harris

July 2, Josh & Steph Swartzendruber  
Snyder

July 3, Steve & Cheryl Hochstetler  
Shirk

JUNE 26, 2022

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!

*Those Affected By Recent Shootings*: 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.

*EGMC people traveling to MWC!* Teresa and Sophia Sherrill, along with the Explore group from AMBS, left this past week for Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia. Mike Sherrill, representing MMN, will be leaving this week, as will Merlin Graber.

*Bill Hersberger*, for healing and patience as he deals with discomfort of Bells Palsy.

*Barb Eiler*, as she continues to experience back pain.

*Sheril Mullett and family*, as they grieve the loss of her brother Dennis Roth, who passed recently. A celebration of his life will be held at Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne, on July 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Calling hours will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

*Janet*, Dave Snyder's mother, as Dave and his brother Phil work to settle her in her home with hospice and other care support. Please pray for Janet and the family as they seek to gather around her and offer goodbyes.

*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** 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:**  
North Goshen Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Coffee and Connections—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. Just show up!

**MC USA Delegate Assembly:** Thank you for your prayers for the Mennonite Church USA Special Delegate Assembly in Kansas City. All votes taken passed. For details on those resolutions, [please see the news on the MC USA website](#).

### Amigo Centre is asking for donations to our Tractor Fund!

As we continue to clean up from the storm, rebuild, and look to the next chapter of our ministry, we would like to ask you to consider supporting the ministry of Amigo by donating toward the purchase of a new tractor, a crucial piece of equipment. See the photo and information posted on the bulletin board for more details.

If you would like more information about specifics, feel free to email me at [Jessica@amigocentre.org](mailto:Jessica@amigocentre.org). Thank you for your generosity! –  
Jessica Weseman, Amigo Centre Executive Director

**Glen Guyton, executive director for Mennonite Church USA**, laments the violence that has taken place in the recent months. "I know that our church is not immune from the same hatred and rhetoric that may have inspired some of the [recent] violence. It bothers me even to consider that those elements may be creeping into some corners of our historic peace church." Read more of his reflection here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/must-take-action-not-beyond-hate>

**Mennonite Church USA** (MC USA), in partnership with **Anabaptist Disabilities Network** (ADN), has launched "Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY," an initiative that celebrates the many gifts that people with disabilities bring to our church communities. During May and June, MC USA will seek to engage people in this initiative by offering resources, prayers and ways to care for one another and to address issues of accessibility in the church.

Learn more at this link: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-launches-learn-pray-join-welcoming-everybody-initiative/?fbclid=IwAR1vXTz0PFjHOQAShBAILxTQ9c-Ov3QxdD31zD8rfHaSvTmObewcYl3n7Kw>

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for the Indonesian Mennonite churches that are hosting Mennonite World Conference Assembly. Pray that the bonds of God's love and shalom, which participants are sharing at this global gathering, will be extended around the world, as people return to their home communities. Pray, also, for safety in travel and protection from COVID-19.

**Camp Amigo Summer 2022** Come experience the outdoors through our Day Camps, Family Camps, or Overnight Camp. We are limited to mostly Day Camps this summer. The schedule for various camps are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Most Day Camps and Family Camp still have openings! Sign up information is listed on the poster.

**Save the date for a Comforter Bash!** Make plans to join us on November 11 and 12 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit [mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash) or contact LaVera Schlabach at (574)-538-9629. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

**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](http://mcc.org/churches-climate-change)

**MCC raises \$8.8 million in response to war in Ukraine**  
Mennonite Central Committee has raised \$8.8 million to respond to the needs of the people of Ukraine. It is assessing how to use these resources as the war with Russia continues. Those donations have empowered MCC's local partners to provide life-saving emergency support. They've provided shelter for people fleeing for safety, brought food to sick and elderly people who cannot leave their homes and fueled vehicles ferrying vulnerable people to safety.

By Jason Dueck for Mennonite Central Committee