

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, July 10, 2022

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

Message Ben Graber

Scripture Psalm 104; Romans 8:19-23

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, June 28, the Food Pantry served 35 families and 163 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 26, 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	\$8,864.00
MCC	100.00
Scholarship Fund	2000.00
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	\$10,964.00

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

Amount currently behind projected budget (\$35,317.62)



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

Tongue-Tied: Our theme in worship today.

Starting July 10 at 9:30am there will be an elective SS class on the book *Tongue-Tied* by Sara Wenger Shenk. You do not have to have read the book in order to participate, however, a limited number of books are available to purchase today for \$8.00. There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center. Please sign your name and place your money in the box if you pay today. The class will meet in the lower level in Rm 107.

Mississippi Learning/Service Trip: A group of seven EG folk left yesterday for Jackson, MS to work this week with the Open Door Mennonite congregation. In addition to helping renovate the sanctuary area of their church building, some other involvements will be learning about the history of Jackson and other parts of Mississippi, hearing about the civil rights movement, and visiting congregants in their homes. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

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

July 3, Steve & Cheryl Hochstetler Shirk

July 6, Trevor VanDaele

Wilbur & Elizabeth Hershberger

July 7, Fred Driver

Brody & Grace Thomas

July 8, Caleb & Nina Longenecker Fox

July 9, John C. Miller, Josh Boese

Milad & Susan Hanna

Ray & Jenny VanDaele

July 10, Elizabeth Hershberger

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NEWS AND NOTES

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Immigrants and Refugees, especially in light of the recent news of migrant deaths in attempts to cross the border. May we know how to welcome the stranger as Christ has called us to do.

The war in 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.

Kay Beam family as they grieve the death of her father Robert Milliser. He died June 24. The funeral and visitation is July 9. He had been in hospice care.

EGMC people traveling to MWC! Mike, Teresa and Sophia Sherrill, along with the !Explore group from AMBS, as well as Merlin Graber who are in Indonesia for Mennonite World Conference this week. Praying for them in their travels, worship, and fellowship, and that God's Spirit would be poured out on this world-wide representation of the Mennonite Church.

Janice Hostetler, recovering from knee replacement surgery this past week.

Bill Hershberger, 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 remember her late brother Dennis this weekend.

The Family of Janet Snyder, Dave's mother, following Janet's death on June 23rd. Please pray for the family as they grieve and remember Janet. The service will be on July 10th at Portland Mennonite Church.

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.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:
Parkview Mennonite Church, Kokomo, IN

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!

Congratulations! Stephen Graber (son of Millard & Sheila) was married to Noelle Witwer on Saturday, June 18 in a ceremony in Noblesville, IN. They will be living in Redlands, CA for at least two more years while they finish their medical residencies.

Book of the Month: John Driver's "Becoming God's Community" was first published in 1981. This book is an overview of God's original intent for becoming God's community and traces the beginning of God's call to Abraham and Sarah. It shows how Matthew 5-7 is the basis for the Anabaptist emphasis on community and mission. The book is available today to be checked out in our library. Frieda Borntrager

The Slavic church group that met at EGMC asks if we know of rental homes for new refugee families arriving from Russia and Ukraine. They welcome donations of clothing, dishes, furniture, etc. One family just arrived with 10 young children, another is coming soon with 5, another with 3-4. Cash donations for The Depot are another way to offer help. Contact Dmitry Demchenko 540-615-6950, or talk with Steve Hochstetler Shirk.

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.

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.

MCC Alumni & Friends Service Nights: Join other local MCC alumni and friends at our MCC Material Resources Center in Goshen for an evening of fun and fellowship while helping to pack much-needed kits. There is an increased demand for supplies to send to Ukraine and other countries around the world, and these kits are a tangible way to share hope with the people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. There are two chances for you to join the kit packing event: Thursday, July 14 or Thursday, July 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. More information and registration at: mcc.org/gl-alumni-service.

Thrift at Woodland Crossing is now open! This new thrift store will support Mennonite Central Committee financially while also being a valuable resource to the surrounding Elkhart community. Volunteers are essential to the success of the store and are still needed. Call the store at 574-326-3674 or email just-plainthrifty@gmail.com if interested in learning more about being a volunteer. You are also invited to shop the store and drop off your used items during store hours of 10am – 5pm, Wednesday thru Friday and 9am – 2pm on Saturday. The store is located at 138 W. Hively Ave, Suite 7, Elkhart.

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 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.