

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, July 24, 2022**

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

*Message* Naomi Yoder

*Scripture* James 1:5; Psalm 27; Proverbs 9:10

*Toddler Room attendants:* Jana & Caleb Yoder

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, July 12, the Food Pantry served 23 families and 84 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. The donations of fresh vegetables from your gardens are always appreciated!

### Last Week by the Numbers - July 10, 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	\$9,620.00
Food Pantry	540.00
Mission Fund (Deus chicken project)	750.00
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	\$10,849.35

Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund	\$7,705.40
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$30,284.24)



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](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org).

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Elective SS Class Offered:** Our theme in worship through August 7 is “Tongue-Tied”. An elective Sunday School class on the book “Tongue-Tied” by Sara Wenger Shenk is being offered through the remainder of this worship series. This class is meeting in Rm 107 in the lower level. If interested in obtaining a book, a limited number are available to purchase for \$8.00 at the Welcome Center, though it is not necessary to read the book in order to participate in the class. If you pick up a book, please sign your name and place payment in the box provided if you pay today.

**2022 Church Retreat:** Mark your calendars for our annual Church Retreat at Amigo Centre October 7-9. Our guest speaker will be Tavisith Mounsthiraj, better known as “Mr. T”, older brother of our own “Mr. V”.

**Thanks** to “miracle Mike” who healed the lawn mower here at EGMC when it died this week! Your prompt service is appreciated.

## 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 18, Alma Bontrager, Milad Hanna  
Teresa Sherrill  
David & Haly King  
James & Betsey Graber
- July 21, Joel & Sarah Holsopple
- July 23, Norma Kaufman
- July 24, Diane Bertsche  
Mike & Janice Eigsti  
Abe & Iris Rolon

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## 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.

*Pastor Naomi* as she travels in Israel and Palestine on her trip with the program "Jesus and his Times". She plans to return July 19th.

*Janice Hostetler*, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

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

*Barb Eiler*, as she searches for further medical care for the continual back pain she experiences.

*The Family of Janet Snyder*, Dave's mother, as they grieve and remember a life well lived.

*Our Food Pantry*: Sara Chupp and other volunteers as they offer food and encouragement to community guests each week, striving to offer this care as needs are increasing in our community.

### *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:**  
Piedra Viva Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN

**Thank You:** We want to thank our church family for all of the thoughtful ways we felt your support during the death of my brother, Dennis Roth.  
Ken & Sheril Mullett

## 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!

**New address:** Kevin, Jenna Prah! & family have recently moved to their new home at 23165 Karington Court, Elkhart, IN 46516. Please update their address in the church directory.

**Financial Report:** The second quarter financial report for EGMC is available in the mailbox "Financial reports" (top row on the right side)

**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.

**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.

**Participants needed to help with a plan for plantings:** Join a group of other EG folk who are helping to make plans for plantings in the vast areas behind our church building. Contact the church office if interested.

**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 [justplainthrifty@gmail.com](mailto:justplainthrifty@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.

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**MCC webinar on July 26: Creative housing solutions for refugees and asylum seekers:** When refugees and asylum seekers first arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' ability to lay down roots. Join MCC for a free webinar on Tuesday, July 26, at 2 p.m. EDT to learn about ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them, to offer creative housing solutions. We will hear from panelists involved with the Asylum Seekers Housing Network (ASHN), the Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE), Redemption Hill House of Peace (RHHP), Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) and more. Learn more and register at: [mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions](https://mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions).

**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: Amigo Bike Michiana for MCC** is scheduled for September 16-18. If you would like to become a sponsor, contact [mandy@amigocentre.org](mailto:mandy@amigocentre.org). To register or for additional information, go to our web site: <https://www.amigocentre.org/amigo-bike-michiana.html>

**SOOP opportunities:** Rocky Mountain Camp is only one of the places there are opportunities for families to serve a week or more in a service project with SOOP. Check out the Mennonite Mission Network website for an adventure for your family!

**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 knit comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit [mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash](https://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.