

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

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

*Message* Naomi Yoder

*Scripture* Ezekiel 2:9, 3:3; Deuteronomy 30: 11-14  
Ephesians 3: 14-19

*Toddler Room attendants:* Holsopple family

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, July 26, the Food Pantry served 14 families and 48 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. Thanks so much for the fresh produce that you have donated each week!

### Last Week by the Numbers - July 24, 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	\$7,645.00
Elective SS Tongue-Tied	42.00
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	\$7,687.00
Attendance last Sunday	100
Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund	\$7,705.40
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$35,607.00)



### 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

**Tongue-Tied:** Our theme in worship today. The elective SS class, based on the book *Tongue-Tied* by Sara Wenger Shenk, will be meeting two more Sundays, through August 7. It is not necessary to have read the book in order to participate. The class meets in the lower level Room 107 at 9:30.

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

**Update:** Caleb and I (Nina) have had a meaningful last SST term with Goshen College, however, we're beginning to wrap up our time in Ecuador and are looking forward to returning to Goshen in a few short weeks. We'll plan to be back in town in early August and are excited to be back at East Goshen sometime in the weeks after! Thanks for your ongoing prayers for us over the last year or so—we've been so thankful for the opportunity to live, work and study in Ecuador and continue to marvel at the rich and diverse expressions of God's love in the world. Can't wait to see you in a few short weeks!

## 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

- Aug. 2, Gary & Lisa Yoder
- Aug. 4. Bill Hershberger, Joe Yoder
- Aug. 5, Sara Mast  
James & Deb Powell
- Aug. 6, Caleb Yoder
- Aug. 7, Jana Yoder; Sam Woelk
- Aug. 8, Michael Grieser

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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!

*School teachers and students*, as they return to the classroom in the coming weeks.

*James & Josephine*, stopped by the office to ask for a gas card. They asked that we remember them in prayer. James was just released from jail and they are looking for housing and supplies.

*People in the wider Appalachian region*, especially in SE Kentucky, following extreme flooding this past week. Praying for peace and comfort for those who have lost homes and personal items, and for community leaders and rescue personnel

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

*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**, prayers for safety as they return from Ecuador,
- **Adrian, Susie and family**, for their life and relationships in Djibouti.

**Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:**  
Shalom Mennonite Church, Indianapolis, IN

**Steve Stutzman family**, Mel Stutzman's son who lived in Kansas and died of cancer. A local memorial service will be August 6 at Grace Community Church in Goshen. Visitation is at 1:00 pm with the service starting at 2:00 pm. Please remember Mel & Katie and Steve's family as they grieve the loss of their son, husband, father and friend.

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

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Consider Church Membership:** Have you been a part of the East Goshen congregation and are wondering about church membership? Do you have interest and/or questions about membership? If so, contact either of the pastors or the church office.

**We are collecting items for MCC school kits.** There is a display and box for items in the foyer. Bags will be provided for each kit. Items can be purchased and placed in the box throughout the next several weeks. Items needed for each kit are:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all metal pencil sharpener, one or two holes. Metal sharpeners can be found online at Amazon.com. Plastic sharpeners are not accepted because they break easily.

Financial donations for the kits, from the congregation are welcomed, and should be placed in envelopes in the offering. Designate giving to "MCC school kits". You do not have to donate everything needed for one bag. Give what you have and what you can find. This is a fun and meaningful activity for all ages that opens our eyes to the vast resources we take for granted. It's a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of schoolchildren living in less fortunate areas of our world.

Contact Maria Yoder at 574-612-6377 if you have questions.

**Thinking ahead:** The Bread of Life Food Pantry will be giving out hats, gloves & scarves again this December. We have a challenge from Connie Bauman of Berkey Ave. Mennonite Church to join her in making hats and scarves if you enjoy knitting or crocheting. Her goal is to make 140 hats for this project. Warm scarves are also appreciated. We will also be collecting monetary donations along with gloves, socks, hats and scarves whether crafted or purchased through the month of November for distribution in December. Any questions may be directed to Dorothy Mertz at [dmertz51@gmail.com](mailto:dmertz51@gmail.com) or 574-536-7748.

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**Mennonite Education Agency** job listings:  
Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN  
<https://www.bethanycs.net/apps/pages/employment>

- Grade School Spanish Teacher – Part-Time
- Cafeteria Aide

**Amigo Positions Available:** We are taking applications for Program Director, Food Services Director and a cook! If you or someone you know has an interest in any of these positions, please reach out to us by calling us at 269-651-2811 or emailing Jessica at [Jessica@amigocentre.org](mailto:Jessica@amigocentre.org).

**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>

**Invitation to Support Rios Arellano Family:** Our community and the non-profit *Community Pro-Education* are offering an opportunity to support the Rios Arellanos family, who was tragically affected by an incident of gun violence earlier this year. The family expressed the need for financial support for college housing, as medical issues have prevented two of the daughters from being able to work this summer to save money for those expenses. If you would like to contribute to this effort, checks can be made payable to *Community Pro-Education* (Memo Line: Housing—Rios Arellano Family). Mailing Address: Community Pro-Education, 1716 Elkhart Road, Goshen IN, 46526. May our collective grief and anger over gun violence continue to be channeled toward solidarity with those most impacted in our community and beyond.

**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.