

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Outdoor Worship Service

Reflection Naomi Yoder

Scripture Psalm 148

Toddler Room attendants: Sarah Grieser & Diane Hershberger

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, Aug. 2, the Food Pantry served 31 families and 122 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 31, 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	\$6,988.00
MCC School kits	30.00
Adrian & Susie	300.00
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	\$7,318.00

Attendance last Sunday	95
Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund	\$7,705.40
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$36,324.25)



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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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: Today is the last Sunday in this series, and we are privileged to have Sara Wenger Sherk joining the elective Sunday School group via Zoom to talk about her book *Tongue-Tied*. The class meets in the lower level Room 107 at 9:30.

Outdoor Worship Services: We will be gathering outside for worship for the next 3 weeks, August 14, 21 & 28. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on to enjoy the last days of summer!

Trip Sharing: Following worship on August 14th, Naomi Yoder will be sharing about her recent trip to Israel & Palestine. The sharing will take place in the sanctuary and on Zoom about 15 minutes after the service concludes.

Consider Church Membership: Have you been a part of the East Goshen congregation and are wondering about church membership? A group will be meeting tomorrow, Monday, August 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, with dessert provided. You are welcome! A new members Sunday is planned for August 28.

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. 7, Jana Yoder; Sam Woelk

Aug. 8, Michael Grieser

Aug. 9, Jeff & Beth Miller

Aug. 10, Jeff Miller

Aug. 11, Connie Miller, Caleb Mast

Adrian & Susie Troyer

Aug. 14, Katie Shirk Snyder

Aug. 15, Matthew Snyder

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NEWS AND NOTES

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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 are returning to the classroom weeks.

Kiron Paesler, son of Milad & Susan Hanna's friends, who recently visited here from Germany, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Denise, our food pantry guest who is suffering from several serious health issues.

James & Josephine, stopped by the office to ask for a gas card, and 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 recently. Praying for peace and comfort for those who have lost homes and personal items, and for community leaders and rescue personnel.

Steve Stutzman family, Mel Stutzman's son who died recently. Remember Mel & Katie and Steve's family as they grieve the loss of their son, husband, father and friend.

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 them 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

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

Welcome Baby Unruh! Owen Kent Unruh arrived on August 1 to bless the home of Seth and Ashley Unruh. His sisters, Dena & Mia are excited to have a little brother.

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".

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.

Book of the month: is "Plant a Seed of Peace" by Canadian children's author Rebecca Seiling and illustrated by Goshen artist Brooke Rothshank. This children's book of 43 two page chapters of peacemakers from the past and present tells the stories of those whose lives point to something greater than themselves. Younger children, "chapter book" readers and parents alike would enjoy this book of faith and action. Available at the church library.

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Hymn Sing in the Country: An evening of inspiration & appreciation of the old hymns. Come worship with the music of the voice. August 28, 2022, 6:00pm at the Helmuth's located at 4760W. 100S. LaGrange, IN 46761. Bring lawn chairs & finger foods to share! We'll provide the ice cream! Loren & Mairi Helmuth

Ten Thousand Villages Vintage Auction: Our *Vintage Villages Auction* is coming soon! On August 14th you can view the auction items online and on August 21st, bidding goes live. The auction will include beautiful art pieces and artisan crafted candlesticks, pots, wall-hangings, lamps and much more. Save this link to view the items and bid: <https://auctria.events/VVAUCTION2022>. We would like to thank our generous sponsors below, who make this event possible!

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. 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.

Small group activity: "Looking for a special afternoon or night with your small group? Ten Thousand Villages in Goshen would like to offer a special time for you and your group of friends or small group to shop! We'd love to supply some coffee and tea, but you are welcome to also bring other snacks and drinks of your choice! Reach out to us soon as spots are filling up! Contact us at goshen@tenthousandvillages.com or give us a ring and leave a message at 574.533.8491" Emma Eitzen, Store Manager