

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

*Outdoor Worship Service*

*Reflection* Naomi Yoder

*Scripture* Colossians 1: 15-23

*Toddler Room attendants:* Josh & Steph Snyder

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, Aug. 9, the Food Pantry served 10 families and 39 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 - August 7, 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	\$8,689.35
MCC School kits	470.00
Food Pantry	360.00
Tongue –Tied book study	8.00
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	\$9,527.35
Attendance last Sunday	97
Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund	\$7,705.40
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$35,340.48)



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

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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

**Outdoor Worship Services:** We will be gathering outside for worship this Sunday if the weather permits. Plans are to meet outside August 14, 21 & 28. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on to enjoy the last days of summer! Next Sunday, August 21st, we'll join together in the Lord's Supper as a part of our service.

**Trip Sharing:** Following worship today, 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.

**Breaking Bread groups** will be starting in September. The leadership team asks that you prayerfully consider whether you will be able to participate this year. We continue to look for leaders, so let us know if you are willing to lead. PLEASE fill out the survey, even if you do not plan to participate. Hard copies of the survey will be on the welcome center for those who prefer that to filling it out electronically. Questions can be directed to Barb Welty, Dorothy Mertz or Wilbur Hershberger.

## 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.
- **October 7-9,** EGMC weekend retreat at Amigo Centre

**Birthdays & Anniversaries this week**

Aug. 14, Katie Shirk Snyder

Aug. 15, Matthew Snyder

Aug. 17, Landon Slabaugh, Maria Woelk

Aug. 18, Ivannia Graber, Mike Sherrill

Aug. 19, Shirley Schrock

Joe & Jan Yoder

Aug. 21, Jenny VanDaele

Bruce & Janet Schlabach

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Our congregation*, for God's vision and the Spirit's energy as we seek to passionately follow Jesus.

*School teachers and students*, as they are returning to the classroom.

*The Powell family*, as preparations are underway for Rosa to return back home.

*Kent & Rocky Wildman*, parents of Kari Wildman, who are dealing with Kent's health issues related to Parkinson's Disease.

*Maurice Smith*, scheduled for a heart valve replacement on Aug. 22.

*Phil & Barb Eiler*, as they both have numerous medical appointments and tests scheduled.

*Easton Prael*, son of Kevin & Jenna, for quick recovery from a procedure this week at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

*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.

*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.

*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.
- **Adrian, Susie and family**, for their life and relationships in Djibouti.

**Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:**  
Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN

**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.

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**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 in the church library.

**Mobile Food Truck:** The Northern IN Food Bank has scheduled a Mobile Food Truck delivery at EGMC on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 10:00am—noon. This food delivery is from a grant provided by the state. We need 3-4 volunteers to assist in the unloading of the truck and distribution to the guests. If you are available and willing to help, contact Dave Miller, 574-238-7439.

**Sunshine Box:** Roger and Dorothy Mertz plan to visit Dennis and Rhoda Stoesz in Morden, Manitoba, the last of this month pending COVID clearance! "We would love to take to them a sunshine box from our congregation, filled with cards, small gifts, letters, etc., showing care and remembering. If you would like to contribute to this box, please put your contribution in our church mailbox by August 22."

The Mertz

## 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 our house located at 4760W. 100S. LaGrange, IN. 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](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.

**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](mailto:goshen@tenthousandvillages.com) or give us a ring and leave a message at 574.533.8491" Emma Eitzen, Store Manager