

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Outdoor Worship Service

Reflection Welcoming New Members

Scripture Isaiah 55:12; Psalm 96

Toddler Room attendants: Ben & Ivannia Graber

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, Aug. 16, the Food Pantry served 14 families and 65 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 14, 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	\$4,812.00
MCC School kits	105.00
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	\$4,917.00
Attendance last Sunday	98
Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund	\$7,705.40
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$38,233.80)



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

Outdoor Worship Services: We are gathering outside for worship this Sunday if the weather permits. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on to enjoy these last days of summer! This Sunday, August 21st, we'll join together in the Lord's Supper as a part of our service. Next Sunday, August 28th, we have the privilege of welcoming Leah Garboden and Annetta and Tom Good as new members!

Breaking Bread Groups will be starting in September. The BB leadership team invites everyone to prayerfully consider participating this year. PLEASE fill out the BB survey, whether or not you plan to participate, either electronically or on paper. Hard copies of the survey can be found on the welcome center. Questions or interest can be directed to the leadership team, 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.
- **Church Retreat at Amigo** scheduled for October 7-9.

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

Aug. 21, Jenny VanDaele

Bruce & Janet Schlabach

Aug. 24, Janet Schlabach

Aug. 26, Carl & Betty Jane Helrich

Aug. 27, Sheila Graber

Aug. 28, Mike & Phyllis Weaver

Aug. 31, Dave & Sara Chupp

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NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

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.

Nina & Caleb Longenecker Fox, as they re-enter life in Goshen after serving two years in Ecuador.

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.

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

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:
Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN

Church Retreat Returns: This fall East Goshen is planning our annual retreat at Amigo Centre October 7-9, returning again after a two-year hiatus. Our speaker will be Tavisith "T" Mounsithiraj, a pastor, guidance counselor, coach, and older brother of our own "Mr. V". T and his family have been a part of camp life for many years, and will be joining us for the weekend. Our retreat theme will be "Encountering God's Presence at Camp". Look for opportunities to register soon.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Thanks for your response so far for MCC school kits! We have one more Sunday to collect items for the 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. Thank you to those who have responded to the call for volunteers!

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. Next Sunday 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 here! 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!

GoFundMe opportunity: Beth and Ruth Sutter, and their parents, Clayton and Elsie, were faithful members of East Goshen quite a few years ago, but many of us remember them. Beth has been disabled with long term serious health issues, and Ruth is her caregiver. They need major renovations done on their home in Philadelphia to be able to safely continue living there. They are currently staying in a hotel until the house is repaired. If you are interested in learning more and/or donating, here is the link. <https://gofund.me/e16f45ae> It is also on the church Facebook page.

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>

Mennonite Writing Conference - Goshen College will be hosting this year's Mennonite Writing Conference from September 29 - October 2. This conference celebrates, investigates and publicizes the emergence of creative writing among people from diverse Mennonite backgrounds and also creates a forum where writers, readers and scholars can meet and inspire each other. Speakers include Casey Plett, Julia Spicher Kasdorf and Steven Rubin, and Beth Piatote. Early bird registration ends September 1. More info can be found at goshen.edu/mennoniteswriting.