

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, September 4, 2022

What is the Bible?

A Window, a Lamp, an Invitation and a Knife

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture Psalm 119: 89-112; II Timothy 3: 16-17

Toddler Room attendants: Sonya Overman &

Kathy Holsopple

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 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 21, 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	\$6,500.00
MCC School kits	90.00
Church Rental	100.00
Workman's Comp Refund	106.00
Food Pantry	20.00
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	\$6,816.00

Attendance last Sunday	123
Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund	\$7,705.40
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$39,439.32)



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! Today 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 by August 28, whether or not you plan to participate, either electronically or on paper. Hard copies of the survey can be found on the welcome center. The listing of new BB groups will be shared by September 8 at the Breaking Bread Leader's Kickoff. Leaders will contact their groups to set up the initial meeting. Each group will decide the details about where to meet, how often, and if and how food is included. Continue to contact Barb Weldy, Dorothy Mertz, or Wilbur Hershberger with questions and concerns, especially about COVID.

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,** October 7-9.

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

Aug. 28, Mike & Phyllis Weaver
Aug. 31, Dave & Sara Chupp
Sept. 1, Ken Mullett, Jane Yoder
Sept. 3, Tom Good
Sept 4, John Meikle, Elam Haser

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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.

Silas Immanuel and his family, as they grieve the death of his grandfather.

Kay Beam, pray for healing of spirit and her fractured leg. It has been a difficult year.

Jerry McNutt, has been undergoing cardiac tests and is scheduled for a heart cath this next week with a possible stent replacement.

Lucy & her sister Arlene, Food Pantry guests. Lucy has had several strokes and a heart surgery and is currently in rehab. Arlene has increased responsibilities as she cares for her sister, also missing the sisters companionship as they often did daily activities together. .

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

The Powell family, preparing for Rosa to return home.

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

Maurice Smith, recovering from his heart valve replacement.

Kiron Paesler, son of Milad & Susan Hanna's friends from Germany, who is being treated for leukemia.

People in SE Kentucky, following extreme flooding. 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.

Adrian, Susie and family, were in Goshen last weekend before moving to Columbus, Ohio. Senaya and Norah will be in a public school classroom that is taught in French as well as English. Please pray for continuing healing, smooth transitions, enough financial support to pay the bills and discernment what will be happening after Christmas.

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:
Wildwood Mennonite Church, Engadine, MI

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Second Sunday Carry-in: September 11th we will resume our tradition of a carry-in meal for everyone. The Maranatha class will host our return to this delicious tradition! More details will be coming as to how you can join in this time of fellowship with our church family.

We can make a difference in our world! It's time again to continue our tradition of collecting coins and donations for MCC through My Coins Count! This year donations will support food programs around the world. Given wars, climate disasters, and global inflation hunger needs are urgent in many parts of the world. East Goshen has a long standing tradition of raising a lot of money through our MyCC campaign. Let's continue this tradition! Brings coins (and dollar bills!) for the children's offering each week. **We will have the "quarter tubes" available this week for you to take home to fill.** Consider making a larger donation by check or through our website making sure to indicate MCC: My coins count. Finally, if you're interested in a matching grant, Denise would love to talk to you! Thanks again for all your support. Our coins and our dollars go a LONG way.

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". Our retreat theme will be "Encountering God's Presence at Camp". Look for opportunities to register soon.

Thanks for your response so far for MCC school kits! We have collected \$695. to purchase items for school kits! Many of you have made up your own school kit which is great. Our youth will be assembling the purchased items.

James and Betsey Graber have requested some additional dates for their mealtrain after having little River, and so I thought I could pass that around to the wider church congregation, if anyone would be interested in taking them a meal who didn't have the chance beforehand. Here is the link to their specific mealtrain: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1ng4dw>

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. Today, August 28, 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

Volunteers are needed to help with the children's carnival activities during the Relief Sale. Sign up to run a booth, paint faces, sell tickets, or pass out prizes. Help our kids have fun and learn about the work MCC is doing. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a829a2fbc61-2022> or contact Sonya Overman at preschoolsonya@gmail.com

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 interested in learning more and/or donating, here is the link. <https://gofund.me/e16f45ae> It is also on the church Facebook page.

MCC Great Lakes in Goshen is looking for occasional volunteers to help with driving and vehicle maintenance. Driving responsibilities include driving a pick-up truck and trailer to pick up donated kits and comforters across the region and bringing them back to our Goshen warehouse. Vehicle maintenance includes taking care of several organization-owned vehicles on an as-needed basis. For more information and to volunteer, contact our office at 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org.

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.