

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Word and Deed

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture Deuteronomy 29:29; Timothy 3: 16-17

Luke 6: 46-49

Toddler Room attendants: Sarah & Sonya

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Luke 6: 46-49.

May God bless each of these new groups as they make new connections with God and each other!

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, Sept. 20, the Food Pantry served 25 families and 101 individuals. The Food Pantry is 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.

Last Week by the Numbers - September 18, 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	\$8,413.00
Food Pantry	700.00
MCC-My Coins Count	1,760.00
Church Retreat	1,000.00
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	\$11,873.00
Attendance last Sunday	116
Amount needed per Sunday for 2022 General Fund	\$7,705.40
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$43,804.93)



WELCOME!

Worship Service

Online 10:30 a.m.

Pastoral Team

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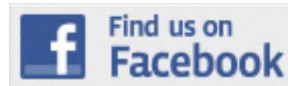
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You are welcome to call anytime to make an appointment. Occasionally pastoral responsibilities take pastors away from the office.



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Church office hours are 9:00am

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Ina Kauffman

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

Inclusion Survey: The SLC and pastors distributed an Inclusion Survey (by email and in church mailboxes) last Sunday. Please take time to prayerfully consider the survey and respond by **today, Sunday, September 25th**. Starting this coming week, SLC and pastors will be following up with those who have not yet responded to get a full understanding of congregational perspectives. May God guide our discernment on what inclusion means to us right now as we seek to *love, live, invite, and equip* as we *passionately follow Jesus*.

Breaking Bread update: Many of the Breaking Bread groups are getting started this month. If you did not sign up and are interested in joining a group, contact Barb Welty, Dorothy Mertz or Wilbur Hershberger. **Reminder:** If your group wants to use a room at the church, please contact Carol in the office to reserve your space on the calendar.

Schedule for Amigo Retreat. The schedule for our retreat is in your mailbox here at EGMC. It was also sent by email for those who prefer the online copy.

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

Sept. 27, Alex Schlegel

Sept. 29, Gary Kauffman Jr.

Kari Wildman

Oct. 2, Luke Hanna, Merlin Graber

Oct. 3, Barb Eiler

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NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our congregation, as we seek a common direction and vision while recognizing our forms of difference and diversity.

Rob Ganger and family, for healing and guidance with cardiac concerns.

The Powell family, as Rosalinda has returned home after her graduation from Wilderness Way Camp.

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

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

Our Food Pantry: Sara Chupp and other volunteers as they offer hope through distribution of food and gracious interactions.

Adrian, Susie and family, adjusting to Columbus, OH through the end of the year. Pray for healing, smooth transitions, financial support, and discernment for plans after Christmas. Their address: 1165 Lilley Ave., Columbus, OH 43206

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:
Benton Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN

Bread of Life Food Pantry

We are in need of more volunteers to help pack bags for distribution to our guests each Tuesday. We are seeing more families these last few weeks and anticipate increased numbers through the Fall and Winter months. You may pack the bags at your convenience any time between Tuesday afternoon and the next week on Tuesday. It only takes an hour or two and is a fun activity for a family, or several friends to do together. We've had four couples filling the bags for the past two years; it's time to give them a break! There will be a training session by Sara Chupp & David Miller, so contact them if you have questions. Contact Carol in the church office if you are willing to help.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

EG Church Retreat next weekend! October 7-9

- For everyone! Be sure to sign up today.
- Amigo Centre in Sturgis, MI – overnights or for the day
- Tavisith “T” Mounsithiraj will be leading us in “Encountering God’s Presence at Camp”
- Walks, canoeing, pontoon rides, checking out the nature center, table games, campfire and lots more.
- Our EG Sunday morning worship will be at Amigo
- Register in-person Sunday, Sept.25, or email Cheryl HS at hochshirk@yahoo.com

Congratulations: Maya Renee Yoder arrived on Sunday, Sept. 11 to bless the home of Caleb & Jana. She is welcomed into the family by grandparents Tim & Jane Yoder and her big sister Peyton. Report is that everyone is doing well!

Mealtrain: we are sharing the meal train created for Caleb & Jana Yoder for everyone to have the opportunity to welcome another new baby! Caleb & Jana Yoder welcomed Maya Renee this past Sunday, September 11. Here's the link to the Meal Train: www.mealtrain.com/trains/2ewe95

New Address: It's been a busy week for Tim & Jane Yoder, who, in addition to welcoming Maya, also moved to Goshen on Saturday. Their new address is 506 S. 5th. St. Goshen, IN 46526.

Congratulations ! Dru Mack and Michael Malott were united in marriage on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Shore Church Cabin. We wish them God's rich blessings as they begin this journey in life together.

Updated email address: Gary Yoder's email address is now gary358@gmail.com. Take time to update your church directory with this new contact information.

Nov 6-11: Puerto Rico Peace Camp: Young adults are invited to join MCC on November 6-11 on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico as we discover new ways to live and proclaim the gospel of peace. This week-long experience will be filled with practical learning about deconstructing oppressive systems, building community, participating in spaces of healing and commitment to hospitality. This experience will be facilitated in Spanish; a minimum of conversational Spanish is expected from all participants. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now at mcc.org/campamento-de-paz. More information about peace camps: mcc.org/peace-camps.

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Reminder: the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Choir will be performing today at Sauder Hall at Goshen College at 7 pm. Fairfield HS choir will also be performing several songs. There is no admission charge but an offering will be taken to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.

Everence Medicare Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. A free in-person workshop will be held at the 1110 N. Main, Goshen office where you will learn more about enrollment details and deadlines, prescription drug coverage, Medicare supplement plans, and more. This is a great opportunity to have an in-person discussion and be able to ask your questions. Call 533-9511 to register.

Diversity Isn't Enough: This free webinar led by Ben Tapper will be offered on October 8, 2022, 9am-12pm through our conference website. im.mennonite.net/webinar

We Own This Now, Live at the Goshen Theatre. WHAT IF THE LAND YOU LOVE WAS STOLEN?

Starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, *We Own This Now* is a play by Alison Casella Brookins that looks at love of land, loss of land, and what it means to “own” something. The show is about the Doctrine of Discovery (the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples) and its impact on our world.

- Interested in ushering at this show? Contact Chelsea Risser at cjoyrisser@gmail.com.
- 7:30pm on Friday October 14, 2022. Free admission.

Voices Together Exhibit: The original works of art that appear in the MC USA Hymnal, *Voices Together* will be on exhibit in the Good Library on the Goshen College Campus from Sept. 11 to Nov. 6, 2022. The exhibit is free and is open to the public during library hours.

MEA Job Board: Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN
<https://www.bethanycs.net/apps/pages/employment>

- Grade School Spanish Teacher – part-time
- Spanish Language and Cultural Liaison – part-time