

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

*Remembrance Sunday*

*Reflection* Naomi Yoder

*Scripture* Lamentations 3:19-24; Psalm 89: 1-8, 46-52

### Breaking Bread Groups

The BBG Scripture for this week is Lamentations 3:19-24

May God bless each of these groups to be spaces for deep connection with God and one another. If you are still interested in joining a group, please contact Dru Mack, Dorothy Mertz, or Barb and Arlen Welty.

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, October 19 The Food Pantry served 10 families, including 36 individuals. The Food Pantry will remain open each Tuesday morning from 9:00am to 12:00pm . We are using a “drive through” method in order to best serve our guests. Please pray for our guests and the faithful volunteers who come to serve each week.

### Last Week by the Numbers - October 17, 2021

Thank you for sending your tithes and offering 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	\$3,775.00
Food Pantry	20.00
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Total	\$3,795.00

Amount needed per Sunday for 2021 General Fund	\$7,565.23
Amount currently behind projected budget	(\$5,351.22)



WELCOME!

Worship Service

In Person and 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  
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Church Treasurer  
**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](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org).

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Worship this week:** We plan to meet outside for worship at 10:30 a.m. these final two weeks of October. Even if it takes some bundling up, we hope to see many of you in person as well as online for these opportunities to worship together!

**IHN schedule:** Next week (Oct 31 through November 6) is our week to supply meals to IHN. Let's step into this week in a way that demonstrates our gratitude for the abundance with which we have been blessed! We are encouraging any group of people or individuals to sign up for whatever meal (or even a main dish) they can provide. Take it ahead frozen and ready to heat, or take it the day you sign up by 5 PM. Go to <https://takethemameal.com/ZLDH6898> for more info and to sign up for whatever you can contribute. Contact Steve Hochstetler Shirk or Kathy Holsopple with questions.

**Congratulations to our two Katies (and Jonathon and Mel too)! Katie Mast and Mel Stutzman will be united in marriage on Saturday, November. 6. in a small family ceremony here at EGMC. Katie Shirk and Jonathon Synder announced their engagement and plans for a wedding next Summer! We wish God's rich blessings on both of the happy couples.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Men's Fellowship Lunch, every Thurs, 11:30am. Amos Hostetler's backyard

### Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

- Oct. 25, Sydney Nussbaum
- Oct. 27, Gary Miller
- Oct. 31, Dorothy Gangwer
- Nov. 1, Elvie Bontrager,  
Mindy Schlegel

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Our congregation*, for continued attentiveness to Christ's calling.

*Kent Wildman*, Kari's father, who has suffered a brain bleed and is recovering from a successful surgery.

*Jake, Chase & Ava*, former foster children of the Hanna family, are having difficulties and are moving to a different home. Praying for stability, love and comfort them, as well as comfort for the Hanna family as they support them from afar.

*Bryan Williamson family*, father of Haly King, as they grieve his sudden death. Pray for comfort, strength, and peace for Haly, David & Lizzy and their whole family.

*Loved ones of Ruby*, sister of Rhoda Stoesz, who died recently, as they grieve the loss and celebrate the life of Ruby.

*Frank Moreland*, brother-in-law of Merle Hostetler, hospitalized in Iowa with Covid difficulties. Grateful for slow improvements.

*Dorothy Gangwer*, for healing as she recovers at Gables at Greencroft.

*Julianna*, cousin of Naomi's mother Thea Yoder, for deep and consistent rest and healing as Julianna recovers from cancer surgery.

*Evelyn & Maurice Smith*, as Evelyn is in healthcare at Greencroft, and as she is on Hospice.

*Lindsey Szabelski*, cousin of Ethan Romba, as Lindsey was recently diagnosed with cancer.

*Our Food Pantry*: Sara Chupp and other volunteers as they carry on the weekly distribution of food to our community.

### *Remembering those in other places:*

- **Rosa Powell** is attending The Wilderness Way Girls' School Camp in South Carolina. Rosalinda Powell  
c/o Wilderness Camp  
175 Camp School Lane  
Fair Play, SC 29643
- **Caleb & Nina Longenecker Fox** in Quito, Ecuador, as they grieve the Oct. 8 passing of Caleb's 19 yr. old cousin, Nathan Longenecker (Lancaster, PA) after an 8 month journey with brain cancer.

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

- **Adrian, Susie and family**, have arrived in Djibouti, settling into new home, new school for the girls. Pray for connections and chances to be the fragrance of Christ.

**Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:**  
Belmont Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN

**Thank You:** We feel so blessed for the encouragement, kind words and love that we have felt during the decline and passing of our beloved Orie. May God bless the many members for their time and energy spent in planning and participating in the memorial service: family, pastors, ushers, sound guys, and the delicious meal served after the service. Everyone who participated to make it happen, we thank you. We feel loved and are so thankful to be a part of East Goshen Mennonite Church.  
Miriam Schrock and Family

**Congratulations!** Bruce & Janet Schlabach have welcomed a new granddaughter, Lyla Jane, she blesses the home of their son Brad and his wife Katie.

**Calling all quilters, painters, printers, wood workers, muralists, visual artists of all kinds!!** We are inviting you to create a piece to add to the decor of our church building to make it feel more welcoming. If you are interested in participating or have a person or idea to suggest, please contact Jane Yoder.

**Anabaptist World Group Subscriptions:** It will soon be time to renew our group subscription to Anabaptist World. If you are not acquainted with this publication, stop by the church office for a copy. Many of our EGMC members are enjoying the news from around the world. There are many good articles from multiple sources that keep us informed of what is happening in the Mennonite Church. If you are already enrolled, you do not need to respond. If you would like to be included in the group plan, I will be happy to add you to the list. The subscription will be mailed to your home address. The cost is \$39.00 per year, considerably less than a single subscription.  
Carol Birky  
EGMC Office

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**On behalf of the children and families who will be gaining new access to clean water,** Thank You to everyone at East Goshen who shared your coins, dollars and matches in the My Coins Count drive this year at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. Your congregation's total was \$6,211.39, contributing toward a total of over \$120,000 for MyCC this year. Overall, the relief sale totals will exceed \$512,000! Water is life and the MyCC funds will be used for water projects that improve the health of families, decrease the impact of COVID, increase educational opportunities for children, expand employment opportunities and help families stay together. Thank you for your amazing support of the relief sale, Mennonite Central Committee, and the work of relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ. –

John Martens,  
MyCC Coordinator, MMRS

### **Learn more about Service Adventure!**

Take a break from the classroom, test out a vocation and experience self-discovery, all while serving God and living in Christian community. Service Adventure units are spread throughout the United States. This gap, or bridge, year opportunity is for participants ages 17-20 and offers 10 months of hands-on learning. Visit our website for more information, or send us an e-mail.

**Save the date:** Pleasant View Church is inviting everyone to a "Knotting of Comforts" on Nov. 3 & 4 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at their church. This is to continue the Comforter project that MCC has sponsored for several years. That event has been cancelled due to pandemic restrictions. The completed comforters will be given to MCC for distribution. Coffee and Water will be provided, bring your own lunch. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing as much as possible.

**Pathways Retreat** has new opportunities coming up: *Deep Leadership Community of Practice* for organizational leaders (November-January) and a Men's Desert Spirituality Retreat in Utah (October 2022). Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org).

**Ten Thousand Villages:** The Annual Rug Event starts next week, October 27-31. Visit our local store to support this event and possibly get a beautiful rug for your home! Check out the story and see our rugs at [www.bunyaad.com](http://www.bunyaad.com).