

IMPORTANT NOTES

First Sunday in Advent

Worship: **next Sunday, December 3, 2017**

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Mark 13:24-37

Childcare Sonya & Jeremiah Overman

Greencroft driver Brian Bertsche 202-9979

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, November 21, we served 30 households, 129 individuals. Our Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Last Week by the Numbers - November 19, 2017

General Fund	\$6777.25
Semilla	100.00
Children's S.S. offering	8.00
MCC Meat Canner	50.00
Scholarship Fund	50.00
Adrian & Susie	100.00

\$7,079.25

Amount needed each Sunday for General Fund \$6,892.50

Attendance last Sunday 135



WELCOME!

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all age groups

Childcare

Age 5 and under
Toddler room—lower level

Infant Nursery

Outside the sanctuary doors,
(unstaffed)

Pastoral Team

Merle Hostetler

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9:00am to 12:00pm

You are welcome to call anytime
to make an appointment. Occa-
sionally pastoral responsibilities
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Please send information items for
the *Pathways* newsletter to the
church office by Thursday morn-
ing. The email address is
egmc@eastgoshenmc.org.

EGMC NEWS UPDATE

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Congratulations... Kaci Diener and Bradley Sandlin were united in marriage Saturday, Nov. 18 here at EGMC. We wish God's rich blessings on them as they begin this new chapter in life together.

Thanks to everyone... This Thanksgiving season Carl and I have so very much to be thankful for during the time of my surgery and recovery. We want to express our gratitude for the many expressions of overwhelming love and concern so generously given to us. We continue to experience the true meaning of being a part of the family of God in Christ through this EGMC congregation. May you be blessed this season of giving thanks as we have been by your love. - Betty Jane and Carl Helrich

Next Emotional Health and Entering Scripture Meeting will be on Saturday, December 9, Noon - 1:30 p.m. Emotions shared last meeting included anger, loneliness, lack of good boundaries, panic, and emotional turmoil. The next meeting will again invite individual sharing of specific "emotional situations and events." And time for responses, other personal sharing, as well as entering into a specific scripture reading, Ephesians 3:14-21

Looking for a good book to read during the Christmas season? Check out the display of Christmas themed books in the church library.

NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. Nov. 27, 7:00pm, Mission Ministry
- Mon. Nov. 27, 7:00pm CFM
- Tues. Nov. 28, 4:00pm Worship Ministry
- Wed. Nov. 29, 7:00pm, Mentor/Mentee Mtg.
- Sun. Dec. 3, Young Adult Meal
- Wed. Dec. 6, 9:00am, Ladies Sewing
- Sat. Dec. 9, 12:00, Emotional Health group

IN OUR PRAYERS

For Congregations and leaders of IN-MI Mennonite Conference in this year of discernment.

For those dealing with loss and trauma, that we may show them God's love in prayer and action.

The family of Mel Kauffman, father of Jeff, as they remember his loss and legacy.

Fred Driver & his brother, as they volunteer with Mennonite Disaster Service in Puerto Rico .

Phil Euler and his family, as he recovers from surgery.

Miriam Wengerd, recovering from another COPD episode.

Sandy, friend of Rhoda Stoesz, as she faces a terminal cancer diagnosis.

Mike Sherrill & family, as he travels for extended weeks for his work with Mennonite Mission Network

Robert Mertz family, father of Roger Mertz, as they remember their father, grandfather and friend .

Family of Glenn Steffen, father of Andrea Ganger, for peace and comfort as they grieve his loss.

The family of Hannah (Grieser) Hochstetler, for deep comfort and fresh hope.

Caleb Hochstetler, for healing and renewing streams of God's mercy.

Martha & Wilbur Kaufman, for strength for Martha, and encouragement and peace for them both as they face life changes.

Clara Webster, Barb Welty's mother, and her family.

Those in other places

Adrian, Susie and family Pray especially for Susie as she continues to recover from surgery, and for her family in this time of care.

Those unable to attend Sunday morning worship

Darlene Martin, Dale Sherman, Irene Meyer,
Dennis Stoesz, Mary Ann Schrock, Martha Kaufman.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Bethany Christian Middle School will hold a Christmas Choral Concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28. Instrumental concerts will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5, with beginning instrument groups performing at 6:30 p.m. and the middle school band and orchestra at 7:30. The concerts are in the school's chapel and open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Amigo Centre has one Scrapbooking, Crafting and Quilting Retreat remaining for this year. December 1-3 (with possible stay over to Wednesday, December 6) still has spaces available. (Quilters in the Dining Hall Basement, Scrappers and Crafters in the Activity Center.) We provide the opportunity to balance your productivity with time to rest, restore and refresh your body and soul. Registration is available online or call to register. Check our web page or call for details. <http://www.amigocentre.org>

New phone number... James and Judy Gerzeski have changed their phone number to 574-218-3793. Please update this information in your church directory.

Goshen College music professors will perform some of their favorite Christmastime selections during a free holiday Afternoon Sabbatical performance on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Faculty performers include Debra Detwiler, Scott Hochstetler, Matthew Hill, Jose Rocha and Solomia Soroka.

Creation Care Network...We all want a livable planet with clean air, water and soil for all. So how do we work with people who are different from us for the good of our shared planet? Join Northern Indiana members of Mennonite Creation Care Network for a discussion of barriers, bridges and doorways that can help us move forward in hope. Meet Wednesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, 2509 Berkey Avenue, Goshen, IN. RSVP to mccn@goshen.edu appreciated.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Shop Ten Thousand Villages in Goshen (206 S. Main St.) Dec. 4-9 and support Bethany Christian Schools. Tell the cashier that you are shopping for Bethany and 20 percent of sales will be donated to Bethany. Your loved ones will enjoy the creative hand-crafted gifts you purchase and artisans will receive vital, fair income as you support Bethany.

T-Shirts available... In an effort to help spread the message of love and welcome for all, MCC has developed a t-shirt with the message from the Welcome Neighbor yards signs. The MCC Great Lakes office at The Depot in Goshen has the all-cotton, dark gray t-shirts available for \$15. Now you can take this message with you wherever you go. Stop by the office (1013 Division Street in Goshen) to pick one up during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MCC is in urgent need of comforters to fill requests from our partners around the world. While handmade comforters are wonderful and welcomed, we recognize the time that goes into making them. Quality store-bought comforters allow for quick donations to meet the current needs around the world. Twin and full-size comforters are both needed, but please ensure the comforters are made of thick, high-quality material. Comforters can be dropped off at either the Kidron or Goshen Material Resource Centers, or consider ordering online and having them shipped directly there. For more information, visit mcc.org/kits/comforters or call the Great Lakes office at 574-534-4133.

Goshen Resident ID... As a step to create a greater sense of belonging and safety for our immigrant neighbors, the Center for Healing & Hope will begin issuing the Goshen Resident ID (GRID) card in early December. GRID will be most effective when a large number of Goshen residents have the cards, expressing their welcome and support of immigrants. GRID offers hope for our immigrant brothers and sisters and offers people of goodwill a way to help them. For information, visit the Center for Healing & Hope website: www.CHHclinics.org/GRID-English. To schedule an appointment to get a card, call the Center: 574-534-4744.