

# CONNECTIONS

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**Members:** Women of East Goshen Mennonite Church  
Coordinators: Rhonda Yoder and Crystal Troyer

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**In 2008. . .**

- January 27: **Afternoon Movie** – at Dorothy Mertz’s home  
Planners – Lindsay Good, Crystal Troyer
- February 28: **Craft Night** – at Crystal Troyer’s home  
Demonstration in winter evergreen arrangements by Kathy Holsopple  
Planner – Rhonda Yoder
- March 14: **Oakwood Passion Play** - open to everyone in the congregation  
Planner: Crystal Troyer
- April 26: **Breakfast at Essenhaus**  
Planner: Rhonda Yoder
- May 20: **Service at the Depot**  
Planner – Crystal Troyer
- June 19: **Picnic Potluck and “Golf Outing”**  
Planners– Dee Detweiler Sherman, Rhonda Yoder
- July 12: **Afternoon Delight: South Bend Chocolate Factory**  
Included a tour of the factory, samples & time in the gift shop, followed by dinner at The Emporium  
Planners – Bethany Shank, Rhonda Yoder
- August 26: **Mozambique Night – Meal & talk by Cheryl Hochstetler-Shirk**  
Planners - Crystal Troyer, Cheryl Hochstetler-Shirk
- Sept.26-27: **Relief Sale Food Booth (wraps)**  
Planners – Arianne Hochstetler, Cindy Steiner, Crystal Troyer, Rhonda Yoder
- October 16: **Service at Soup of Success**  
Planners – Crystal Troyer
- November 22: **Thanksgiving Tea**  
Planners – Dorothy Mertz, Jackie Berkey
- December 18: **A Moment with Mary:** Meditation led by Kathy Holsopple  
Planners– Kathy Holsopple, Crystal Troyer

**BIBLE STUDY: September 17 - October 22**

An Invitation to the Weary – the book of Haggai. We met at the church on Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Included time for prayer for our church as well as discussion on the study.

**This ministry connects with our EGMC mission. . .**

The Connections mission statement is “to provide a place for women to connect with God, with the church and with one another, and to offer encouragement as they develop each of those relationships.” Our purpose supports the Church’s statement in areas of worship, discipleship, & fellowship. We plan a variety of activities (social, spiritual, & service) to draw in women who are college age and above and to make connections for each of us with God & with those who are attending East Goshen Mennonite Church.

**The vision for ministry in the coming year. . .**

Continue monthly activities hoping to include more women of all ages.  
Offer Bible Studies (4-6 weeks in length) at different times of the day/week.  
Use more of the gifts of women of our congregation in the planning of these events & activities.

**Questions and concerns. . .**

Plan/announce activities further in advance.  
How do we introduce/communicate purpose of Connections to new attenders?