

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, September 27, 2020 *Drinking Deeply from the Psalms*

Message Naomi Yoder
Scriptures Psalm 146; Luke 7: 18-23

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, Sept. 15, The Food Pantry served 27 families, including 119 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. Food bags will be pre-prepared ready to distribute. Pray for our guests during this difficult time. Garden produce is welcome!

Last Week by the Numbers - September 13, 2020

Thank you for sending your tithes and offering by mail. 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	\$12,425.00
Food Pantry	500.00
MCC –Coins Count	89.62
MCC– School Kits	100.00
Scholarship Fund	2350.00

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Total \$15,464.62

Amount needed per Sunday for 2020 General Fund \$7,560.24
Amount under proposed budget (\$9,421.68)



WELCOME!

Zoom Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Church Staff

Office Administrator

Carol Birky

Zoom Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for children

Pastoral Team

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Church office hours are limited during this pandemic. I will be in the office Wed.

Thurs. & Fri. mornings.

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Custodians

Ray & Jenny VanDaele

You are welcome to call anytime to make an appointment.

Occasionally pastoral responsibilities take pastors away from the office.

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Office hours
Limited due to quarantine.



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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

Amazed at Amigo! Plan to “come away for part of the day” to Amigo Centre, an outdoor getaway called Amazed at Amigo throughout the day Saturday, October 3. Though the church retreat needed to be cancelled this year, the beauty of God’s creation has not! Come in small groupings (10 max) for a half-day stay, with safe activities for all ages available. Bag lunches are available if pre-ordered. Donations to Amigo accepted. If interested in Amazed at Amigo, contact the church office to reserve a spot.

Michiana Alternative Relief Sale: Remember the Apple Fritters, Ethnic food and Ice Cream you would buy at the Relief Sale? This year make a list of foods you would USUALLY BUY, and donate that amount to MCC. Don't forget to add the Kettle Corn you would buy to take home!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Food Drive Through: Friday, September 25, from 3:30 - 8:00 pm. Staff needed to assist with putting together orders for Sausage/Meat Booth, and to serve customers. Come and help at the booth. OR Come and buy food! Contact Chris Kauffman with questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to join us by Zoom for Sunday Worship at 10:30 am and for a digital prayer time Thursday at 7:00 pm, using the same link. Naomi has scheduled *Listening Hours* on Wed. from 2:00-5:00. Please call or email to schedule a time with her.

Anniversaries & Birthdays this week

Sept. 21, Joyce Driver
Sept. 22, Roberta Miller Yoder
Sept. 27, Alex Schlegel
Larry & Katie Mast

PATHWAYS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

NEWS AND NOTES

IN OUR PRAYERS

The church and this nation, as we grieve the violence and death brought by racism, and seek God's wisdom in how to be active peacemakers.

Families and educators, as schools are back in session.

Sara Chupp and Food Pantry: as they carry on the weekly distribution of food to our community. Thanks to the extra volunteers who are packing up the bags to distribute.

Fred Yoder & family, father of Olivia Renze, is having cardiac issues and will need surgery in the near future, asking for prayer during this uncertain time.

Esther King, sister of Leroy & Shirley Schrock, recently lost her husband Jonas to COVID-19 and is struggling with health issues. Pray for healing, comfort and peace.

David Helmuth, was admitted to Goshen Hospital this week with congestive heart failure. Pray for peace and relief.

Ivan Birky family, Vernon & Carol's sister-in-law, Doris Birky died last Sunday. Services were held yesterday, Sept. 19. Pray for comfort and peace as they grieve the loss of their mother, grandmother and dear friend.

The Powell Family, as James was recently diagnosed with COVID-19. They offer thanksgiving that his symptoms continue to be mild. Please pray for quick recovery and that Deb continues to stay healthy.

Bill Hershberger, awaiting the results of rescheduled neurological tests.

Wilbur & Norma Kaufman, grateful for all the prayers for strength and continued healing. Wilbur will be seeing a pulmonologist this week.

Pam Doak, niece of Sheril Mullett, who was hospitalized with a second stroke this week.

The family of Larry, friend and customer of Mike Eigsti, who died this past week from COVID-19 complications.

Betsy Long, for strength and healing after gallbladder surgery this week..

Matt Ropp family & Amigo Centre staff: as they seek creative ways to continue their ministry in these difficult times.

Hanna and Smith families, for comfort and strength as they care for Ava, Chase & Jake.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Continuing prayer concerns:

The Prabl Family, for their family and the medical providers as they meet for 4 different appointments this week. They will know more regarding his second major heart surgery. Also, pray for Easton who continues to struggle with oral feeding, possibly due in part to reflux that can't be treated with meds.

Couples apart from each other due to mandatory separation:

Larry & Katie Mast, Weldon & Jackie Berkey,
David & Naomi Helmuth

Remembering those in other places:

Rosalinda Powell
c/o Wilderness Camp
175 Camp School Lane
Fair Play, SC 29643

Adrian & Susie and family: as they finalize their work in France by the end of the year, and begin their transitioning.

Indiana Michigan Menn. Conference Weekly Prayer Focus:

Piedra Viva Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN

If anyone in the congregation is interested in print copies of any or all of the **Psalm series paintings**, I would be glad to make those for you. I have the files prepared to be 8x8 or 10x10 prints. Send me an email at graceweaver12@gmail.com or call/text 724-570-6287 to let me know what you'd like. If possible, please contact me in the next week (by next Tuesday, September 22) so that I can have all of the prints made in one order. These were happily made and freely given: no payment necessary.

Grace Thomas

Thanks to everyone who has and continues to support our expanded family. You have prayed for the eight of us as we become one household. You have filled our home with food, books and toys. You have welcomed our children, interacted with them, and stayed with them. You have encouraged us with calls and cards. You have listened to our woes and joys. You have made our home safer and provided transportation. For these things we give you thanks. It may take a village to raise a child but it takes a church to raise three foster children. We could not do it without you.

Milad & Susan Hanna family

Updated address: Naomi Helmuth has moved to a different apartment at Greencroft. Her new address is 1300 Greencroft Dr., Apt. 114, Goshen, IN 46526. Her phone number remains the same.

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

MCC My Coins Count! With the coins East Goshen families have collected, \$2389.62; Rainwater Storage Tanks will be available for 66 families needing clean water, or 46 communities will have clean spring water piped into their community. These efforts will help keep children healthy! Please continue to collect coins/dollars and send designated checks to East Goshen or donate on-line using the church website. Email or call the church to let us know the designated project.

MCC School Kits: Another 25 children will be given school kits!! Thank you children for helping to collect donations to provide school supplies for another child to attend school.

Sept. 20-26 was to be our week for hosting at **Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network**. No volunteers are working there now, but here are 3 ways we can continue to help: 1) take labeled frozen or freezer ready casseroles in foil pans to IHN during our week, for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Drop them off on the cart by the front door, and ring the doorbell to let them know. (If traffic barriers block the entrance from Main Street, you can enter from the back alley, off of Garden Street to the north.) 2) The spring Empty Bowl fundraiser couldn't happen this year, but you can still buy a bowl at the Goshen Farmers Market from the Goshen Clay Artist Guild, which includes Bruce Bishop and Fred Driver. 3) Donate to help with extra staffing costs and regular expenses. See <http://goshenihn.org/> or their Facebook page.

Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join Celebration 2020: MCC at 100, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

Run for Relief: Sign up for a Virtual Run to be completed the weekend of September 26-27. For more information, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Goshen/MCCRunForRelief>.