

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

*“Each Member Belongs”*

*Message* Rich and Paula from the Cora Dale House

*Scripture* 1 Corinthians 1:25-31

*Childcare* Nick & Erin Schwartz

### Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is 1 Corinthians 1:25-31  
May God bless each of these groups as they deepen connections with God and each other!

### The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, Jan 23, the Food Pantry served 24 households and 99 individuals. The Food Pantry is open Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We are thankful for the faithful volunteers who provide loving assistance each week in many ways.

### Last Week by the Numbers - January 21, 2023

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	5,161.00
Anabaptist World	156.00
Food Pantry	1,550.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>6867.10</b>

Attendance last Sunday: In Person: **90** On Zoom: **20**

Amount needed per Sunday for 2024 General Fund \$7,016.27

Amount currently behind of projected budget (635.34)



WELCOME!

### Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

### Worship Service

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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### 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

**Coffee House:** Thanks to all who planned and participated in the EGMC Coffeehouse on Saturday! It is such a joy to gather together for fun and fellowship!

**Meal Train for the Shenks:** Let's help Phil, Anne, and Levi adjust to life with Calvin! Do you wish to provide a meal for the Shenks during this time of adjustment with their newborn? Sign up to provide a meal via Meal Train! Find the link in the most recent email from EGMC or here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/31k2wy>.

JANUARY 28, 2024

NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Lunch,** 11:30 am each Thursday, meet in the lower level kitchen.
- **Birthdays this week:**  
Amos Hostetler Jan 31  
Jeremiah Overman Feb 3

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Our Congregation's affirmed leaders*, meeting for our annual Leadership Kickoff rescheduled to February 8, for God's guidance and vision in our becoming who we are called to be in this new year.

*The Family of Lawrence Bishop*, brother to Bruce Bishop. Lawrence passed away unexpectedly last week. Pray for understanding, peace, and togetherness for all who mourn this sudden loss.

*Calvin Shenk*, infant son of Anne and Phil, recovering from RSV. The family is grateful for his continued healing.

*All those in the congregation facing health uncertainties and testing*: for guidance, clarity, hope, and healing.

*Bill Hershberger*, as he faces ongoing treatment for a heart condition and recent cancer diagnosis. For healing and peace.

*Olga & Zhenya*, pray for strength, hope, and peace as they grieve the bombings in the Ukraine, their homeland.

*Rick, Aphaphanb & Sydney Nussbaum*, for God's peace in their grief over the loss of their son and brother, Logan.

*Naomi Helmutb* and her family, through this journey of hospice care. Pray for a continued sense of God's presence and peace.

*The Country of Ecuador*, presently undergoing political tensions. Prayers for peace and restraint in the use of martial law by leaders.

**Adrian, Susie, Nora, and Senaya**: Pray for family health, for answers to support questions, for God's guidance as they make plans to travel numerous times over the next year for ministry work, and in thanks for discipling connections in their community.

### IMMC Focus:

Sunnyside Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana

## IN OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**Copier, Online!** Sunday school teachers rejoice! After several months, The copier in the library has been fixed and is fully functional. Any attendee of East Goshen is welcome to use it. If you have any questions, contact Nathan in the church office at [nathanp@eastgoshenmc.org](mailto:nathanp@eastgoshenmc.org).

**US/Mexico Border Trip:** Plans are in the works for a group of East Goshen folks to travel to Arizona for a service and learning trip at the US/Mexico border. Tentative dates are March 28 through April 3, over Easter weekend. Max number of participants is 8.

**Information Meeting:** If interested in going on the *learn-and-serve* trip to the border in Arizona over Easter weekend (3/28-4/3), plan to attend a short info-and-questions meeting in the fellowship hall **Sunday, February 4** (note the change from last week's Pathways) after worship. Contact Merle Hostetler with questions.

**Quilts:** The next 2 Sundays we will be looking at how we make community/church as individuals, with different ideas and gifts. We are using quilts and the making of quilts as a visual to remind us that beautiful things come from beautiful pieces. The putting together is not always easy, but it is fruitful in the end. If you have a quilt, wall hanging, table runner that you would like to share in our sanctuary during this time, please bring it to the church, labeled with your name and place it on the chairs near the front of the sanctuary. If you have questions call Sharon Miller 574-596-3062.

**Goshen College's** Winter Choral Concert will take place on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Sauder Concert Hall in the Music Center. The GC Chamber Choir and Vox Profundi are directed by Scott Hochstetler, professor of music, and Voices of the Earth is directed by H. Roz Woll, assistant professor of music. More information and tickets available at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets).

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**Looking for a way** to contribute your talents to the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale? A revamped Crafter's Marketplace is in the works for 2024 and we need your help. Come to a sewing and crafting workshop at East Goshen Mennonite Church, 2019 E Lincoln Ave, Goshen, IN on Saturday, February 24 from 10-3. All items made will be sold at the Relief Sale on Sept. 27-28, 2024. A carry-in lunch is planned so please bring a salad or dessert to share. Main course, coffee, water and table service will be provided. Please RSVP to [crafting.mmr@gmail.com](mailto:crafting.mmr@gmail.com) by February 16.

**Update on D.C. Action:** Mennonite Action is an organization of Mennonites working towards a ceasefire to the conflict in Palestine. From Menno Action's website: "On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, hundreds of Mennonites and interfaith allies met in Washington, DC for a historic gathering calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Participants traveled from all across North America to take peaceful action together for a lasting peace and justice for all Palestinians and Israelis." For pictures and more information about the action, visit: <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/jan-16-day-of-action>

**Free Class on Mental Health:** Consider taking a free 8-week class geared towards family members of people with mental illnesses. The purpose of the class would be to help participants offer understanding and support, while maintaining their own well-being. This class is being offered by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), beginning March 16. It will cover brain research, meds, crisis response, stigma, self-care and more. For more information, contact Colleen Prough at 574-349-1746 or [nmielkhartcounty@gmail.com](mailto:nmielkhartcounty@gmail.com).