

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, February 11, 2024

"Each Member Belongs" - Covenant Sunday

Message Naomi Yoder
Scripture Romans 12:4-13
Childcare Ben & Ivannia Graber

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Romans 12:4-13
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 30, the Food Pantry served 35 households and 133 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 28, 2024

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	5,009.03
Anabaptist World	157.00
Children's Sunday School Offering	1.00
Food Pantry	10.10
Total:	<u>\$5,177.13</u>

Attendance last Sunday: In Person: **115** On Zoom: **15**

Amount needed per Sunday for 2024 General Fund \$7,016.27
Amount currently behind of projected budget (2,868.56)



WELCOME!

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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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.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Carry-in Meal Next Sunday: As per tradition, a carry-in meal will follow the service on the second Sunday of the month, February 11. This month's meal will take place the Sunday before Lent, so bring your favorite sweet treat to share before you can't eat it anymore!

Covenant Sunday - February 11th: This coming Sunday, February 11th, we will join together in our annual Covenant Renewal Sunday. We will read the EGMC Covenant (available in your mail-boxes, email inboxes, and on the Welcome Center), join in a Covenant Symbol, and participate in Communion. May God bless and unite us as we renew our commitment to God and one another!

Ash Wednesday Service - February 14, 7 pm
The season of Lent begins with the marking of Ash Wednesday. Our service--a time of Scripture, prayer, Taize music, and the Imposition of Ashes--will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Let's plan to join together as we enter into this season of reflection, repentance, and renewal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Men's Lunch**, 11:30 am each Thursday, meet in the lower level kitchen.
- Ash Wednesday Service**
7:00 p.m. on February 14th
- Birthdays & Anniversaries this week:**

Bethany Boese	2/5
Lisa Yoder	2/7
Anne Lehman Shenk	2/7
Erin Schwartz	2/8
Ariane Hochstetler	2/9
Grace Carpenter	2/9
Emily Slabaugh	2/9
Jeremiah Sherrill	2/9
Mel Stutzman	2/9
Vern & Tammy Gerber	2/4

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NEWS AND NOTES

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Congregation and the upcoming Covenant Sunday (2/11), gathering for this annual worship service where we will have the opportunity to renew our commitment to “worship and live out God’s call in life together.”

John C. Miller: in his transition to being at Greencroft for rehab with a goal to be back home soon. He is in room 126D at Health Care and would enjoy visits!

Many in our congregation facing health uncertainties and tests: for clarity, hope, guidance, and healing.

Marita, food pantry guest: her son passed away while in Elkhart County Jail. Prayers for calm and peace that passes understanding.

Bill Hershberger, grateful for a stabilized heart condition and scheduled radiation treatments for cancer.. 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 Adrian as he is presently traveling in Africa (Togo & Burundi) offering leadership training in newly formed congregations, for the believers there and their witness in their communities and beyond, and for Susie and the girls as they continue at home.

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From the Library: February’s library theme is peace, justice, and equality with perinate books in both the upstairs and the childrens’ libraries. Currently available are children’s books gifted by Rhoda Stoesz. Books are ready to go home with you today!

New Phone Number: Gary and Connie Miller’s home phone number is now **(574) 501-4396** instead of (574) 875-7298

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.

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

Information Meeting: If interested in going on this learning rip 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** after worship. Contact Merle Hostetler with questions.

Quilts: Next Sunday is the final Sunday that 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.

Giveaways! A number of items that have been stored in our old sanctuary for some time are yours if you want them. Items such as chairs, chalkboards, and tables are available. They can be perused in the old lower level entryway by the toddler room. Be in touch with Matt Overman, Vernon Birky, or Merle Hostetler if interested.

IN OUR 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.mmrms@gmail.com by February 16.

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.

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.

Breakfast with the Jail Chaplin: Enjoy coffee, donuts, updates on the ministry by (humorous!) Cory Martin, and an impact story from one of the residents. Last Thursday of every month, 8:30-9:30 AM at the Elkhart Co. Correctional Facility 26861 County Road 26, Elkhart, Indiana 46517.

Freedom Bags for the Elkhart Country Jail: So far we have donated 18, all received by released folks with immense gratitude! Things we especially need now are shampoo, (conditioner is fine, but shampoo is a priority), deodorant, shaving cream, razors, lotion, and “chapstick”. Larger than travel size is preferred. I have lots of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap. Keep tabs on the display in the hallway for current needs and updates on the number of bags donated. Questions? Contact me by phone (574-238-1862) or email (jimh@bnin.net) –Kathy Holsopple