

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent—Christ among Us, Repent and Believe

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture Mark 1:9-15

Childcare Jana & Jane Yoder

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Mark 1:9-15
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, February, 6 the Food Pantry served 52 households and 182 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 - February 4, 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	13,717.12
Anabaptist World	39.00
MCC	200.00
Food Pantry	125.10
Total:	\$14,081.12

Attendance last Sunday: In Person: **105** On Zoom: **19**

Amount needed per Sunday for 2024 General Fund	\$7,016.27
Amount currently <i>ahead</i> of projected budget	(+3,832.25)



WELCOME!

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

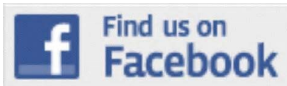
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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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 This Sunday: As per tradition, a carry-in meal will follow the service today, on the second Sunday of the month. Bring your appetite and enjoy some sweets before you give them up for Lent!

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. All are welcome to join this gathering as we enter Lent, a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal.

Maundy Thursday Service: Please mark your calendars for our Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28th.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

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 this week:**

Mike Mallot	2/12
Taylor Meikle	2/15
Bruce Schlabach	2/17
Dewayne Gangwer	2/18

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Congregation, as we carry our renewed commitment to God and one another into the coming year of church life.

Lisa & Gary Yoder: Lisa's older brother Jon Clemmer passed away unexpectedly this past week. Prayers as they travel to Eastern Pennsylvania for the memorial service on Tuesday.

Family of Bill Grieser, father of Michael, who gathered this past week to grieve his passing and fondly remember a life well-lived & faith-filled.

John C. Miller: at Greencroft for rehab, with a goal to return home soon. He is in room 126D at Health Care and would enjoy short visits!

Phil Eiler, as he recovers from an expected procedure that took place this past Wednesday.

Holly, Jan Yoder's niece, recovering from unexpected brain surgery and just returning home after a lengthy hospital stay. Pray for the family, including a newborn and a toddler, as they all adjust, for continued healing, courage and strength for each day.

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

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

Adrian, Susie, Nora, and Senaya: Adrian is presently traveling in Africa (Togo & Burundi) providing leadership training in young congregations, for young believers there and their witness in their communities and beyond, and for Susie and the girls as they continue at home.

In Our Prayers, cont'd:

US/Mexico Border Trip: Pray for the group of 8 East Goshen folks who will be traveling to Arizona for a service and learning trip at the US/Mexico border. Trip dates are March 28 through April 3, over Easter weekend. Pray for the preparations and learnings of this trip, both for this group as well as for the congregation.

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IN OUR CONGREGATION

From the Library: February's library theme is *peace, justice, and equality*. There are many books available for you to peruse and take home with you! Rhoda Stoesz has gifted the church with her collection of children's books on these subjects that are also available for checkout. Happy Reading! -Frieda

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

Free for the Taking!: 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, bulletin boards and chalkboards 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 with questions.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Mennonite Central Committee is looking ahead to summer 2024, when we invite young adults of color from across the U.S. to participate in Summer Service. This grant program lets the next generation of peacemakers gain spiritual direction, work experience and extra income while serving their churches or communities for 10 weeks. In turn, host churches benefit from fresh perspectives, seasonal assistance and the time-tested joy that comes with mentoring tomorrow's leaders. *MCC covers 75% of costs associated with the program.* We invite you to work with interested young adults to create a role that aligns church and community needs with their unique talents, goals and interests. Learn more and apply at mcc.org/summerservice. Or email Brooke Strayer at BrookeStrayer@mcc.org.

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. Please RSVP to crafting.mmr@gmail.com by February 16.

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