

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent—Christ among Us, Showing Us Faith

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture Mark 8:31–38; Romans 4:13–25

Childcare Sarah & Sonya

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Mark 8:31–38.

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, 13 the Food Pantry served 30 households and 126 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 11, 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	11,384.21
Food Pantry	430.10
Anabaptist World	39.00
Community Peacemaker Teams	200.00
Children's S.S. Offering	3.45

Total: \$12,056.76

Attendance last Sunday: In Person: **108** On Zoom: **19**

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

Amount currently *ahead* of projected budget (+8,200.20)



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.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Holy Week Schedule:

Border Learning Trip 2024: Group departs from East Goshen for the airport on Thursday, March 28, 6:00 am

Maundy Thursday: Mark your calendars for our Maundy Thursday Service on Mar. 28, 6 pm.

Resurrection Sunday: The morning will include a song service, Easter breakfast, and a Resurrection Sunday worship service! There will be no Sunday School hour.

Border Learning Trip 2024: Group returns to East Goshen Wednesday evening, April 3.

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NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Men's Lunch,** 11:30 am each Thursday, meet in the lower level kitchen.

• **Birthdays & Anniversaries this week:**

Dwayne Gangwer	2/18
Matt Overman	2/20
Rocky Yoder	2/21
Nathan Pauls	2/24

Tim & Gwen Hershberger 2/25

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Ali: Daughter of Bruce Bishop's friend. Ali is having a stem cell transplant for multiple myeloma, a blood cancer. Please pray for her.

The family of Jon Clemmer, brother to Lisa Yoder: Pray for comfort and peace for Lisa, Gary, and all of Jon's family as they mourn his recent death.

Family of Bill Grieser, father of Michael, as they grieve his passing and fondly remember a life well-lived & faith-filled.

John C. Miller: at Greencroft for rehab, anticipating transition back home in the coming days. Please pray for John and his family in this transition.

Phil and Barb Eiler, grateful for good progress as Phil recovers from a recent prostate procedure.

Holly, Jan Yoder's niece, recovering from unexpected brain surgery and recently 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.

Bill and Diane Hersberger, as they navigate Bill's cancer treatments. For healing and peace.

Dan and Arie Hostetler, as well as Cheryl and Steve, as Dan recovers from a heart procedure this past week.

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.

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

IN/MI Mennonite Conference Prayer Focus:
Wildwood Mennonite Church, Perrinton, MI (UP)

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

Free for the Taking!: A number of items, such as chairs, bulletin boards and chalkboards, have been stored in our old sanctuary for some time. For the last couple of weeks they have been on display in the old entryway on the lower level by the toddler room, available for the taking. A few items still remain. Be in touch with Matt Overman, Vernon Birky, or Merle Hostetler with questions.

A Beautiful Table!: Outside the church office and library there now sits a beautiful table built by Michael Grieser. What a wonderful addition to our food pantry days, to committee meeting space, and as a way to freshen up our office lobby. Thank you, Michael!

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Opportunity for Solidary: One Circle, an Indigenous advocacy group at Goshen College, is organizing a prayer walk/run to support Oak Flat for this Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 in Goshen. Oak Flat is a piece of national forest in Arizona that is sacred land to Native Americans and is under threat of copper mining. Find the sign up link here: <http://tinyurl.com/37vk6jd9>

Climate Action for Peace Global Voices Tour: Join MCC and the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative on Thursday, February 22 at 2 p.m. at Jennings Auditorium at Greencroft Senior Center (1820 Greencroft Blvd) in Goshen. Caroline Pugini, from Zimbabwe, and Victor Odinda, from Cambodia, will share about the ways their communities are finding climate solutions and how you can get involved. Join MCC partners around the world in climate action for a more just and peaceful future for all. Learn more at climateactionforpeace.com/events

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