

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, March 3, 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent—Christ among Us, Showing Us Justice

Message Merle Hostetler

Scripture Psalm 19, John 2:13–22

Childcare James & Betsy Graber

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Psalm 19:7-14
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, 20 the Food Pantry served 21 households and 98 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 18, 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.

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| General Fund | 1,003.00 |
| Seekers S.S. Class | 211.00 |

Total: \$1214.00

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| Attendance last Sunday: | In Person: 95 | On Zoom: 21 |
| Amount needed per Sunday for 2024 General Fund | \$7,016.27 | |
| Amount currently <i>ahead</i> of projected budget | (+2,586.92) | |



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

Host Mennonite Choir Students!: The annual Mennonite high school choir festival will be held this year at Bethany Christian School, from April 5th through 7th. EGMC is being asked to host students from Hillcrest Academy in Kalona, Iowa. Host families are asked to host 2 students, picking them up Friday and Saturday evenings, providing them breakfast, and dropping them off in the mornings. The Hillcrest choir will also join us for worship and a meal on Sunday, April 7th. ***Please contact Merle or Naomi ASAP if you are willing and able to host.*** Adults in the host families are asked to consent to a background check.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Lunch,** 11:30 am each Thursday, meet in the lower level kitchen.
- **Birthdays this week:**

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| Norah Troyer | 2/26 |
| Annetta Good | 2/26 |
| Ashley Unruh | 2/27 |
| Cindy Steiner | 2/27 |
| Wilma Mast | 2/28 |
| Naomi Yoder | 3/1 |
| Brian Bertsche | 3/1 |

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NEWS AND NOTES

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Congregation, that we can experience Christ among us in this year of pastoral transition.

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.

John C. Miller: grateful to now be at home after being at Greencroft for rehab. Please pray for John and his family in this transition.

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

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

Dan and Arie Hostetler, as well as Cheryl and Steve: Dan is giving thanks for a good report at his follow-up appointment this past week. Please pray for continued healing and peace!

Florence Nussbaum, mother of Rhonda Yoder, as she is now in hospice with declining health. Pray for grace 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 Helmuth and her family, through this journey of hospice care. Pray for a continued sense of God's presence and peace.

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.

Adrian, Susie, Nora, and Senaya: Adrian was recently traveling in Africa (Togo & Burundi), providing leadership training in young congregations, encouraging young believers there and their witness in their communities and beyond. Pray for this work, and for the family as they continue to develop relationships in their home community.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

IN/MI Mennonite Conference Prayer Focus:

Ann Arbor Mennonite Church, Ann Arbor, MI

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.

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!

Bethany Fish Fry: The spring fish fry is coming up on Friday April 19. Dine in 4:30-8:00 pm. Carryout is for adult tickets only from 4- 8pm

Tickets prices: Adults: \$15, Grades 1-6: \$5, kindergarten or younger are free. Tickets will be available online next week. Once the website is set up I will have a poster with the QR code on the church bulletin board. If you have any questions you can ask me in person or reach me by email at woelkkaylee25@bethanycs.net. I hope to see you there! -Kaylee Woelk

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Gaza Information and Action Meeting If you are distressed by the news from Israel/Palestine and want to learn about how Mennonites and allies are taking action to end the bloodshed in Gaza, we invite you to join us for a weekend of fellowship and input from Mennonite Action's Nick Martin. Save the afternoons of March 9 (at Assembly Menn) & 10 (at Hively Ave. Menn) for speaker panels, organizing trainings, and of course a hymnsing! More details coming soon. All are welcome.

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 Pugen, 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

ISC Coffeehouse @ Goshen College: Please join us for the 2024 Goshen College International Student Club Coffeehouse Potluck Dinner and Show in the College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall on March 16. This potluck dinner and show will be tasty, fun and informative. The dinner will start at 6 pm, with the show to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Attendees will be asked to purchase a ticket and bring a (preferably international) dish to share. This is the major annual fundraiser for the International Student Club and your support is truly appreciated!

For tickets, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/3a7fmdax>.

Questions can be directed to Dan Koop Liechty, International Student Advisor, at dankl@goshen.edu.