

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent—Christ among Us, the Way of Mercy

Message Naomi Yoder

Scripture Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22
John 3:14–21, Ephesians 2:1–10

Childcare Luke & Nicky Slagel

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22.
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, 27 the Food Pantry served 20 households and 64 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 - March 3, 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	7,714.12
Food Pantry	1,350.00
Children's S.S. Fund	3.00
Property	250.00

Total: \$9,317.12

Attendance last Sunday: In Person: **101** On Zoom: **20**

Amount needed per Sunday for 2024 General Fund \$7,016.27
Amount currently *ahead* of projected budget (+3,284.80)



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 10am Thursday morning. The email address is egmc@eastgoshenmc.org.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

EGMC Service opportunities: The Mission Ministry Team is excited about two upcoming service opportunities for our church.

- First, on April 26 and 27 we will have a family service mini-trip to Amigo Centre. We will arrive on Friday evening, spend the night, and spend Saturday helping Amigo prepare the grounds for the start of summer camp. This trip is open to children and adults of all ages.
- Second, the week of September 30 through October 4 we are planning an MDS service trip. We don't yet know where help will be needed but we need to know how much interest there is so that MDS can plan accordingly. If you have interest in either (or both) trips there are signup sheets on the Welcome Center.

Host Mennonite Choir Students!: The annual Mennonite high school choir festival is being hosted this year by Bethany Christian April 5-7. EGMC will participate by hosting students from Hillcrest Academy in Kalona, Iowa. Host families can host 2 or more 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 noon meal that Sunday.

We need to finalize our hosting arrangements very soon. Contact Carol Birky ASAP if willing and able to host. Adults in host families are asked to consent to a background check, and these forms are due this week!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Lunch**, 11:30 am each Thursday, meet in the lower level kitchen.
- **Women's Breakfast**, 10 am, March 23 meet in the lower level kitchen.
- **Birthdays this week:**

Mary Hostetler	3/4
Roger Yoder	3/6
Kevin Prah	3/7
Ben Graber	3/8
Miriam Wengerd	3/8

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Jessica: Food Pantry Guest, is having sciatic nerve and hip issues. When it flares up, working and walking are difficult. Pray for peace of mind and feelings of purpose

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

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.

Bill and Diane Hersberger, for healing and peace as they navigate Bill's cancer treatments, and wisdom in their roles with family relationships.

Dan and Arie Hochstetler, also Cheryl and Steve: As Dan continues his heart procedure recovery, 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 for the family.

Olga & Zhenya, 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.

Border Trip 2024: Pray for the group of 8 East Goshen folks who will travel to our southern border in Arizona and Mexico Mar. 28-Apr. 3. Pray for the trip prep and post trip learnings, both for this group as well as for our 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/MI Mennonite Conference Prayer Focus:
Belmont Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Carry-In Meal Next Sunday, March 10th: Please remember that our regular fellowship meal will be next Sunday, March 10th. The Jubilee Class will be hosting. Bring a dish to share and come join in the fun!

"Spring Forward!": Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 10th. Mark the change (or trust your phones to do it for you!) so you don't miss out on Sunday school!

From the Library: The March Library theme is NEW BOOKS. Both the upstairs and children's libraries have been gifted with a variety of interesting books. Thank you, donors, for your kindness.
- Frieda

Corrections to the 2024 Directory:

- Dru and Mike Malott's last name was misspelled. It should be spelled MALOTT *not* Mallot. Additionally, in the birthday list section, Dru's birthday should be the 14 of MARCH, not April.
- Grace Carpenter's phone is 574-238-4910, *not* 574-234-4910.
- Chris and Jeff Holsopple Kauffman's emails: chrishandjeffk@gmail.com & chris.holsopple.kauffman@gmail.com

Any other corrections can be emailed to: nathanp@eastgoshenmc.org

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. 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

"Indian Horse" Movie Showing at Waterford Mennonite Church (WMC): On Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m., the WMC Reparative Justice Group will host a showing of the movie "Indian Horse." An adaptation of Ojibway writer Richard Wagamese's award-winning novel, this moving and important drama sheds light on the dark history of Canada's boarding schools or Indigenous Residential Schools and the indomitable spirit of aboriginal people.

Pickleball Court!: Our old sanctuary now houses a full-sized pickleball court, and it is open for you to use. Please respect the IN/MI Conferences office space at the end of the room. Contact the church office for available times. Enjoy!

IN OUR COMMUNITY

GC Music Concert, TONIGHT: Goshen College's Voices of the Earth Choir Tour Home Concert will take place on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

An Invitation from Northern Indiana Mennonite Action Team: If you are committed to a theology of peace and justice and have been distressed by the news from Israel/Palestine, please join us on March 9 & 10 for fellowship and to learn how Mennonite Action is carrying forward the call for a ceasefire, release of all hostages, and providing humanitarian aid rather than weapons of war. Nick Martin, national coordinator of Mennonite Action, will lead us in envisioning how we can build a coalition to organize local actions calling for a just peace for all Palestinians and Israelis. Come for organizing and training sessions at Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen on Saturday, March 9, 1:00-6:00 pm, and Hively Avenue Mennonite Church, Elkhart, on Sunday, March 10 at 1:30 pm, closing with a hymn sing at 5:15pm. There is a home for you in this Mennonite movement!

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

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.