

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

*5th Sunday of Lent—Christ among Us, the New Covenant*

*Message* Naomi Yoder

*Scripture* Jeremiah 31:31–34, John 12:20–33

*Childcare* Diane & Leah

### Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is John 12:20–33.

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, March 5, the Food Pantry served 41 households and 139 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	6,403.58
Community Peacemaker Teams	200.00
Children's S.S. Offering	4.50

Total: \$6,608.08

Attendance last Sunday: In Person: **106** On Zoom: **20**

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

Amount currently *ahead* of projected budget (+2,685.06)



WELCOME!

### Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

### Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

### Pastoral Team

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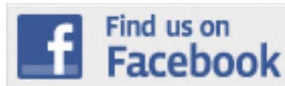
**Naomi Yoder**

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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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**Ray & Jenny VanDaele**

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**Ina Kauffman**

### 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](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org).

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**Carry-In Meal Today:** Our regular fellowship meal will be today following the worship service. A big thanks to the Jubilee Class who will be hosting the meal.

**A piece of EGMC:** On the welcome center find a piece of craftsmanship by Bruce Schlabach. This bowl was made from the tree in the EGMC parking lot that was chopped down last year.

**“Spring Forward!”:** Daylight Savings Time begins today! Now we can all look forward to brighter days and more evening sunshine!

**Host Mennonite Choir Students!:** We still need 4-5 families to host Mennonite high school choir students April 5-7. EGMC will host students from Hillcrest Academy in Kalona, Iowa. EGMC families host 2 or more students, picking them up Fri. and Sat. evenings, providing breakfast, and dropping off in the mornings. The choir will join us for worship Sunday.

**We need to finalize our hosting arrangements very soon. Contact Carol Birky ASAP if willing and able to host.** Adults in host families fill out a simple form so that Bethany can run a background check.

## 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:

LeRoy Schrock	3/10
Jerry McNutt	3/10
Nancy Detweiler	3/11
Amy Mounsithiraj	3/11
Rick Nussbaum	3/12
Kathy Holsopple	3/14
Drew Malott	3/14
Maynard (Mike) Weaver	3/14
Lizzy King	3/16
Kay Beam	3/17

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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

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

*The Family of Florence Nussbaum*, mother of Rhonda Yoder, as they grieve Florence's death and remember her life. Details of the visitation (today) and the service (tomorrow) are available on the Yoder Culp website. May God bring comfort and care.

*Olga & Zhenya*, 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.

*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

**Easter Morning Breakfast Carry-In:** On Easter morning (March 31st), we'll have a fellowship meal together between our early service and later service. Plan to join this Resurrection Sunday celebration! If you're willing to help with set up and clean up, please contact James and Deb Powell or Bruce and Janet Schlabach.

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

- 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.
- 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.

**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:

- Find inserts with Nicky and Luke Slagel's info next to the directories .
  - Gary Yoder's correct email is gwy358@gmail.com and his birthday is 3/18 *not* 4/18
  - Rob and Andrea Ganger: ZIP code is 46528 *not* 46526. Also to note: their emails are switched.
  - Marge Steffen: Her address is 1611 Clover **Creek** Lane
  - 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: chrisandjeffk@gmail.com & chris.holsopple.kauffman@gmail.com
- Any other corrections can be emailed to: [nathanp@eastgoshenmc.org](mailto:nathanp@eastgoshenmc.org)

**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

**An Invitation from Northern Indiana Mennonite Action Team:** If you have been distressed by the news from Israel/Palestine, please join us **today**, March 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 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!

**Hesston's Bel Canto Singers in Goshen:** Hesston College's Bel Canto Singers Present *Common Ground* choir tour. The choir will be performing on Thurs., March 14th at 7:00pm at Silverwood Mennonite Church. For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/yc5td8ub>

**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](mailto:woelkkaylee25@bethanycs.net). I hope to see you there! -Kaylee Woelk

**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. 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](mailto:dankl@goshen.edu).

**MCC Thrift Coordinator Position:** MCC is seeking a full-time Thrift Coordinator for the Great Lakes region. This position provides support and services to the 14 MCC Thrift shops within the region who annually contribute upwards of \$3 million to the ministries of MCC. Working from Goshen, Indiana, the Thrift Coordinator works with shops to encourage growth, assist with problem solving, support board development, nurture manager skill development and connect with the MCC Thrift Shop Network. Apply by March 25 at [mcc.org/gl-thrift-coordinator](http://mcc.org/gl-thrift-coordinator).