

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, March 24, 2024

6th Sunday of Lent—Christ among Us, the Way of a Servant

Message Mike Sherrill

Scripture John 12:12–16, Philippians 2:5–11

Childcare Ashley & Seth Unruh

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is John 12:12–16.

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 12, the Food Pantry served 21 households and 81 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 10, 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	7,813.00
Border Trip	1,407.38
Food Pantry	125.10
Children's S.S. Offering	3.96

Total: \$ 9,349.44

Attendance last Sunday: In Person: **112** On Zoom: **20**

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

Amount currently *ahead* of projected budget +3,501.60



WELCOME!

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Pastoral Team

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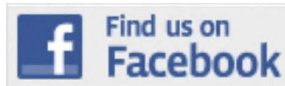
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You are welcome to call anytime to make an appointment.

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

Baptism and Welcoming New Members: In early June, as part of a worship series on Believing and Becoming, we are planning to have times in worship for baptism and welcoming new members. If you have interest in participating in these, please be in touch with Merle or Naomi.

EGMC Holy Week (March 24-31) Details:

- Sunday, March 24th—Palm Sunday Worship
- Thursday, March 28th—Maundy Thursday: Our Maundy Thursday service will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a simple soup supper (**please see your emails to sign up to bring soup or bread**), followed by Communion, and Foot Washing.
- Friday, March 29th—Good Friday: While we won't have a Good Friday service at EGMC, we will share information about other area services as well as some at-home resources.
- Sunday, March 31st—Easter Sunday!: We'll celebrate the Resurrection with a shorter earlier service, a carry-in breakfast, and then our fuller service. See the other announcements in the Pathways to learn about ways you can
- contribute to our praise, worship, and celebration!

MARCH 17, 2024

NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

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 & Anniversaries this week:**

Kay Beam	3/17
Gary Yoder	3/18
Kaci Diener Sandlin	3/20
Sarah Grieser	3/21
Dorothy Mertz	3/22
Rosalinda Powell	3/23
Jonathon Snyder	3/23
Ken & Sheril Mullett	3/20

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Congregation, that we can experience Christ among us in this year of pastoral transition, and as we engage our focus of *Believing and Becoming*.

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 while being on hospice. Pray for John and his family, for strength and peace.

Nancy Detweiler, for healing, strength, and a hopeful spirit as she recovers from shingles.

Bill and Diane Hersberger, 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 mourn Florence's death and remember her life. May they feel God's care and comfort.

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.

Leah Garboden, Bill and Diane Hersberger, Merle Hostetler, Rosa Powell, Jan and Joe Yoder, Rocky Yoder
Remember also Jack and Linda Knox from Douglas, AZ who will be leading the group.

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:

Benton Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Easter Morning Breakfast Carry-In: On Easter morning (Mar. 31) a fellowship meal will be offered between our early and later services. Hope to see you! If willing to help with set up and clean up, please contact James and Deb Powell or Bruce and Janet Schlabach.

Brighten Our Easter Morning Worship: We're looking for flowers and plants to be part of our Easter morning worship March 31. Please bring potted flowers (Easter lilies, tulips, etc.) and cut flowers by the evening of Maundy Thursday (March 28th) so that they can be added to the sanctuary. Thank you for helping bring life and beauty into our service celebrating Jesus' Resurrection!

A piece of EGMC: On the welcome center find a piece of craftsmanship by Bruce Schlabach. This lathe-turned bowl came from a Kentucky Yellowwood tree in the EGMC parking lot that needed to be cut down last year.

Woman's Breakfast: The monthly women's breakfast will take place on Saturday, March 23 at 10am in the church's lower level kitchen. Come join in the connection, conversation, and breakfast eats!

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. Plan to arrive Friday eve and spend the night. Saturday we will serve Amigo by helping prepare for the start of their summer camp season. This trip is open to children and adults.
- 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:

- Naomi Helmuth's phone number should be changed to (574) **374-6543**, her address is 1225 Greencroft **Dr.** *not* Blvd., and her room number is **Dell 706** *not* 522

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Empty Bowl Project 2024: The event will run from 5-8pm on Saturday March 23rd at Goshen First Church, located at 214 S 5th St, at the intersection of 5th and East Jefferson Street. Cost is \$20 for your pick of a hand made bowl and hot meal. Proceeds go to First Light Mission of Goshen. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to guarantee a bowl, as they tend to sell out! EGMCers Bruce Bishop, Fred Driver, and Nathan Pauls will have in the project.

60th Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival: Bethany Christian Schools is pleased to host the 60th Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival this April. The weekend-long festival will culminate in a FREE community concert, titled "Lead with Love," on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 3:00pm. The concert will be held in Sauder Concert Hall on the Goshen College Campus, and will feature both individual and group performances from all nine participating choirs. For more information, visit bethanycs.net/choirfestival

Save the date: for our Michiana action (part of Mennonite Action's bi-national Holy Week of Action), on Wednesday, March 27, 4-6 pm, at Congressperson Rudy Yakym's office in Mishawaka (2410 Grape Rd), calling for a ceasefire, release of all hostages and to send aid not bombs. (Meet in the Planet Fitness parking lot, 424 W. McKinley Ave, at 3:30 to walk as a group to Yakym's office.)

To prepare for the March 27 action, we invite you to join us Monday, March 18, 7 pm at Kern Road Mennonite Church (18211 Kern Rd, South Bend). We will be creating signs and symbols to offer at Yakym's office, as well as designating roles and providing more details for the direct actions we plan to take.

Michiana Anabaptist Historians will hold their annual spring meeting on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9-11:30 am at East Goshen Mennonite Church. The program will include two topics: Colombian Mennonite Stories and the Necessity of Global Anabaptisms, by Elizabeth Miller, Director of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism and the Mennonite Historical Library.

Following a refreshment break, the focus will turn to the 1918 flu pandemic in Amish Communities. Goshen College students Dan Eash-Scott and Daniel Stoltzfus will report on their research into pandemic coverage in *The Budget*. Local Old Order Amish historians, Willis Miler and Owen Borkholder, reviewed Amish church records during the pandemic years and they will also bring their findings. All are welcome to attend.