

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, November 19, 2023

“By Faith They...”: Stories of People Who Shaped our Faith

Message Naomi Yoder

Scriptures Hebrews 11:13-21

Childcare Ben & Ivannia Graber

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Hebrews 11:13-21.

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, Nov 7, the Food Pantry served 51 families and 178 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 - November 5, 2023

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	3,355.00
Christmas Project—Food Pantry	500.00
Food Pantry	145.10
Children's SS Offering	3.00
Total	\$5,398.10

Attendance last Sunday: In person: **109** On Zoom: **15**

Amount needed per Sunday for 2023 General Fund \$7,246.34

Amount currently behind projected budget (\$22,027.50)



WELCOME!

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

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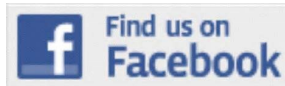
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You are welcome to call anytime to make an appointment.

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

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Second Sunday Carry-in Meal Today: Prepare your heart, mind, and stomach for today's carry-in meal, directly following the service. Don't forget to thank the members of the Maranatha and Seekers Sunday school classes for hosting!

Opportunities for Food Pantry Support:

Carry-In Donations—As we eat lunch together each month, enjoying fellowship and food, you will have the opportunity to share with those in our community who need fellowship and food. At each 2nd Sunday carry-in, Food Pantry donation containers will be available as you go through the food line. Our hope is that this will help in raising funds to cover purchases from the N. Indiana Food Bank. This giving opportunity will be offered each month to help provide a steady stream of income in support of our Bread of Life Food Pantry. Thank you for the ways you continue to support this important mission in our community!

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Lunch**, 11:30 am each Thursday, meet in the lower level kitchen.
- **Worship in Song Thursdays**, 6:00-7:00pm (meet in the sanctuary)

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

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| Nov. 13 | Janice Hostetler |
| Nov. 13 | BJ Leichty |
| Nov. 14 | Bruce Bishop |
| Nov. 14 | Tony Janzen |
| Nov. 13 | Brian & Diane Bertsche |

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Congregation, in our walking together carrying the vision affirmed in the Statement of Belonging.

The Stewardship Ministry Team, as they work hard at forming next year's giving plan/budget.

Lincoln and Maverick, newborn twins of Allyson Daniels and Brandon Gangwer. The twin were born 7 weeks premature on November 6th. Brandon is the son of Dewayne Gangwer.

Delia, a food pantry guest who is asking for God to intervene as her sons have abandoned her and she is not able to see her grandchildren.

Chad Maxson, who is giving thanks that a procedure on his wrist went well. Please pray for continued healing and recovery.

Our Food Pantry: The faithful volunteers as they distribute food and offer caring presence for guests. Pray that all will receive a witness to the love of Jesus, source of the Bread of Life.

Dan and Arianne Hochstetler, pray for healing and encouragement as they navigate health uncertainties.

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 at this one-year anniversary as they mourn 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.

Aaron, Goshen JH student, recently injured due to being struck by a car. Pray for him as he gradually recovers, his family, the school community, and the driver.

Adrian, Susie, Nora, and Senaya: Pray for family health, for God's guidance as they make plans to travel numerous times over the next year for ministry work, and in thanks for discipling connections in their community.

IMMC Congregation Focus:

Mennonite Fellowship of Bloomington, Bloomington IN

IN OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

A note from Connie Miller: Thank you for your cards and prayers with the passing of my sister, Becky. We are blessed to have such a caring church community.

-Connie Miller

Volunteering—Bread of Life Food Pantry has been serving our community each Tuesday morning from 9:00-noon. We've been blessed with amazing volunteers this past year. We are updating our volunteer lists and want to welcome any new persons who would like to become part of this ministry of EGMC. You may sign up for one or two times a month or more, whatever works into your schedule. You can participate on Tuesday mornings or provide a snack for our guests and volunteers once a month. If you are ready to participate in this ministry, please contact Nathan in the church office.

From the Library Corner... Thanks to many of you, our library contains a wealth of knowledge. But do you know how to access the item you are looking for? I encourage you to stop by and take a look at the items that are here. Can you find the scrapbooks related to the history of EGMC? Or find books related to Christian Living? Or Bible study helps and books related to theology? Or the music and movie section? Handouts are available on the counter with information about where to find these and other resources. Have questions? I will help you to find the answers. ~Frieda

Bread of Life Food Pantry Christmas project: In the memory of Marv Graber, we will be collecting items and money throughout November and December. Please place scarves, hats, gloves and socks in the manger across from the mailboxes. We especially need items for babies and young children. Money can be given via the offering or given through the church office marked for the food pantry Christmas Project. Questions can be directed to Dorothy Mertz at dmertz51@gmail.com.

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Presentation on Israel and Gaza: You are invited to a community presentation: "Israel and Gaza: History and Context" with Dr. Michael Spath on Monday, November 20, 2pm, in the Greencroft Community Center. Dr. Spath is the founder and executive director of the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace, holds a Ph.D. in Historical Theology, and is interim pastor at Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship in Berne, IN. He has led frequent tours to Israel-Palestine, and will speak on the history and hope for peace in this part of the world. For more information, contact Don Blosser (574-536-3497), David Janzen, or Mark Rosenbury.

Holiday Michiana Pottery Tour: On Friday, December 1st in the historic Goshen Theater Ballroom join EGMCer Nathan Pauls and other regional clay artists for the first-ever Holiday Michiana Pottery Tour. The event kicks off at 5PM as part of downtown Goshen's December First Fridays event. There is no fee for shoppers associated with this event and all proceeds go to support local artists and the Northern Indiana Clay Alliance.

The Goshen Community Chorale is joining the Maple City Community Orchestra to present a concert in the Sauder Hall of the Goshen College Music Center Sunday afternoon, November 19. Open Fiftths will also be participating. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. and is free to all. Donations will be welcomed at the close of the concert as an opportunity to help defray expenses of the ensembles. The program will feature two of Gabriel Faure's most beautiful pieces as the voices of the Chorale join the Orchestra in his Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine (sung in English). Roberta Miller Yoder of our congregation is a member of the alto section of the Chorale. You will want to be part of this concert of music that will touch your soul.

Annual Fundraising Dinner: On Tuesday, November 14th, First Light Mission will be hosting *A Place at the Table*, their annual fundraising dinner. The meal will take place at Bread and Chocolate with doors open at 6pm and the meal at 6:30. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased by calling [574.534.2300](tel:574.534.2300). If you have questions, please contact John C. Miller.