

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

*"By Faith They...": Stories of People Who Shaped our Faith*

Message Naomi Yoder

Scriptures Hebrews 11:1-12

Childcare Ashley & Seth Unruh

### Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Hebrews 11:1-12.

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, Oct 31, the Food Pantry served 22 families 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 - October 29, 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	5,146.00.00
Christmas Project—Food Pantry	470.00
Food Pantry	10.10
Children's SS Offering	1.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5627.50</b>

Attendance last Sunday: In person: **105** On Zoom: **22**

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

Amount currently behind projected budget (\$21,625.56)



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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### Custodians

**Ray & Jenny VanDaele**

### Church Treasurer

**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 Thursday morning. The email address is [egmc@eastgoshenmc.org](mailto:egmc@eastgoshenmc.org).

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

### 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!

**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.

## 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)
- **MCC Comforter Bash**, Nov. 10-11

### Birthdays this week

Nov 6, Dan Steiner  
 Nov 7, Addison Bachman  
 Nov 7, Olivia Bachman  
 Nov 8, Rose Ann Meikle  
 Nov 9, Ruby Bontrager  
 Nov 10, Noah Snyder

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## 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.

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

*All Who Mourn the recent passing of Judy Gerzeski*, grieving her death and remembering her life and presence in our congregation. Let's hold Judy's brother Bill and his wife Yu-Li in our prayers as well.

*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.

*The Family of Becky Mishler*, sister of Connie Miller, who passed away recently. Pray for God's surrounding of all who are grieving this loss.

*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:

Mara Christian Church of America, Greenwood, IN

## IN OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**Thank-you from Chad Maxson**: Several weeks ago Chad was here for the first time in several months but did not get a chance to share. He wants everyone to know he was so happy to be back. He is uncertain when he will be able to come again, but is grateful for all the support he felt during the times of hospitalization and treatment for his seizures.

**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

**Statement of Belonging Vote**: On October 15th, the Congregational Meeting affirmed the proposal to accept the Statement of Belonging as an expression of our congregational mission and vision. A total of 98 votes were cast, with 84.7% (83 votes) affirming and 15.3% (15 votes) not affirming. 8 people chose the option to "stand aside" by abstaining, making the total number of ballots submitted 106. Thank you for all your engagement in the process leading up to and participating in this vote. Please pray for God's guidance as we discern how the affirmation of the Statement will shape our congregation as we *passionately follow Jesus*.

**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](mailto:dmertz51@gmail.com).

**Toddler Room Help**: Are you interested in getting to know the little people in our congregation better? We could use one or two more volunteers to help out in the toddler room during the worship service. Commitments include watching over our kiddos once or twice each quarter. Contact Sonya Overman if you are interested in supporting the parents and kiddos of our congregation!

## OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

**MennoPIN Gaza Update**: Saturday, November 11 at 10:00-11:00 a.m. EST — Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN) will host a Zoom conversation with Tareq Abuhalima of Gaza City and current graduate assistant at Bluffton University's The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center. Before beginning his graduate education at Bluffton University in January 2023, Tareq previously worked at Youth Vision Society in Gaza City as a project manager and served as MennoPIN's "Twinning with Gaza" Initiative Coordinator. He recently presented a seminar at the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City and will share about his experience of growing up in Gaza and give an update on the disastrous human toll of the current war.

**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 Fifts 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.

**Responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict**: As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. To donate and find more information, visit [mcc.org/Palestine-Israel](http://mcc.org/Palestine-Israel)