

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Church Retreat at Camp Amigo—“Joy”

Ruben and Idella Chupp

Input Psalm 100; Proverbs 14:3;

Scriptures Luke 1:46-55; Philippians 1:6, 2:1-5

There will be no service in the church building.

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Philippians 1:6, 2:1-5.

May God bless each of these groups as they make new connections with God and each other!

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

This week on Tuesday, Sept. 26, the Food Pantry served 34 families and 107 individuals. The Food Pantry is open each 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

Last Week by the Numbers - September 24, 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	\$3176.00
Food Pantry	210.10
Church Retreat	940.00
Total	\$4,326.10

Attendance last Sunday In person, 113 On Zoom 18

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

Amount currently behind projected budget (23,846.84)



WELCOME!

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Pastoral Team
Merle Hostetler
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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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Church office hours are 9:00am
- 12:30pm office each weekday
morning.
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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.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

World Communion Sunday: This Sunday, October 1st, will be our World Communion Sunday worship focus. Please prepare yourself to come to the Lord's Supper with the people of God throughout time and throughout the world!

Carry In October 1st: Today is our October fellowship meal. Come join the fellowship, food, and fun!

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NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Lunch**, 11:30 am each Thursday, meet in the lower level kitchen.
- Worship Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm
- Oct. 6-8, Church Retreat @ Amigo
- Nov. 10-11, MCC Comforter Bash

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

- Oct 2, Luke Hanna
Merlin Graber
- Oct. 3, Barb Eiler
- Oct 4, Roger & Rhonda Yoder
- Oct 7, Arlen Welty
- Oct 9, Phyllis Weaver
- Oct 10, Caleb Longenecker Fox

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Congregation, as we discern God's guidance regarding the proposed Statement of Belonging (*see mailboxes*) in preparation for our October 15th Congregational Meeting.

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 and Community of Alma Bontrager, as we give thanks for her faithfulness in life even as we mourn her death.

Janice, Food Pantry guest, recovering from cancer surgery Sept. 15th.

Lucrecia, Food Pantry guest, has a sister in Guatemala who is depressed and has a 14 year old son with cancer.

Teachers and Students at the beginning of this school year. Especially thinking of teachers facing difficult teaching environments, students in new learning settings, parents sending children to school for the first time or last time, and administrators that are working hard to find ample school staff.

Olivia Renze, has moved in at Bentley College near Boston and is doing well and making new friends. Continue to keep her in your prayers this semester.

Dan and Arianne Hochstetler, while Dan faces ongoing health setbacks. Pray for healing and encouragement as Dan and Arie navigate these uncertainties.

Olga & Zhenya, pray 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, 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.

Adrian, Susie, Nora, and Senaya: Pray for family health, for God's guidance in their work, and new mercies each day in their ministry leadership.

IMMC Congregation Focus: Hopewell Mennonite Church
Kouts, Indiana; Pastor: Joel Short

IN OUR CONGREGATION

The Children's Library is open! Littles, bring your parents and come see the generous collection of new books given by Janet Schlabach. You are welcome to take books home with you! Thank you Janet!

Church Library: What do Alma Bontrager, Bertha Bontrager and Feme Bowman have in common? Their stories, along with stories of other Mennonites are part of the biographical collection featured in the library this month. Come take a look!

My Coins Count Report: On behalf of Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, thank you for your enthusiasm and energy at East Goshen Mennonite in collecting coins and matching funds for My Coins Count. Your congregation donated \$2,590.29, helping MCC to bring in over \$63,000 this year. Thank you for sharing with people through MCC and their partners in the name of Christ. Roelf Kuitse, MYCC Coordinator.

Change of address: Maurice Smith has moved to Greencroft. His new address is 1300 Greencroft Dr., Apt.84, Goshen, IN 46526.

Please note a correction to Gretchen VenDaeles address:

Gretchen VanDaele
UR 1922
410 Westhampton Way
University of Richmond
Richmond, VA 23173

New email address: Barb Eiler has a new email address. Please update your directory to barpoe75eul@gmail.com.

Church Retreat: Plan to participate October 6-8 at Amigo. To cover costs for the retreat again this year, we are depending on designated giving as a way to make the retreat accessible for all. All checks should be written out to EGMC and designated for church retreat. Thank you!

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Relief Sale Results: We are pleased to report that the grand total for this year's relief sale is approximately \$425,000. While much of what we sell is donated, we have some expenses and then will joyfully forward a large percentage of that to Mennonite Central Committee. We are deeply grateful to all who donated items, volunteered, and came to enjoy this year's event and support MCC.

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Board

MCC is hiring a Peace Education Coordinator. The coordinator leads MMC's church education efforts nationwide, related to peace and nonviolence. Education efforts involve engaging MCC's constituency on peace-related topics by working with MCC regional staff, denominational and other partners. Apply at mcc.org/peace-education-coordinator by Oct 16.

Indiana-Michigan Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for winter 2024 is December 6, 2023, with the final registration deadline on January 10, 2024. For more information visit www.ambs.edu/journey, or contact your pastor, or Joanne Gallardo at joanne@im.mennonite.net or [574-534-4006](tel:574-534-4006).

MCC Pipeline to Prison Learning Tour on November 1-3 in Goshen and Elkhart: Join MCC Great Lakes for three days focusing on the complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system as seen in northern Indiana. More information and registration at mcc.org/indiana-pipeline-to-prison.

Mennonite Public Educators: Let's have real discussions of what it means to live out our faith (or not) in the public schools. Mennonite Public Educators is a group that brings together Mennonite teachers and other education professionals who work in public school setting in the US and Canada for mutual encouragement, support and learning. Thurs., Oct 12, 2023 at 7pm Eastern, the first of four Zoom meetings: "Being a Mennonite in public ed" There is no cost but registration is required to share the Zoom link. Contact info@MennoniteEducation.org.