

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Remembrance Sunday

Message Naomi Yoder
Scriptures Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12
Childcare Nick & Erin Schwartz

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Revelation 7:9-17
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 24, the Food Pantry served 25 families and 113 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 22, 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	1,800.00
Church Retreat	400.00
Food Pantry	2960.10
Mutual Aid Fund	1000.00
Children's SS Offering	4.00
Total	\$6,164.10

Attendance last Sunday: In person: **90** On Zoom: **15**
Amount needed per Sunday for 2023 General Fund \$7,246.34
Amount currently behind projected budget (\$19,072.90)



WELCOME!

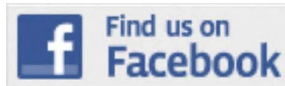
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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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

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!

Anabaptist World: Did you know that EGMC has a group subscription to Anabaptist World that gives you a discounted price? Our renewal is due in the spring and we need to update our database by **December 1st**. The group rate for Anabaptist World is \$39 per yearly subscription, \$15 less than the individual subscription rate. If you are interested in a subscription, please contact the church office. Copies of recent additions are available in the church library.

Cards of Condolence: If you wish to send cards to Bill Sexton, Judy Gerzeski's brother, you can mail them to:

Bill Sexton & Yu-Li Parker
3302 Fox Trot Dr.
Columbia, MO 65202

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 & Anniversaries this week

Nov 1, Elvie Bontrager
Nov 1, Grant Bachman
Nov 4, Sheril Mullet

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Guadalupe, a Food Pantry guest asking for prayer. Her 20 year old son has been diagnosed with leukemia. She is also grieving the recent death of her husband.

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.

Family of Chris Brooks, family friends of Betsey Graber, following Chris' sudden death. Please pray for his wife Lori, adult daughters Stephanie and Shannon, and all who mourn Chris' passing.

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 in their work, and new mercies each day in their ministry leadership.

IMMC Congregation Focus:
Maple River Mennonite Church, Brutus, MI

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.

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*.

Lights, Camera, Action! All are invited to a movie night at the church at 6:00 PM on Saturday, November 4th. Two movies will be showing, *The Secret Life of Bees*, and the family-friendly movie, *Cars*. Popcorn and bottled water will be provided, and feel free to bring your own favorite movie snack! Chairs will be available, but don't hesitate to bring your favorite comfy chair or blanket.

As in the past few years, the EGMC Food Pantry will be passing out hats, scarves, gloves and socks in remembrance of Marvin Graber. We will start collecting items in November and will be passing them out on Tuesday mornings in December during the food pantry hours of 9 AM to noon. Because of a more limited budget, your contributions are even *more* critical than in previous years. Financial contributions should be marked as EG Food Pantry Christmas Project.

Items including handmade items can be brought to the designated area across from the mailboxes in November. Our food pantry guests look forward to providing Christmas presents to their family and friends.

Questions can be directed to Dorothy Mertz at dmertz51@gmail.com.

Bethany Christian Schools Fish Fry: November 3. Fish... that's fried! What more could one person want? To support Bethany Christian Schools? Well you can do that too! For tickets, Contact Kaylee Woelk or order online at BethanyCS.net.

OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Fresh copies of MCC's *A Common Place* and the Center for Healing and Hope's most recent newsletter are located on the bottom shelf under the church mail boxes. Get them while they're hot!

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.

A Musical Thanksgiving, TONIGHT: Sunday Oct. 29, 4pm. AMBS Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount. Organist Shirley King and Pianist Beverly Lapp will share solo settings of several hymns of praise and thanksgiving, with congregational singing integrated throughout the program. All are invited. Admission is free.

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.

MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel

Thrift at Woodland Crossing, the MCC Thrift shop located in Elkhart, is seeking a team member to fill the position of Donation Receiver/Processor. Primary responsibilities include efficiently and effectively processing and preparing donated goods. Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds and work on one's feet for a shift of 9:45 am – 5:00 pm. For more details, contact Haiam Gendi at 574-326-3674.