

IMPORTANT NOTES

Sunday, October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

Scripture Isaiah 25:6-8; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17;

Matthew 26:26-30

Message Angel Neri Carbot

Toddler Room Attendants Nick & Erin Schwartz

Breaking Bread Groups

BBG scripture for this week is Matthew 26:26-30.

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. 18, the Food Pantry served 30 families and 140 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 17, 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	\$8517.60
Food Pantry	210.00
Church Retreat	1,270.00
My Coins Count (MCC)	428.00
MCC	200.00
Total	\$10,625.60

Attendance last Sunday In person, 122 On Zoom 17

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

Amount currently behind projected budget (20,926.60)



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 Staff

Office Administrator

Open

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

Celebration of Life: All are invited to participate in a Celebration of Life service for Alma Bontrager here at East Goshen (and on Zoom) at 3:00pm this afternoon (Sept. 24). A meal will follow in the church fellowship hall.

World Communion Sunday Next Weekend: Next 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: Due to the timing of the church retreat, our fellowship meal for October will be next Sunday, October 1st, following the service. In honor of World Communion Sunday, you're encouraged to bring an internationally inspired dish. Come join the fellowship, food, and fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Lunch**, 11:30 am each Thursday, meet in the lower level kitchen.
- Worship Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm
- Oct. 1, (note change of date), Noon. Carry-In!
- Oct. 6-8, Church Retreat @ Amigo
- Nov. 10-11, MCC Comforter Bash

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

Sept. 29, Gary Kauffman, Jr

Kari Wildman

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

NEWS AND NOTES

PATHWAYS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our EGMC leaders, for God's guidance as they work at finalizing a proposal for a congregational belonging statement.

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, Aphaphanh & Sydney Nussbaum, for God's peace in their grief, as they mourn the loss of their son and brother, Logan.

Naomi Helmut 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:
Grace Chapel, Saginaw, MI

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Thank You: Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for the way the church supported me last weekend. Thanks for all the cards and for attending the party my children planned. I will be forever grateful. If I had known it was this much fun, I would have had my birthday earlier. :)

Edna Hoover

October 1st Sunday School Time with Adrian and Susie: Next Sunday during the Sunday School hour there will be an opportunity to meet with Adrian and Susie's family and to hear more about their continued mission work. Check your emails next week for information about where that will take place.

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

New college student addresses:

University of New England
Christina Eiler
387
11 Hills Beach Rd.
Biddeford, ME. 04005

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

Remember our students who are entering a new chapter of life at school. May they feel God's presence and our supporting love in this new journey. If you have a student with a new address this year, please contact the church office with updated information.

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.

If you haven't been to a retreat before, make this your first. Coming for the day will allow you to take in the sessions as well as enjoy the beautiful surroundings and activities, such as boating, hiking, looking for deer paths, and poking in the marsh with a stick. Coming for the night will allow more time for relaxed conversations, games, and learning unexpected things about your fellow retreaters like, who got engaged at an EGMC retreat?

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

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a full-time Warehouse and Equipment Manager to manage the MDS warehouse in Columbus, MS. This includes buildings, contents and equipment stored on site. Interested applicants can view the full job description at mids.org/employment.

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).

The Support Group for parents with children of all ages who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community will resume meeting on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00-11:00am in the library at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship. Please contact Sarah Higley Morrison at sjhigley@gmail.com with additional questions.

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. Participants will learn about the systemic forces at play that have led to mass incarceration and the criminalization of marginalized groups. The group will hear diverse perspectives from community organizations and people experiencing arrest, incarceration and re-entry. More information and registration at mcc.org/indiana-pipeline-to-prison.

MCC Plain Community Liaison: MCC seeks someone to serve as the primary liaison to large segments of Anabaptists in the U.S. that self-identify as Plain Anabaptists. In collaboration with MCC colleagues, this position develops, analyzes, implements and evaluates engagement with Plain communities. This position sets broad goals for building relationships with key representatives in Plain communities and demonstrates MCC's commitment to engaging the full range of Anabaptist churches. For more information contact Marilyn Peters at MarilynPeters@mcc.org or apply online by October 23 at mcc.org/plain-community-liaison.