

## Host Church Update

### Eighth Street Mennonite/St. John's Catholic

by Len Harms

The partnership of Eighth Street and St. John's encapsulates one of the stronger traits of Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network. Two churches that are quite different in worship styles and organizational structures come together five times a year to provide a week of hosting.

Eighth Street has been the hosting site since the inception of this relationship many years ago. At Eighth Street a team is appointed with each member agreeing to serve for three years to provide leadership. Various jobs such as planning for announcements to the congregation, preparing sign-up sheets for the different tasks, and purchasing groceries are divided among the various committee members with all of them pitching in during the week of hosting. According to Christine Guth, one of the coordinating team members, the support in the congregation is strong, especially the support by past team members. During the week of hosting the team is also available to fill in where there are gaps. For people in the congregation who may feel that they cannot help by being present, there is also a prayer ministry during the week.



Eighth Street Mennonite Church



St. John's Catholic Church

St. John's has assisted Eighth Street by providing some of the people needed to cover a full week of hosting. Faithful volunteers have shown up over the years to help fill many of the approximately forty-five positions. Currently the two churches are trying a new approach to filling positions by assigning certain days to each church.

GIHN is thankful for the support of these two churches and for the unique way that they have shown the face of Christ to families in our community. They have demonstrated that while the worship styles of congregations may be different the call to Christian obedience unifies us in our faith.

## A Tribute to Mauveen Coyne

by Jo Ellen Bernstein

I considered Mauveen Coyne a friend, a mentor, and an inspiration. She had a gentle way about her, but yet could be relentless in her passion for change when she saw injustices happening. Her contributions to the Goshen community were many, including her involvement in the Interfaith Hospitality Network.



I first met Mauveen about ten years ago when I was invited to join a small group series through St. John's church that met during Lent at the home of Mauveen and her husband Frank. Then later I became, at Mauveen's invitation and after some gentle "badgering," a member of a small prayer and discussion group that has continued to meet regularly in each others' homes. Mauveen was an integral part of that group. At first I was unaware of the many social justice contributions she was making to the community. She just quietly went about trying to make Goshen a more just place for all in any way she could, including involvement in the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Shortly after I met Mauveen I was looking for some way I could volunteer in the community while taking care of my mother, who was living with us after having had a stroke. I didn't know very much about IHN, but it seemed like it could be a good fit, and Mauveen "signed me up." She was always so gracious when she would call to tell me St. John's turn to help prepare meals would be coming up soon and to find out which day would work for me. At one point I needed to take a little break from participating in the program. Mauveen understood and let me know that was fine, but before long I was helping out again. In her unique way Mauveen somehow made sure of that, and I don't even remember the details.

Mauveen just had a way of seeing a need and then would go about doing what she could to make sure that need was met. In that same way she recruited me to help out at Diversity Day a couple years ago. I think it was through the example she set. It was hard not to want to give of myself when I saw how tirelessly she worked at trying to bring social justice and ethnic and racial equality to the community.

Although Mauveen is gone her many contributions to the community and the examples she set will continue to be felt for many years to come.

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## **Our Host Churches**

**Assembly Mennonite**  
**Berkey Ave. Menn. Fellowship**  
**College Mennonite**  
**Clinton Frame Mennonite**  
**East Goshen Mennonite Church**  
**Faith Mennonite**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**Goshen City Church of the Brethren**  
**North Goshen Mennonite**  
**Siloam Fellowship**  
**Silverwood Mennonite**  
**St. John the Evangelist Church**  
**St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Walnut Hill Mennonite**  
**Waterford Mennonite Church**  
**Yellow Creek Mennonite**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Street Mennonite**

## **Check out our WEBSITE**

We invite you to visit Goshen Interfaith's web site. We've been working to spruce up not only the appearance of the website but also the layout and availability of information. On this site you can find the latest GIHN news, an updated needs list and an up to date Hospitality Schedule including the current number of guests for quick reference.

Please visit us at...

**[gosheninterfaith.org](http://gosheninterfaith.org)**

## **Needs List**

### **Immediate needs:**

Bathroom Cleaners (such as Clorox Cleanup and Scrubbing Bubbles)

Diapers, size 4 and 5 especially

Trash Bags

Multi-purpose cleaning sprays

Dusting Spray

Fabric Softener Sheets

Liquid Laundry Detergent

Dish Soap

Toilet Paper

Tissues

Paper Towels

School supplies

**On-going needs:** Cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items of all kinds

We also appreciate **gift cards** from grocery stores, Wal-Mart or Target, drug stores, and gas stations. These are useful when we have a specific need.

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