

## WORSHIP

Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:30am (in person or [online via Zoom](#))  
 followed by Sunday school

<p><b>Oct 31</b></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Kristen Swartley</p> <p><b>Homily:</b> Scott Coulter</p> <p><b>Scripture:</b> Luke 16:19-31</p>	<p><b>Nov 7</b></p> <p><i>(Daylight Savings Time Ends – “Fall Back” 1 Hour)</i></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Susan Mark Landis</p> <p><b>Homily:</b> Tobias Magatti</p> <p><b>Scripture:</b> Luke 15</p>
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## BIRTHDAYS



**Alyda (2nd, Waterford) turned 8 on Oct. 18th!** Alyda loves stories, especially “The Box Car Children” and “Dogman”. Alydia likes to play basketball and soccer and to swim. She enjoys watching movies with her whole family and loves to play games with her cousins. She likes to write stories and loves to make up songs and sing them!

## THIS SUNDAY



**College students and young adults** are invited to come for breakfast at 8:30am, hosted this week by Lora Nafziger.

Join us for worship this Sunday Oct 31 at 9:30 am in the North Parking Lot, or [on Zoom](#). We will observe “All Saints’ Day” with a time in the worship service for remembering those who have died. You are invited to bring a framed photo and a candle (in a wind-resistant holder) as we remember the saints who have gone before us. We will also continue our Bible Study series on the Parables with the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. How might the parables of Jesus help us to see the world in a different way, to be challenged and perhaps even indicted? What might they reveal to us about the Reign of God? And how can we playfully hear these stories anew? [Read the introduction to the fall bible study series here.](#)

**Following worship**, children and youth will have Sunday school outdoors. During the 30-minute Sunday school time, adults are invited to join a response group hosted by Karl Shelly focusing on this week’s parable (the Rich Man and Lazarus) & the worship service, or a reading group hosted by Jon Zirkle focusing on next week’s parable (the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Son), or adults can enjoy informal fellowship time in the north parking lot over coffee. After Sunday school, parents please pick up your children and bring them to Pastor Anna in the north parking lot for hot chocolate. [Click here for more details, including locations for children’s Sunday school classes.](#)

**COVID-19 Precautions.** We continue to ask unvaccinated folk of all ages (over 2 years old) to wear a mask during Sunday school outdoors, and also during worship—unless you are sitting with your family and distanced from others. And we ask everyone to wear a mask when indoors regardless of vaccination status. Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have recent confirmed exposure to COVID-19.

## COMING UP

<https://assemblymennonite.org/about/calendar/>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 31 • 9:30am Worship • <b>2022 Offering Pledges Due</b> • 1-3pm JYF Gathering • 6:30pm MYF Fall Party		Nov 2 • 9am PT meeting • 7pm Leadership Group	Nov 3 • 12pm Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a> • 1:30pm Lunch Bunch	Nov 4 • 10:30am Goshen Pastor Peer Group	Nov 5 • 9:30am Greencroft meetup • 12pm Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>	
Nov 7 • 9:30am Worship • 8pm Anti-Racism Accountability Group <a href="#">on Zoom</a>	Nov 8 • 6:30pm Dance Group	Nov 9 • 9am PT meeting				
Nov 14 • 9:30am Worship		Nov 16 • 6:30pm Labyrinth Walk	Nov 17 • 9am PT meeting			Nov 20 • 3pm Stick Season Walk & Bonfire at Rothshanks
Nov 21 • 9:30am Worship • 1-3pm JYF Gathering • 7pm Congregational Meeting <a href="#">on Zoom</a>						

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Please complete your offering pledge form by Oct 31.** The Finance Committee will use pledges received to draft a Spending Plan for 2022. They need this information by Oct 31 in order to prepare for their budget planning meeting. In the past, you would receive this pledge form in your physical mailbox at the meetinghouse, but this year we encourage you to [complete and return the form electronically](#) (email your completed form to [treasurer@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:treasurer@assemblymennonite.org)). If you prefer a paper form, there will be some paper copies available on Sunday mornings when we meet in person, or you can get one from the church office.

**Remembrance Gatherings:** Join others who have experienced loss Sat, Oct 30 at 11am in the Memorial Garden. The purpose of this gathering is to create a holy place to tell stories about our loved ones with others who have been touched by loss. Each person will have five minutes to share with the group about someone who has died followed by five minutes to answer questions about that person. Bring a picture of your loved one or something that reminds you of them. We will light a candle for each person remembered. Please RSVP to [annays@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:annays@assemblymennonite.org). If we have more than six people interested we will form multiple groups, each hosted by a pastor.

**Remembering and Releasing Service:** Join us on Saturday, October 30 at 1p.m. for a simple service of remembering Carolyn Schrock-Shenk and scattering her ashes in the memorial garden. All are welcome.

**Assembly Student Aid:** Will you or your child be learning at a Mennonite school/college/seminary next year? We as a congregation want to financially support those among us who opt for education at a Mennonite institution. Covenanted members and their children will qualify for grants of 8% of tuition at Mennonite seminaries, colleges, and Bethany Christian High School and Middle School. **Now it's time to budget! By Nov 15:** Please let a member of the Student Aid Committee know if you or children in your family are considering or continuing Mennonite education for 2022-23, and at which institution and grade level. Contact Cheryl Mast <[home.mast@gmail.com](mailto:home.mast@gmail.com)> about students at Bethany (6th-12th grades). Contact Paul Meyer Reimer <[paulmr@goshen.edu](mailto:paulmr@goshen.edu)> about students at Menno colleges and seminaries.

**Share Prayer Requests** by [filling out the online form at this link](#). You may continue to do this throughout each week. Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays.

## MYF (Youth Events & Announcements)

- 10/31 – MYF Breakout, Join us immediately following the worship service. Please bring a chair. If worship is moved to Zoom due to inclement weather, we will still have our breakout indoors from 11-11:30am. Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals when we meet outdoors, and required for everyone when indoors.
- 10/31 MYF Halloween/Fall Party Sun 6:30-8pm. Join us for a spooktacular night at the MYF Halloween/ Fall Party! There will be pumpkin carving, pumpkin painting, prizes, and delicious fall treats. Event will take place outside in the AMC parking lot, with rain plan inside the worship space.

## NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION

**From Anne Birky** - Thanks to all of you who prayed for me and cared for me while I grieved the illness and finally the death of my 66 year-old brother Steve. He died from melanoma on October 7, his funeral was in France the next week and his ashes were placed in the cemetery where his wife's parents are buried in France.

On Saturday, November 13, there will be a memorial service for Steve at College Mennonite at 2. There will be a light supper afterwards for people to join the family to continue to remember Steve together. It will be a good time for you to bless the rest of our family as we find our way ahead without our kind, cheery and energetic brother.

Thanks again. Anne Birky

## DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network annual fundraiser** is Nov 11 at 6pm, at Bread and Chocolate. Full meal and dessert, and open bar, with performance by High Life. Purchase tickets for \$150 at [bit.ly/gihndinner2021](https://bit.ly/gihndinner2021) or call 574-534-2300. Help us help the homeless community in and around Goshen.

**Volunteer for the Window's Haystack Drive-Thru Event** Sun Nov 13 at Grace Community Church (4-7pm). Both indoor and outdoor positions needed. Please contact Susi Miller ([smiller@thewindowinc.com](mailto:smiller@thewindowinc.com), 574-533-9680 x208). **Purchase tickets to support this benefit** at [www.thewindowofgoshen.com/event-tickets](http://www.thewindowofgoshen.com/event-tickets), at the Window on Main St, or at the event. [See the event flyer here](#).

**The Cost of Poverty: Learn, Pray, Join.** Mennonite Church USA's Sept-Oct initiative, [Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty](#) offers stories, blogs, prayers and resources to encourage you to [learn](#) about the impact of poverty, to [pray](#) for economic justice and to [join](#) in mutual aid and advocacy work. [Learn](#) from [these blog entries](#). [Pray](#): Discover [prayer & worship resources here](#). [Join](#): For example, you can give to [the MCUSA Justice Fund](#), or join [the Poor People's Campaign](#).

## BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

**Bethany Christian Schools** is excited to announce the addition of 1st and 2nd grades for the 2022-23 school year!! This announcement is a step toward the recently approved strategic plan that outlines a new curricular direction for all grades and moving toward being a K-12 learning community. **Bethany is holding an Open House on November 7 from 1:00-3:00 pm.** Come and drop in to talk with some Bethany teachers and staff, get tours of the school, and receive information on financial aid and Indiana Choice Scholarships. Please visit [bethanycs.net/visitbcs/](http://bethanycs.net/visitbcs/) for more information.

## CAMP FRIEDENSWALD

Take time to Getaway this fall! Openings for Nov 5-7. Come on your own for a relaxing weekend or bring the family and friends to reconnect in the peaceful woods. Stay in a cabin, enjoy fresh and tasty meals served out of the Dining Hall (to-go containers provided for front porch dining), and a variety of camp activities. It's a great way to getaway!

[Discover more](#) and [inquire today!](#)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

(repeat) **Fall Work Days are upon us!** Your small group rep should have received an assignment for your group this week to be completed any time between October 11- November 6. Please let Naomi know ([roots.naomi@gmail.com](mailto:roots.naomi@gmail.com)) if your small group did not receive an assignment, or if you are not part of a small group but would like to help. Many hands make light work!

(repeat) **Conversations about Hospitality.** How can we nurture a culture in which visitors on Sunday morning feel welcomed? In a congregation of over 200 people, how do we help everyone feel known and seen, and not like they are overlooked/slipping through the cracks? How can we help Assembly participants who feel newer or on the margins to more easily navigate their way into belonging? How do we make Assembly's community less like a maze (with confusing turns and many dead-ends) and more like a labyrinth (where anyone can find their way to the center)?

If these are questions you are passionate about, you are invited to participate in a series of conversations about hospitality. Some of these conversations will be on Zoom, others will be in person. The schedule is to be determined. Please contact [Scott Coulter](#) to indicate your interest.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**CDC and Ohio Conference are hosting a Believe and Be Baptized conversation** at Columbus Mennonite Church on Nov 6 from 9:30a - 2:30p Eastern Time. **Registration deadline is Nov 1.** There is no cost for the event and lunch will be provided. Coffee will be provided in the morning but no snacks. Registration is required. [Learn more and register here.](#)

**Women Write: Navigating Publishing as Black, Indigenous and Women Authors of Color | Nov. 2, 7 p.m. ET** Moderated by Sue Park-Hur, Mennonite Church USA's denominational minister for transformative peacemaking, this webinar will explore how women authors of color are changing the face of publishing – and how they are doing it. Our panel of Christian writers will offer encouragement on the best way to tell your story, to find the right publishing opportunities and to overcome the challenges in this complex marketplace. Our panelists will be: Candice Benbow, Khristi Adams and Karen González.

**Mennonite Youth Choir Festival invites children grades 3-9 to join us for a weekend of singing, Mar 5-6, 2022** at First Mennonite Church in Berne, Indiana. Guest Director: Brent Hyman. We love praising God through song and want to pass on the love of music to youth of all ages. Practice Saturday, [March 5](#); concert Sunday, [March 6](#) at 2 p.m. (free and open to the public). Cost per Child: \$35 before Nov 15; \$45 after Nov 15. [www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com](http://www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com); [mychoirfest@gmail.com](mailto:mychoirfest@gmail.com)

**LaCasa offers free classes via Zoom in November:** Master Your Credit, Your Money, Homeownership, Your Debt. More information is here: <https://lacasainc.net/classes/>

**Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.** AMBS's distance-friendly nondegree Journey program supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with a dedicated mentor. Sign up for Winter 2022 (January) by Dec. 14 and save \$100! [ambs.edu/journey](http://ambs.edu/journey)

**Gain peacebuilding skills at AMBS.** Do you have a burning theological question, or is there a particular ministry you'd like to pursue? Through AMBS's MA: Theology and Peace Studies program, you can explore and engage a topic of your choice from multiple angles and design a peacebuilding internship in your area of interest. [ambs.edu/matps](http://ambs.edu/matps)

(repeat) **New *Vision* issue on “Reading the Bible as if our lives depend on it” available for free online.** The Fall 2021 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* is guest edited by AMBS alumni Michelle Christian Curtis and Scott Litwiller and is dedicated to AMBS Professor Emerita of New Testament Mary Schertz, PhD. Contributors share about practices of engaging Scripture and encountering God in new ways. [ams.edu/ims/vision](https://www.ams.edu/ims/vision)

(repeat) The [Women in Leadership](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/hit) ministry of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has **relaunched its popular podcast, “Holding It(,) Together.”** Bonita Croyle of the Women in Leadership steering committee hosts this podcast, created by women for women. Listen here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/hit>

(repeat) **!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth:** Participants in !Explore 2022 will attend Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia with nine Indonesian youth, explore theological questions and lived faith together, and visit parts of beautiful Java Island. The AMBS program — which is open to students in grades 10–12 — also includes a congregational internship. Generous financial support is available for the MWC expenses, and participants receive a \$1,000 stipend. Tap a shoulder! [ams.edu/explore](https://www.ams.edu/explore)

(repeat) **Are you considering a gap year?** Head to Barcelona, and take part in the Barcelona Anabaptist Center’s discipleship program. Learn about postmodern ministry, and develop your Spanish-language skills, as you identify the ways you are uniquely equipped to serve the neighborhood and local church community. Contact Eric Frey Martin at [EricFM@MMNWorld.net](mailto:EricFM@MMNWorld.net) to learn more.

## WIDER CHURCH

**Pray this week for Jaden Hostetter**, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network and VMissions, has started a ceramic studio for refugees who have been welcomed by the Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador. Pray that, through creating art, participants will find a space of healing and a place to build community.

**Advent at Home:** this free devotional written by Talashia Keim Yoder, pastor of Christian Formation at College Mennonite Church is appropriate for all ages. You can download your copy here: [mennoniteusa.org/adventathome](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/adventathome)

**If your family has recently experienced a birth, marriage or death**, MC USA Archives would like to preserve this information for free, through the new vital records form on the MC USA Archives website. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/new/vital-records-form>

(repeat) **Central District Conference’s [monthly newsletter](#)** shares stories of Journey, the undergraduate missional leadership program that Central District Conference sponsors together with several other conferences. Learn about the program through the experiences of three CDC participants: Charles Baraka, student; Lavon Welty, mentor; and Lois Johns Kaufmann, chair of the Journey board.

(repeat) **For an update from the Ross Richers and the Ecuador Ministry Support Team**, [click here](#).

(repeat) **Mennonite Disaster Service’s** monthly newsletter **“On the Level”** is [available here](#). In the current issue: MDS continues its response to Hurricane Ida, volunteers head into the city to help rebuild after a fire and one of the oldest MDS units celebrates 65 years of service.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**MCC seeking SWAP Location Coordinators** in Hindman, Kentucky: MCC Appalachia's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program coordinates week-long service opportunities for young people and adults, to provide housing repair for low-income individuals and families. The Hindman Location Coordinators will plan and direct all aspects of the SWAP ministry in Hindman, Kentucky. MCC is also looking to connect with other ministries related to economic development and/or food security and would welcome location coordinators with these interests and backgrounds. The Location Coordinators will report directly to the Appalachia Program Coordinator. Apply online for this opening by December 10 at [mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators](http://mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators). For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

**Eastern Mennonite University (EMU)** seeks to hire a multidisciplinary cohort of faculty to advance the university's strategic goals for inclusive excellence, striving to be more diverse, equitable, and inclusive. As part of this cohort, the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding and the Sociology & Peacebuilding and Development undergraduate program are hiring the following three tenure-track positions, to begin in the Fall 2022 semester: [Assistant/Associate Professor of Peacebuilding](#); [Assistant/Associate Professor of Restorative Justice](#); [Assistant/Associate Professor of Sociology & Peacebuilding and Development](#). Informal inquiries may be directed to Dr. David Brubaker ([dean-ssp@emu.edu](mailto:dean-ssp@emu.edu)).

**Jobs in Mennonite Education.** [Click here](#) for a list of openings from Mennonite Education Agency.

**Dove's Nest**, a Christian Child Protection organization, seeks a new Executive Director. View the job description. Interested parties can fill out the [online application](#) and direct any questions to the search committee chair, Scott Litwiller, at [slitwiller@gmail.com](mailto:slitwiller@gmail.com).

Please email announcements to [assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org) by 11 PM local time Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

### **Assembly Mennonite Church**

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**Church Office Hours:** Scott is typically in the office T-W-Th 8:30am-1pm & Fri 8:30am-4pm.  
Contact the church office at [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) or leave a message at 574-534-4190

**Assembly Mennonite Church** seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999