

## WORSHIP

Join us Sundays at 9:30AM in Person, or [on Zoom](#)

<p><b>May 1</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship</b>  <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Mary Gilbert  <b>Sermon:</b> Karl Shelly  <b>Scripture:</b> John 21:1-19; Revelation 5:11-14</p>	<p><b>May 8</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship</b>  <i>Covenanting</i></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Becky Snider  <b>Sermon:</b> Covenanting Stories  <b>Scripture:</b> John 10:22-30; Revelation 7:9-17</p>
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## SUNDAY MAY 1

**8am Graduate Recognition Breakfast** – This breakfast honors those graduating this weekend; by invitation only.

**9:30am Worship**

**10:45am – Sunday school for children and youth** will immediately follow worship. See the Order of Worship for classroom locations.

**11am - Second Hour Electives:** These elective discussion groups are for any interested adults.

**Reparations: A Call for Racial Justice and Repair:** This six-session elective will expand the congregation’s awareness of historical wrongs committed against African Americans because of slavery, legal segregation (Jim Crow), and ongoing discrimination and stigmatization. Topics include housing discrimination’s role in the racial wealth gap, historical background on reparations, and why reparations are needed. Also included is an introduction to the Doctrine of Discovery and its legacy among Indigenous peoples in our area. This series is preparation for a financial and moral congregational decision on Assembly beginning to make reparations. Hosted by Arden Shank and Norm Kauffman in the Multipurpose Space.

**Family Economics** Come for engaging conversations with various parents on allowance, jobs & chores, extra-curriculars, and more. This Sunday’s topic will be Jobs and Chores - What is expected in the family? How does that shift as children age? How is it negotiated? Hosted by Dana Miller, located in Multipurpose North(East).

**Some Assembly Required** This Assembly elective is for anyone who is new(ish) to Assembly - along with anyone newly curious about how Assembly works, and its unique practices and history. This week’s session is called: “Who’s in charge here?” – We will talk about congregational decision-making and the role of Leadership Group, the Pastoral Team, and various committees. If you’re wondering: “How can I be more involved?” Or, “Who do I talk to about \_\_\_?”, then this session *might* provide enlightenment. Hosted by Scott Coulter, located in Multipurpose North(West).

*To find the two classrooms in Multipurpose North, you must walk past the mailboxes to the north entrance of the meetinghouse, then turn left (west) to go down the north hallway. Family Economics is across from the church office; Some Assembly Required is across from room 12. Look for a map posted at the literature table.*

**Sing to the Lord a New Song!** Actually, a whole bunch of new songs. Explore nine new hymns in *Voices Together* every week. No weekly theme, great if you can only stay for second hour a couple random Sundays. Come ready to sing! Hosted by Becky Snider in the Worship Space. Masks are required for this elective.

**6:30-8pm – MYF Gathering**

**7pm – Congregational Meeting** [on Zoom](#).



**UPDATED Mask Policy:** Masks are still required during worship for everyone ages 2 and older. Masks are optional during non-singing electives, and during coffee time. Masks are also optional in Sunday school classrooms for children ages 5 and up. (Masks are still required in Sunday school for ages 2-4). ([Our Covid Advisory Committee](#) encourages everyone to be aware of the risks of attending large gatherings, particularly for those who are immuno-compromised or unvaccinated.)

## COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THUR	FRIDAY	SAT
May 1 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 6:30pm MYF gathering • 7pm Congregational meeting <a href="#">on Zoom</a>		May 3 • 7pm Leadership Group	May 4 • 1pm Women's Lunch Bunch at Helen Glick's		May 6 • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	May 7 • 8am-2pm GCMS Fundraiser
May 8 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 8pm Anti-racism Accountability group <a href="#">on Zoom</a>	May 9 • 6:30pm Dance Group					
May 15 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 12pm Parent meeting		May 17 • 6pm Labyrinth walk				

**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

[Find COVID-19 Information Here](#)

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>.

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**Pastor Emeritae:** Lois Johns Kaufmann, Mary Lehman Yoder

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**Youth Coordinators:** Sara Morris, Erich Miller, Ashley Fehlberg, Darin Bontrager, Amy Bontrager

**Administrative Assistant:** Becky Overholt (Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-3pm) [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org); 574-534-4190

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## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

**Jacob Bontrager (7th, Bethany) turned 13 on April 16<sup>th</sup>!** Jacob loves anything Star Wars, watching movies with his family, fishing, and hanging out with his friends. He plays basketball and baseball, and is looking forward to his brother, being home from college for the summer.



**Hans Nafziger Peterson (Montessori Preschool) turned 4 on April 26<sup>th</sup>!** Hans likes to make cookies with his mom, and play chase with his dad. He knows lots of things about space and dinosaurs and is learning even more at preschool! He likes to build with blocks, and ride his bike and solve problems. He likes to do tricks with his sister.

**Landon Glick Miller (2nd, Parkside) turned 8 on April 26<sup>th</sup>!** Landon likes to play soccer at recess and after school. He also enjoys building with lego, bird watching with his grandpa and goofing around with his brother. He is getting better at soccer skills and would like to improve his drone flying skills. He loves starburst candy!



**Eva Lake Rittenhouse (7th, GJHS) turns 13 on May 5<sup>th</sup>!** Eva really, really likes to read (especially realistic fiction and fantasy). At school she likes her culinary arts class, and tech theatre. For fun, she likes to draw and climb. She also enjoys ninja classes and spending time with her dog Josie-who is awesome!

**Tilly Schramm (7th, GJHS) turns 13 on May 5<sup>th</sup>!** Tilly participates in theatre, soccer, tennis, and the yearly musical for school. She also plays piano and sings in her free time. She loves to read, paint, and hang out with her friends.



## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Easter tide -- April 24-June 5, 2022.** Our theme this year is "Recognizing Christ Among Us." Our lectionary texts for this season give us an intimate picture of Jesus' last days with his disciples. During this season, we will have small groups planning and leading worship services. Sunday School will be offered for children after worship, and electives will be offered for adults. Electives will include: Sing to the Lord a New Song! Some Assembly Required, Family Economics, & Reparations: A Call for Racial Justice & Repair. This season ends with recovenanting at Pentecost. More information on Easter tide can be found on the literature table or read [here](#).

**Sunday Morning Tasks:** Fill out your form TODAY! To volunteer, fill out the form on the website [here](#) or look in your church mailbox for a bright piece of paper. **Make sure to include your name on the form.** Return the sign-up form to Becky Overholt's mailbox **this Sunday May 1.**

**Celebrate Keith Graber Miller's Retirement!** A reception recognizing Keith Graber Miller for his retirement from Goshen College will take place in **Wyse 319 from 1-2:30 Saturday April 30**, just before graduation open houses. Assembly folks (friends, colleagues, Keith's former students, others) are warmly invited to attend.

**Congratulations, Graduates!** Ben Good-Elliott, Simon Graber Miller, Hannah Kurtz, and Elena Meyer Reimer graduate from Goshen College this weekend! Kristen Swartley graduated with her M.Div. from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary this weekend! [See their photos and read more about these graduates here.](#)

**This Sunday's Congregational Meeting** will include two items on the agenda: (1) a second reading and test for consensus of the proposal for the 2021 offering surplus, and (2) discussion of a [proposal from the reparations task force](#). This discussion follows up on congregational discussions of reparations we've been having since summer 2021, and will be one opportunity to give meaningful input to the work of the task force. You are also encouraged to join the six-week elective on Reparations in order to more fully engage this important topic.

**Pastor On Retreat.** Lora Nafziger will be away May 1-7 attending the Spring Sacred Arts week at the [Grunewald Guild](#). She hopes this week of creativity, rest and prayer will be good preparation for her sabbatical which begins at the end of the month. Please contact Karl Shelly, Anna Yoder Schlabach or Scott Coulter if you need a pastor.

**Women's Lunch Bunch.** The last Lunch Bunch of the season will be **Wednesday, May 4 at 1pm** with Helen Glick hosting at 1911 Woodward Place. It will include tea, snacks, poetry, and lots of conversation. Please RSVP to Amy Kauffman: [zbamygk@gmail.com](mailto:zbamygk@gmail.com) or messaging 419-704-1269

**Provide a Meal.** Small Group Zed is organizing a meal train for Ellen Kennel, in response to the death of her husband Duane Shank. For details, and to sign up to bring a meal, visit: <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/LWZB7732>

**Camerata Singers Concert – May 13 & 14.** Join the Camerata Singers for "The Joy of Singing" May 13 at 7:30 pm at AMBS Chapel and May 14 at 7:30 pm at Reith Recital Hall in the Goshen College Music Center. Participants of Assembly include Scott Hochstetler, artistic director; Ana Yoder Coulter, keyboard artist; Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, Karen Graber Roth, Scott Janzen, Jenna Martin, Nate Osborne & Becky Snider. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

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

## MYF (Grades 9-12)

Join us for the last MYF drop-in of the school year on Sunday evening (5/1), hosted by Jesse Bontrager. This event will take place at our usual drop-in time, 6:30-8:00pm. Dress for the weather, as we will be outside for this drop-in (likely a bonfire)! Please bring a snack to share. Masks are optional. See MYF email for address.

## GOSHEN CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI SCHOOL (GCMS)

**GCMS Yard Sale & Carnival Fundraiser - Saturday May 7th from 8a-2p - AMC parking lot.**

**GCMS is in need of the following:** donations of gently used items you are no longer using, baked goods, and new items or gift cards for a small silent auction. **Volunteer Needs:** setting up on Fri evening (sorting and arranging items inside) and Sat 7-8am (setting up tents, tables and chairs and putting items out for the sale), at the sale doing face painting and carnival games, and general sale help and help wrapping up (taking down tents, filling your car with items that have not sold to donate, taking tables inside) on Fri from 2-4pm. Please contact [goshenchristianmontessori@gmail.com](mailto:goshenchristianmontessori@gmail.com) or text/call 574-304-6733 to volunteer or to set up a donation pick up or drop off.

## DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**Voters for a Green Indiana.** The 2022 Primary Election is on May 3rd. *Voters for a Green Indiana* provides non-partisan research so you can be informed, including the candidates' views on climate change and clean energy, their voting records on key bills and campaign funds from key industries. Learn more at <https://www.votersforagreenindiana.org/>.

**Stamp Out Hunger volunteers needed!** The Window & The Salvation Army food pantry benefits from the Postal Service Food Drive "Stamp Out Hunger" on May 14. We need "bag buddies", pairs of people to follow a letter carrier and pick up the food at mailboxes. Please contact Susi if you can help with a shift on Saturday, at 574.533.9680 or [smiller@thewindowinc.com](mailto:smiller@thewindowinc.com). Please also consider setting food out at your mailbox on May 14 by 9am! Items needed: canned soup, canned veggies/tomatoes, canned fruits, rice, cereal, canned beans, pasta, crackers, & canned meats. Thank you!

**Pledge on Climate Crisis.** Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light (HIPL), an Indiana organization promoting action towards climate justice from a faith perspective, is encouraging people to participate in their [Faith Climate Justice Voter Campaign](#) by signing a pledge to consider the climate crisis in how we vote.

**Mennonites Against Militarism.** – This collaboration of [Mennonite Central Committee, U.S.](#) (MCC) and [Mennonite Church USA](#) (MC USA) is seeking to launch an initiative to counter military recruitment of U.S. youth. The vision for the project, Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN), is to connect young people with volunteer advisors who can help them find non-military career, service and training opportunities. Mennonites Against Militarism invites interested volunteers to complete a [brief survey](#) that identifies areas in which they may engage with AMEN, including administration, web and graphic design, publicity, budgeting, fundraising and guidance/career counseling. Veterans and others who understand the realities of war and military recruitment are also encouraged to complete the form.

**Step up for the earth.** In 2022, Community Peacemaker Teams wants to bring increased attention to earth stewardship and the critical work of Land Defenders. To learn more information and sign the pledge, click [here](#).

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Upcoming High school Juniors & Seniors.** Make Merry Lea your home for a week this summer at Conservation Leadership School – June 6-10. Camp overnight and explore the world of natural resources and conservation. Canoe across glacial lakes, plan and run a community nature event, and get a taste of careers like botany, land management or sustainable agriculture. Enjoy an educational and rejuvenating week at our beautiful 1200-acre nature preserve with peers and professionals inspired by the natural world. Application deadline is **May 2**. Apply [here](#).

**Mental Health & Faith webinar.** Join Carlene Hill Byron, author of "Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith, and Showing Up for One Another," for a CommonRead webinar on **May 3 at 7 p.m. ET**. CommonRead is an initiative from Herald Press, Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. Learn more here: [mennomedia.org/register-now/](http://mennomedia.org/register-now/)

**Christian Nationalism webinar.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is hosting a webinar, "Political Idolatry: Countering Christian Nationalism" on **May 4, 2-3 p.m. ET**. Register here: [ambs.edu/what-is-christian-nationalism/](http://ambs.edu/what-is-christian-nationalism/)

**Baptism in the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition** – A workshop, ["Believe and Be Baptized": Conversations on a 500-year-old Tradition](#), will be led by John D. Roth, in conversation with local Lutheran and Catholic clergy. It will be held on **May 7, 2022** at Waterford Mennonite Church from 9:30am to 2:30pm. There will also be a zoom option for those who would like to attend virtually. The workshop is free and includes lunch. Learn more and register [here](#).

**Mennonite Creation Care Network webinar – May 10 at 7:30pm ET.** Hear about the Church Land Theology Project. Andrew Hudson had conducted interviews with churches that have long relationships tending land. He will report on his year of exploration and research. Andrew is an AMBS student working with MCCN and [Join Trees](#). Learn more [here](#).

**Summer Peacebuilding Institute.** Check out [information](#) on courses offered in May and June.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

**Goshen Clay Artist Guild Spring Sale - April 30, 9a – 4p and May 1, 12p - 4p.** Artists will be on hand both days to answer questions and demonstrate on the ceramics wheel decorative and functional items. A number of Assembly participants are part of this guild. Located behind the Goshen Farmer's Market at 212 West Washington St.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network name change.** We have exciting things happening here at Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network. As of Monday, May 2, we will be First Light Mission and our [website](#), Facebook, & Instagram will launch Friday afternoon. Our move is getting closer; we have taken over the building at the old Riverdale School now and have started the construction process. We are hoping to be in the building by the end of June. Read more [here](#).

**Mennonite Church USA Special Delegate Session.** In just over a month, delegates from across Mennonite Church USA will be gathering in Kansas City for the Special Delegate Session on Membership Guidelines. Karl Shelly, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Jamie Lake & Naomi Lapp Klassen will be attending as our delegates. Here are links to various resources in preparation for the Special Delegate Session: [Background and Summary Document of the Four Resolutions](#), [April 11 CDC Zoom conversation with background and summary of resolutions](#), and [Video on the history of the Membership Guidelines from Atlantic Coast Conference](#). Anna has written [this letter](#) to the Assembly congregation about her hopes for the upcoming delegate session, and how we might prepare for the potential outcomes.

**A Call to Prayer and Fasting.** On Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m. ET, join Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton and guests for a webinar on ways that we can support the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly and our participating church leaders through individual and communal prayer and fasting. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/prayer-webinar-registration](https://mennoniteusa.org/prayer-webinar-registration)

**Prayer for the MCUSA Special Delegate Session.** On Monday, May 9 at 7:00pm Central District Conference will provide a time of guided prayer as we prepare to gather for the Special Delegate Session. Anyone may attend the Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3378130650>

**New *Vision* issue on “Music and the arts” available for free online.** The Spring 2022 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* is guest edited by Jonathan Dueck, PhD. Contributors share about becoming more aware of worship’s relational qualities and expanding singing and worship to invite and include the church across all kinds of difference. [ambs.edu/vision](https://ambs.edu/vision)

**Mennonite denomination video.** Mennonite Church USA has unveiled a new video that explains who we are and what we believe as a denomination. Titled "We are better together," the video features different voices from across the denomination discussing what it means to live in community, love and peace through Jesus. Use this link: [mennoniteusa.org/better-together](https://mennoniteusa.org/better-together).

**Mission Network prayer request.** Mennonite Mission Network joins Marlene Wall, president of LCC International University in Lithuania, in requesting prayer for faculty and staff, who are caring for both students and refugees from Ukraine. Ukrainian refugees have traveled about 700 miles to flee the violence from the Russian invasion. Pray that God’s people around the world will contribute to this ministry.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Lancaster Mennonite School seeks Superintendent.** The ideal candidate should be a visionary, innovative leader who values transparency. They will build a culture of openness, trust, and respect, and lead with integrity. This person should have a demonstrated commitment in both belief and behavior to the Anabaptist ideals around restoration, healing, and hope to build a community of global citizens that is rooted in scripture and lived out in community. For more information, click [here](#).

**Jobs in Mennonite Education** can be found [here](#).

**Mennonite Church USA's** job postings are [here](#).