

WORSHIP

Join us Sundays in Person, or [on Zoom](#)

<p>June 12 9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>Worship Leader: Peter Shenk Koontz Storytellers: Elsie & Wesley Mast Scripture: Isaiah 43: 1-3a and Luke 6:20-21</p>	<p>June 19 10 AM Worship Camp Friedenswald <i>Parent-Child Dedication</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Kathleen Jones Storyteller: Philipp Gollner</p>
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SUNDAY JUNE 12

9:30am Worship. No Sunday School. This is the first Sunday of Summer worship! This summer at Assembly, our theme is “Come to the Water”. We are reflecting on moments when we’ve experienced restoration— when, following times of adversity, our thirst is quenched and we can return to rest (Ps 116:7). We invite you to explore what it means to “come to the water” through the lens of your own experience as we explore Biblical themes of new life, restoration, and the vitality of creation. We will be worshipping outdoors on two occasions and will also have other opportunities for engagement in creation and spiritual practices.

1:30pm Duane Shank Memorial Service followed by outdoor Fellowship time (there will be snacks, but not a meal)

5-7pm MYF pool party at Graysen Beasley’s house

8pm Anti-racism accountability group [on Zoom](#)

CHILDREN’S BIRTHDAYS

Alano Kingsley (homeschool) turned 12 on June 8! He is currently listening to Harry Potter book five. He enjoys making things out of Lego. He’s been having a good experience at Bethany’s Bright Time camp this week and just wrapped up his GYSO soccer season. Alano is excited about the new upstairs bedroom he’ll have in his house when it is finished.



Leo Koop Herber (rising 7th, GJHS) turned 12 on June 8! Leo just finished a successful basketball season on the heels of a successful tennis season (playing doubles). He likes to watch *Survivor* with his family, read the Wings of Fire series of books, and is looking forward to his first summer camp at Friedenswald.



Rory Smuts turns 3 on June 14! Rory is an adventurous little girl, always wanting to do whatever her older siblings are doing. She is sweet and kind, and loves to snuggle and read, especially at the end of the day. Rory also enjoys coloring, riding her strider bike, going shopping, singing, and playing in the water. Her favorite foods are pizza from Venturi, chicken tenders and fries from Constant Spring, hot dogs, yogurt, and bananas (although she'll eat just about anything!).

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
June 12 • 9:30am Worship (No Sunday school) • 1:30pm Duane Shank Memorial service • 5pm MYF pool party • 8pm Anti-racism accountability group on Zoom	June 13 • 6:30pm Dance group					
June 19 • 10am Worship at Camp Friedenswald • 3-7:30pm Vacation Bible School (VBS)	June 20 • VBS	June 21 • VBS	June 22 • VBS	June 23 • Central District Conference Annual Meeting	June 24 • Central District Conference Annual Meeting	June 25 • 9-11am Canoeing the Elkhart River • Central District Meeting
June 26 • 9:30am Worship (No Sunday school)	June 27 • 6:30pm Dance group	June 28 • 7:15pm Small group reps meeting on Zoom			July 1 • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Volunteers needed. Pastor Lora has committed Assembly to only one major contribution to this year's Bible School at Silverwood. We need helpers to prepare and serve the Bible School supper on Sunday night, June 19th between 4:30 and 6:30. Please contact [Mary Gilbert](#) if you are able to assist.

Congratulations to Ashley Fehlberg and Alex McIntyre who celebrated their marriage this weekend!

Anna Yoder Schlabach will be out of the office June 10-17 for vacation but will be checking email sporadically.

Fall Sunday School. Do you love interacting with our amazing Assembly children or wish you knew them better? The Christian education committee is looking for volunteers to help with Sunday school starting in August. Please help us rebuild our supply of teachers, storytellers, greeters, assistants, and childcare volunteers after two years of disruption. We are hoping for a "regular" year of in-person Sunday school in 2022-23, which takes about 35 adults per quarter. Bethany Swope, Lisa Kauffman, Kyle Baldanzi Schlabach or Lois Kaufmann would be delighted to hear from you if interested.

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.

COMING UP THIS SUMMER

Vacation Bible School. We are delighted to invite children PreK-6th grade to participate in a new peace-themed Vacation Bible School (VBS) partnership with local Mennonite churches. VBS will take place **June 19-22** in the evenings at Silverwood Mennonite church. In order to participate, register here: <https://forms.gle/8pXsoH5Bf7bJWkfM8>

Sign up for a Personal Retreat at Pathways Funds from Lora's sabbatical grant are paying for Assembly participants to take retreat days at Pathways Retreat at no cost. [Contact Pathways Retreat](#) to make arrangements, and let them know you are from Assembly.

Canoeing on Saturday, June 25. Thanks to Lora's grant, we have an opportunity to go canoeing on Saturday, June 25 from 9am-11am. We will launch from the millrace/Goshen dam and canoe south from the dam, and then return to the same location. You could come as an individual, a family, or your small group. Canoes and life preservers will be provided. RSVP to Mary Roth (mary.nycer@gmail.com or 574.312.1763) by Saturday, June 18.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The need for MCC relief kits is great! Johanna Sutter will be shopping to purchase the items needed for the kits for about \$35 per kit. If you want to help provide a relief kit for a refugee family, write a check to Assembly with "MCC relief kit" in the memo line. You can also give cash in an envelope or give funds directly to Johanna. Any amount of money will help. Let's show love to those who lost so much. Thank you.

New Scholarship to help dismantle racism. Mennonite Education Alliance and MCUSA are working to build a new BIPOC scholarship to encourage Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students from MC USA congregations to attend an MC USA-affiliated higher education institution. For more information or to donate, click [here](#).

Churches Engaging on Climate Change. In light of MCC's commitment to care for God's creation and accompany marginalized communities harmed by climate change, MCC is looking for congregations interested in working to address climate change in their own communities. Churches Engaging on Climate Change (CECC) offers education and advocacy opportunities, connections with local partners and seed grants. [Learn more about the program and sign up for additional information.](#)

Gun Violence. MCC grieves the recent and continuation of mass shootings in the U.S. Please join us in praying for the families and communities affected. We also invite you to engage with this [list](#) of resources as we continue to advocate for nonviolence and peace in the U.S. and worldwide.

Mennonite Central Committee service opportunities can be found [here](#).

Volunteer at Thrift at Woodland Crossing. The new Thrift at Woodland Crossing, a MCC thrift shop, is preparing to open mid-June. Many hands are needed. Volunteers will make it happen; you can make it happen! Come to volunteer at 138-7 W Hively Ave in Elkhart any Monday-Friday, any time between 9-4pm with your helping hands or donations. [Attached](#) is detailed information about opportunities for folks to join in.

MYF (GRADES 9-12) SUMMER ACTIVITIES

6/12: MYF Summer Pool Party (5-7pm @Graysen Beasley's House)

Come kick-off summer at the MYF summer pool party! Activities for this event include swimming, corn-hole, spike ball, and bonfire. Hot dogs will be provided for dinner (vegan options available), but please bring a snack or side dish to share! Plan to bring your swimsuit and a towel. Masks are optional for this event. See MYF email for address.

7/9-7/17: MYF Summer Service Trip with Mennonite Disaster Service (registration closed)

7/31: MYF Dunes Trip (all day)

Come enjoy a full day of fun in the sun at the Warren Dunes with the MYF. This will be our last MYF event for summer, which means we will be having a special "send off" for our seniors. Plan to be gone most of the day, transportation will be provided. Details to follow.

CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT

AMC Survey. Congratulations to Karen Powell, Bruce Glick, and Glenn Gilbert: winners of the gift certificate drawing for early survey responders. But all who are willing to help us see how Assembly participants think about faith and church can still take the survey at this [link](#). Please do so by June 15. There are paper copies on the literature table.

Reparations resources. As the congregation prepares to discern how to participate in reparations-inspired action, you may find it helpful to look at various resources on this topic. The Reparations Task Force has compiled a list of books, videos, articles, and more; and it can be found [here](#).

Recent Congregational & Leadership Group Meetings. The June 5 congregational meeting included the first reading of the Reparations proposal, the presentation of the Congregational Pastoral Review, and approval of the slate of Committees & Positions Fall 2022. The most recent approved minutes can be found [here](#). Leadership Group also met on June 7 and discussed proposed changes to the elder selection process, and the process for ongoing discernment about reparations.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Webinar - Dementia and Congregational Care, June 16 at 1 p.m. ET. Co-hosted by Anabaptist Disabilities Network and Church of the Brethren Discipleship Ministries. The goal of the webinar is to give attendees tools for inclusion of church members with dementia and their families, to benefit the whole congregation. [Register here](#).

Webinar - Welcoming asylum seekers, June 21 at 2:00 pm EDT. Asylum seekers, like refugees, are migrants who flee their homes due to a fear of violence or persecution. Join MCC and partners to learn more about who asylum seekers are and the many ways the faith community can walk alongside them in their journey to find safe refuge.

Webinar - Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What now? – July 18 @ 7pm on Zoom. The Delegate Assembly is over, and decisions have been made. What has changed? What does it mean for my conference, my congregation and me? What opportunities are there for us to live into our Renewed Commitments to “follow Jesus, witness to God’s peace and experience the transformation of the Holy Spirit”? Join Executive Director Glen Guyton, Moderator Linda Dibble and Moderator-Elect Jon Carlson for this webinar. Register [here](#).

WIDER CHURCH

Youth summer camps at Goshen College! GC is hosting several youth summer camps on campus over the next two months. We have camps for a variety of interests including sports, music, science, technology and arts. Learn more at goshen.edu/summercamps.

Camp Friedenswald Summer Getaway July 25-29. Looking to get away this summer? Want to experience the wonder of Camp without expectation of group activities? (We love this stuff, but know it's not for everyone!) We still have a few cabins open, waiting for YOU! Join us for this Monday-Friday Getaway. We'll provide the cabin and tasty meals, lake & trails, and you can feel free to pace your week in the way that feels right to you. [Discover more](#) and [inquire today!](#)

2022 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale: The Relief Sale will be held Sept. 23-24 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. Start thinking about ways you can support the sale. Check out the website: www.mennonitesale.org for more information. You can already register for the Run for Relief and find more information about volunteering and special features of the sale. You can also follow the Relief Sale on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Mennonite Central Committee has established the Michael J. Sharp Global Peacemaker Award to recognize and encourage courageous peacebuilders across the world. The annual award will be open to a person or organization that is an MCC partner involved in peacebuilding. It will include a monetary prize and will be stewarded by the MCC United Nations Office. The first awardee will be announced in October.

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has named Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz as denominational minister for Peace and Justice. In this role, she will resource conference ministers, conferences and pastors with opportunities to strengthen capacity and engagement in Christ-centered peace and justice, as well as serve as a liaison and coordinator for peace and justice initiatives throughout MC USA. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/peace-justice>

Mennonite World Conference issue of *Courier* magazine can be found [here](#).

Central District Conference Annual Meeting – June 23-25. We welcome and invite everyone to participate in all the annual meeting activities. The annual meeting will be held at Goshen College in the College Mennonite Church. We are also offering the opportunity for folks to join worship live via Goshen College’s livestream and to join the delegate sessions via Zoom. Registration is \$50/adult and \$25/youth delegate. The Zoom link will be sent to registrants after they register. Registration for children K-12 is \$15/child, children 0-4 are free. Information about the annual meeting can be found at <https://mcusacdc.org/annual-meeting-2022/>.

Pathways Retreat will have an online silent auction fundraiser June 18-25. Pathways will observe a sabbatical with no daily prayers or indoor hospitality for the month of July. The land will remain open to visitors. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person for the month of June. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org. The June newsletter can be read [here](#).

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Voluntary Service participants, serving through Mennonite Mission Network, are in their final months at their unit houses and volunteer placements. Pray for them as they bring closure to relationships in their hosting communities and find ways to implement what they have learned, as they move into their futures.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

MCC is seeking SWAP Location Coordinators in Harlan, 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 Location Coordinators will plan and direct all aspects of the SWAP ministry in Harlan, Kentucky, and report directly to the Appalachia Program Coordinator. The MCC Location Coordinator role will be filled by a married couple sharing the role, employed full time sharing the tasks and responsibilities. In the SWAP "off-season", this position may be developed in various ways depending on the gifts and interests of the applicants. Apply online for this opening at mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/swap-harlan-location-coordinators. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

AMBS is seeking a Student Services Coordinator. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this half-time position. The person in this role will oversee student support services for all AMBS students and lead the Student Services Team to develop a systems approach to student services as well as address student needs as they arise. Qualifications: bachelor’s degree required, graduate degree preferred; strong communication skills; strong intercultural competence. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

Center for Healing & Hope is seeking an Administrative Assistant to work in the executive office at the clinic. This position is 20 hrs/week with a flexible schedule. Duties include light bookkeeping, development tasks, and volunteer coordination. Contact Missy Schrock (mkschrock@chhclinics.org or 574-534-4744 x206) for a job description and more details.

Bethany Christian School job openings can be found [here](#). **Goshen College** job openings can be found [here](#). **Other Jobs in Mennonite Education** can be found [here](#). **Mennonite Church USA's** job postings are [here](#).

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 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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