

## WORSHIP

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

<p><b>June 26</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship</b>  <b>Worship Leader:</b> Ben Sywulka  <b>Storyteller:</b> Wilma Harder</p>	<p><b>July 3</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship</b>  <b>Worship Leader:</b> Ally Mast  <b>Storyteller:</b> Mary Beechy-King</p>
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## SUNDAY JUNE 26

**9:30am Worship. No Sunday School.** This is the third Sunday of Summer Worship. This summer 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 (Psalm 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.

## CHILDREN’S BIRTHDAYS



**Heidi Nafziger-Peterson turned 2 years old on May 26!** She is a mischievous chaos monkey who loves her brother Hans, her teddies and playing outside. She likes taking food from the pantry and hiding it under the couch, singing Daniel Tiger songs and running full tilt at the world. She is a great snuggler and we love her immensely.

**Ella Shank Van Eenige (rising 6th, BCS) turned 11 on June 21!** Ella is very excited about her Harry Potter themed birthday party on Saturday. She loves swimming, Harry Potter, and the color yellow. She is looking forward to playing volleyball next year and being involved in theater.



**Emma Coulter (rising 1st, Parkside) turned 6 on June 21!** She loves to read to her sister Jenae and is excited about reading to her future baby sister. She had a great year at the College Kindergarten. She likes reading Bible stories, playing hide and seek, and playing piano.

**Elias Magatti (rising 6<sup>th</sup>, BCS) turns 12 on June 29!** His favorite subjects are social studies and science. He is good at singing, swimming, and cello. He sings in choir and is singing in a play this summer. He’s looking forward to playing tennis and being on the track team. Elias enjoys his cat Lily, who always knows when he’s upset.



## COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
June 26 • 9:30am Worship (No Sunday school)	June 27 • 6:30pm Dance group				July 1 • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	
July 3 • 9:30am Worship (No Sunday school) • 11am Bicycle Blessing						July 9 • MYF Service trip with MDS (thru July 17)

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Bicycle Blessing – Next Sunday, July 3** after worship. On a weekend when some sanctify our country above all others, we plan to glorify God – Creator of all the earth. What better way to do this than hold our annual blessing of earth-saving modes of transportation – especially the cycling kind. If able, ride your bike to church that day. And if interested, join others for a post-blessing bike ride – young families to Reith Park for a cook-out and splash park fun (let Anna Yoder Schlabach know if you're interested in this); or a bit longer ride (10.5 miles one-way) via the Pumpkinvine bike path to Wedgewood Brewing for nourishments of your choosing (let Karl Shelly know if you're interested in this).

**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.

**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. (Note that Pathways is taking a sabbatical from indoor hospitality in July).

**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.

## DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**Reparations proposal:** In response to the June 5<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting (where questions were raised about the best way to fund this potential new commitment), members of the Reparations Task Force and Finance Committee are joining together to discuss funding options and build wider ownership for how to do this. If you are particularly interested in this question, you are welcome to join this working group. Contact Karl Shelly.

**Safety Networks** is happy to report that the family from Honduras we are sponsoring is settling well into Goshen. The girls have been enrolled in school, and small group Crisálida is providing outstanding support to meet a wide variety of needs. But we could really use help from the rest of the congregation at this time. We recently learned that work authorization for the single-mother will not come as quickly as the family's legal counsel had anticipated, given delays in government processing of work permits, so Safety Networks is seeking additional tax-deductible donations so that we can continue to cover rent, utilities, and living expenses for the family. Please consider making a contribution earmarked for Safety Networks. It can be placed in the offering, mailed to Assembly, or [made online](#). Thank you for your ongoing support! For more information, contact Michelle Shelly.

**Are you reading this?** The first five people who email [scottc@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:scottc@assemblymennonite.org) and mention this blurb will be entered in a drawing to receive \$5 in Brew Bucks from the Electric Brew; the winner(s) will find their reward in their church mailbox.

**Community Blood Drive Thurs June 30** - Right now there is a blood shortage in this nation and so the incentives offered are to get as many folks out as possible to donate blood. **Every participant in the [Middlebury Church of the Brethren](#) drive, Thurs June 30, 9am-2pm, will receive a \$10-\$15 gift card!** Walk-ins welcome, but if you are planning on coming you are invited to sign up ahead of time at [https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/155137](https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/155137)

**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.

**Mennonites Against Militarism** - a collaboration of Mennonite Central Committee, U.S. and Mennonite Church USA – is seeking to launch an initiative to counter military recruitment of U.S. youth, called Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN). AMEN 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. Take the survey here: <https://rb.gy/gbehlm>

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

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Reparations.** Want a relatively quick lesson on **reparations** -- repairing the harm of slavery and White supremacy in this country? Listen to this 23-minute episode of the "What Would It Take?" podcast hosted by Ben Tapper and co-produced by Anabaptist World. You can find the episode at <https://whatwouldittake.fireside.fm/19>

**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

**Central District Conference Focus** - The recent Mennonite Church USA Special Delegate Session addressed several resolutions with significant implications for the denomination. [In the June issue of "Focus"](#), Central District Conference participants reflect on their experience and the questions that remain for them.

**Mission Network prayer request.** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Gordon McDade, Karen Sethuraman and Patricia Whitestone, community chaplains with Soul Space, an organization that walks alongside peacemakers in Belfast, Northern Ireland, a city fractured by partisan conflict. Pray for Gordon, Karen and Patricia as they offer hospitable spaces where people can process the traumas they have experienced.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Seeking a Resource Access Librarian.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 80% to full-time position. The person in this role will connect students and faculty with a diverse range of library resources for research and study. This includes responsibility for print and electronic collection development and management; resource sharing with partner libraries; and open digital library collaboration and development. See the full job description for qualifications and more information: [ambbs.edu/jobs](https://ambbs.edu/jobs)

**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

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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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