

WORSHIP

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

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| <p>July 3 9:30 AM Worship <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Ally Mast Storyteller: Mary Beechy-King</p> | <p>July 10 9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>Worship Leader: Gayle Gerber Koontz Storyteller: Elena Fischer</p> |
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SUNDAY JULY 3

9:30am 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.

11am Bicycle Blessing 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 this Sunday. And if interested, join others for a post-blessing bike ride to Rieth Park or Wedgewood Brewing – see details under “Community Life”, below.

COMING UP

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

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WED | THURS | FRIDAY | SAT |
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| July 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Worship (No Sunday school) • 11am Bicycle Blessing & Groups biking to Rieth Park & Wedgewood Brewing for fellowship | | | | | | July 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MYF Service trip with MDS (thru July 17) |
| July 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Worship (No Sunday school) | July 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Dance group | | | | | |

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>.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Rieth Park meet up: People with playground-age kids are invited to gather after the bike blessing this Sunday at the Rieth park pavilion. We will provide plates, hot dogs, buns and condiments. Bring a bag of chips, cookies, or carrots to share. (Or other finger food sides that you can easily bike with). You may want to bring towels and swimsuits if your kids will want to play in the splash pad. We have reserved the pavilion but there will likely be plenty of other kids around. Please let Anna Yoder Schlabach know if you plan to come so that we have enough hot dogs.

Wedgewood meet up: People who love biking and are 21+ are welcome to gather after the bike blessing this Sunday for a 10-mile ride to Wedgewood Brewery in Middlebury (<https://wedgewoodbrewing.com>). There is food and drink (including non-alcoholic beverages) available for purchase at the brewery. Contact Karl Shelly with questions.

Do you enjoy cutting fabric or rolling yarn? In an effort to get materials ready for my art room in the fall I have some Ziplock bags of t-shirt material that needs to be cut into squares (instructions inside) and yarn to be rolled into balls or on a toilet paper tube. If this is something you're interested in helping with, there are two boxes of materials under the A-G mailboxes. Grab a bag and return it to the black crate when you're done. Thank you so much for helping make Chamberlain students' art projects possible! Karen Graber Roth

Ted & Company has been rehearsing two projects in our space over the past weeks. The second is a remount of "We Own This Now," which will perform in July for the first time since all shows were cancelled in 2020. They are inviting a very small audience to observe their final dress rehearsal on July 7 at 7pm in the MP space; if you would like to attend, please let the Assembly [office](#) know. The first 10 names will be guaranteed spots. You can read more about the show [at this link](#).

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.

COVID-19 Updates

COVID Testing Recommendations. Over the past month, many people at Assembly have tested positive for COVID, and some have gotten fairly sick. For your safety, we're reminding you of [these recommendations](#) from the Assembly COVID-19 Advisory Task Force:

- If you develop ANY symptoms, even very mild ones, test yourself for COVID. If you test negative, repeat the test over the next several days to decrease the risk of having a false negative test.
- If you test positive for COVID, immediately call your primary care provider. We now have several oral treatments and several infusion treatments that decrease the chance that high-risk people end up hospitalized or dying from COVID-19. **The sooner the treatments are started, the better they work.** Some need to be started within 5 days of your first symptoms.

Mask Policy: Masks are still required during worship for everyone ages 2 and older. [Our COVID Advisory Committee](#) encourages everyone to be aware of the risks of attending large gatherings, particularly for those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated.

Child Vaccinations and Assembly's Mask Policy. Many of us are celebrating that our young children (6 months - 5 years-old) are now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines. Young children who recently received the first dose of the vaccine will be fully vaccinated in early September - early November, depending on the timing of the multiple doses. (See: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>). We anticipate having some congregational discussion of our mask policy sometime this fall as children become fully vaccinated. Questions and concerns about our COVID-19 policies can be directed to Randy Roth, chair of Leadership Group.

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DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Center for Healing and Hope 2nd annual Festival of Hope on Saturday, July 9, 12-6 pm at 315 W Washington Street. Festival of Hope is an annual community event and fundraiser to benefit Center for Healing & Hope's mission to provide medical and advocacy services in a Christ-like manner to meet people's needs in the community. Find more information [here](#).

Fundraiser for Tanzania Education Aid. Mark your calendars for a Nelson's Fundraiser on Saturday, July 9 from 930am to 230pm (or we sell out), at the Tractor Supply Co. on US 33 south (new location). No tickets needed; but first come, first served! If you cannot make it to the sale, we can save some orders for you with advance notice to Lenora Hirschler. We are selling chicken, pit-tatoes, ribs, and pork chops.

MCC Alumni & Friends Service Nights: Join other local MCC alumni and friends at our MCC Material Resources Center in Goshen for an evening of fun and fellowship while helping to pack much-needed kits. There is an increased demand for supplies to send to Ukraine and other countries around the world, and these kits are a tangible way to share hope with the people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. There are two chances for you to join the kit packing event: Thursday, July 14 or Thursday, July 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. More information and registration at: mcc.org/gl-alumni-service.

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>

Earn a Master of Divinity on campus! Are you interested in growing in faith and leadership in a vibrant community? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Master of Divinity Campus program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, personal/spiritual formation and mentoring in the context of our learning community in Elkhart, Indiana. Major in Pastoral Ministry, Chaplaincy, Christian Formation or Theological Studies. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available. ambs.edu/mdiv

WIDER CHURCH

Mennonite Women USA's most recent newsletter *The Grapevine* can be read [here](#).

Mennonite Men's most recent newsletter *Engage* can be read [here](#).

Bethany Christian School's summer *Bulletin* can be read [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) conducted a denomination-wide survey to examine what it means to be a member of MC USA and how this has changed in the past 16 years. The preliminary results can be found here, with the full study being released later this month: mennoniteusa.org/summary-denominational-study

Pray for "Indonesia 2022," the global assembly of Mennonite World Conference being held in Indonesia July 5-10. This is a hybrid (online and in person) event. For more information, visit mennoniteusa.org/mwca22

Webinar - Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What now? – July 18 @ 7pm. What do the decisions made at the MCUSA Special Delegate Assembly 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 Glen Guyton, Linda Dibble and Jon Carlson for this webinar. Register [here](#)

Just Camp ...for Justice at Camp Friedenswald, July 25-29. Come live in an intentional community of peacemakers committed to bettering the way we live with each other and the earth. The week will include 3 learning sessions facilitated by MCC staff. Topics include: immigration, dialogue across difference, and transformative justice vs mass incarceration. Find more information [here](#).

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network's week-long Youth Venture civil rights learning tour begins today. Pray for the 23 participants as they focus on the realities of racial injustice in the United States, both in the past and the present.

Daily Prayers for Mennonite Education for the month of July can be found [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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](#).