

WORSHIP

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

<p>July 31 10 AM Worship & Potluck Ox Bow Park</p> <p>Worship Leader: Michael Miller Storyteller: Kim Kurtz</p>	<p>August 7 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday school <i>Communion & Blessing Sunday</i> <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach</p>
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SUNDAY JULY 31

9:30am MYF annual Warren Dunes trip

10am Worship & potluck at Ox Bow This is the last Sunday of our *Come to the Water* summer worship series. We are worshipping together at Ox Bow County Park at the Fisherman's Shelter. At the gatehouse, take the first right and continue for a quarter mile. Look for the parking lot on the right. Please bring a blanket or chair and picnic foods to share, plus any needed serving utensils and your own table service. Households with names beginning with A through L please bring a salad or side dish; M through Z bring a main dish. **We will not be able to livestream the service.** Entry to the park is \$3 per vehicle. Walkers and bikers get in free! A map of Ox Bow can be found [here](#).

7-9pm Church pool night at Shanklin All ages welcome at no cost to you. Please let Anna Yoder Schlabach know if you plan to attend.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Ruby Smucker turned 1 on July 30! She loves going for walks outside, listening for birds and trains, spinning in circles, and chasing her parents around the house. She enjoys books and can point out all of her favorite animals.



Luisa Kingsley (Homeschool) turned 9 on July 12! Luisa traveled to Montana this summer where she visited her grandma and her aunt and uncle and went camping. She enjoys playing with her cousins and reading. She was pleased to be able to pick out the paint color for her new room (light blue), and hopefully will be able to move into it this fall.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
July 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MYF day trip to dunes • 10am Worship & potluck at Ox Bow Park • 7-9pm Church pool night at Shanklin 		Aug 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm Reparatons Working group 			Aug 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Greencroft meet up 	
Aug 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Worship No Sunday school 	Aug 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Dance group 					

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to Ana, Scott, Emma & Jenae Coulter on the birth of Malia Kate on July 26! Sign up to take them a meal [here](#). Password: Malia

Family leave: Scott Coulter has now begun the first part of his family leave. He will be on leave through August 15. Please contact Anna Yoder Schlabach or Karl Shelly for pastoral needs. For facility concerns, contact [Naomi Roots](#). For building use reservations, contact the [office](#).

The MYF annual Warren Dunes trip is Sunday, July 31st. Drop off will be at 9:30am at AMC, and pick up will be at 5:15pm at AMC. Transportation is provided. Please pack your own lunch and water bottle (along with your beach gear and games). Reminder that this will be our last MYF event for summer, which means we will be having a special “send off” for our seniors. See MYF email for full details, or contact Sara or Erich with any questions.

This Sunday is the last Sunday of Summer Worship. Thank you to the Summer worship planning committee! Next week (August 7) we will regather with a Backpack Blessing, Communion, and blessings for new MYFers and those beginning new roles. Children of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks.

Ecclesiastes Bible Study: On August 14 we will begin our fall Bible Study on the book of Ecclesiastes. This short little book, while something of a downer (everything is meaningless, everything is dust in the wind, etc), contains questions and ideas that still feel relevant today: What is the point? What gives life meaning? [Read the full intro here](#)

Meal train: Starting the second week of August, provide a meal for the Smuts family during and after Aydian’s heart surgery. Sign up at <https://takethemameal.com/HWYB1860>. Password is 1599

Photos needed for AMC slide show. I'm working on an "Assembly year in review" slide show for August 7. If you have a couple of photos from significant events in the life of Assembly over the last year (August to July), please email them to me at annays@assemblymennonite.org. Please choose your best five. Thanks, Anna.

NEW! Prayer Request process. We are no longer using the online form to submit requests. Please share prayer requests by contacting one of the pastors via email or phone. Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Outrunning Hunger 5K: Saturday, September 3, 8AM, Shanklin Park. Come join us in supporting The Window with a beautiful run/walk along the Millrace in Goshen! Register [here](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN), a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA, **has created a study guide** to help congregations understand and implement ideas from the recently passed “Mennonite Church USA Accessibility

Resolution.” The four-week study guide was written for ADN by Joanne Gallardo, a conference minister of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference of MC USA in Goshen, Indiana. Click [here](#) for more information and to download the guide.

New Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction offered by AMBS! With a focus on practice-based learning, this certificate offers a curriculum and supervised program to prepare you to become a spiritual director or to strengthen the spiritual direction aspects of your ministry. The 21-credit-hour certificate can be completed part time in two years, either fully online or with a combination of distance-friendly and campus-based courses. Learn more [here](#).

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Anabaptist Short Course: Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible, with Drew Strait, PhD, and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD: Sept. 14 – Oct. 25, 2022. Register by Aug. 24 to save \$50. For more information or to register, [click here](#).

WIDER CHURCH

The Window Open House – August 5, 4:30-7:30pm. Join us to celebrate opening our doors for the first time since March of 2020! Take a tour and see all the changes!

The Relief Sale Choir is back! Practices start Sunday, August 14, 3:00-4:30 pm at College Mennonite Church. All are welcome! The choir will perform Sunday evening, Sept. 25, at Sauder Hall in the Goshen College Music Center. For more details, visit mennonitesale.org/volunteer#choir.

Dissertation on CDC and LGBTQ members. Last week I was given a dissertation with the request to hand it over to Joe Springer to be placed in the Mennonite Archives. It is one that may be of interest to some in our congregation. Diane Lisa Tinney (GC Alum) completed an EdD dissertation (2017) on Central District Conference views on gay, lesbian, trans, and Q church members. Her method was a random sample questionnaire sent to all Central District participating churches. It is a longitudinal study which compares former attitudes with more recent ones. She provides ample statistical data which illustrate that the churches in the District are becoming more inclusive and welcoming. Dr. Tinney's intent is to provide data and perspectives for educational programs for congregations. From what I can tell this study was approved by our own highly regarded Lois Kaufmann, when she was Conference Minister. Even though her name is blacked out it was during her time as Conference Minister. If any of you want to see it before I give it to Joe, let me know. -Norm Kauffmann

The August daily prayers for Mennonite education can be found [here](#).

The July issue of the Central District Conference *The Recorder* can be read [here](#). This issue includes an overview of the June Annual Meeting in Goshen. Notice the launch of the Tending Transformation Campaign to fund support for emerging communities of faith, including an Associate Conference Minister who will be available to respond as they seek counsel from CDC.

Parents/Guardians of LGBTQ+ children. Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship has started a group for parents or guardians of LGBTQ+ children in Goshen-area Mennonite congregations. An introductory meeting will be held at Berkey on Saturday, August 27, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The focus of this meeting will be to introduce ourselves to each other and to discuss the group's vision and goals. For more information, please contact Sarah Morrison at sjhigley@gmail.com.

Women's Retreat September 16-18, 2022: Join us for spirit-filled worship, relaxation among friends, trails to wander, and water to rest by. This annual retreat, planned by women from across Central District Conference of MC USA, seeks to provide a place of connection and gathering for women. This year’s theme is “Embodying Courage: Healing Connections” featuring guest speaker Samantha Lioi. For more information and to register please visit www.friedenswald.org/retreats

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón, as they mentor leaders and support church plants in the Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for Freddy as he pastors a congregation and Margrit as she coordinates Christian education for the denomination.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Bethany Christian School job openings can be found [here](#). **Goshen College** job openings can be found [here](#). **AMBS** 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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