

## WORSHIP

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

<p><b>August 7</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship</b>  <b>No Sunday school</b>  <i>Communion &amp; Blessing Sunday</i>  <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Anna Yoder Schlabach  <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 50:1-15, 22-23</p>	<p><b>August 14</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship and Sunday school</b>  <i>Begin Fall Worship &amp; SS</i></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Stephen Lowe  <b>Scripture:</b> Ecclesiastes 1-12</p>
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## SUNDAY AUGUST 7

**9:30am Worship** We will gather for a service of thanksgiving and blessings for the coming year. This will include a Backpack Blessing, Communion, and blessings for new MYFers and those beginning new roles. Children of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks.

**Masks are required during worship services for everyone ages 2 and older.**  
 We are thankful that we can worship (and sing!) together in person, while taking reasonable precautions that protect the most vulnerable among us.  
 Our Covid Advisory Committee encourages everyone be aware of the risks of attending large gatherings, particularly for those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated. Please read their suggestions [here](#).

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

**Cecylia Gomez Wengerd (7th, GJH) turned 12 on July 24th!** Cecylia is looking forward to playing soccer for both Indiana Fire (club team) and Goshen Junior High. She enjoys watching scary movies, hanging out with friends and sleeping in. This summer she traveled to Colorado, Tennessee and Florida.



**Mateo Gomez Wengerd turned 2 on August 3rd!** Mateo is a sweet and sensitive soul who loves to cuddle. He has been a (mostly) happy traveler on a couple of road trips this summer. Mateo is happiest when he is eating, climbing, chasing after his sister or the cat, and splashing in water!



**Caleb Yoder Schlabach (4th, Parkside) turned 10 on August 3rd!** Caleb is good at sketching, and likes reading and science. He enjoys playing “Mole Rats in Space” with his family, and playing with his Nintendo Switch. Also fun was his Minecraft-themed birthday party.



**Sophie Yoder Schlabach (4th, Parkside) turned 10 on August 3rd!** Sophie is good at soccer and reading (she’s re-reading the Harry Potter series). She liked playing Survivor this summer at Camp Friedenswald; and enjoyed an animal-themed birthday party with friends.



**Cora Shreiner Landes (7th grade, GJH) will turn 12 on August 11!** Cora is excited to play volleyball at school this fall. She enjoys reading mystery series, especially Enola Holmes. She had a good week at theater camp at the Round Barn Theater this summer and traveled to Myrtle Beach for her brother’s baseball tournament.

## COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
Aug 7 <i>2% Offering</i> ● 9:30am Worship No Sunday school	Aug 8 ● 6:30pm Dance group					
Aug 12 <i>Begin Fall Worship &amp; SS</i> ● 9:30 Worship & Sunday school						

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Visuals:** The art in the Worship Space is by Allison Troyer of Grand Rapids Mennonite Fellowship. These art pieces, along with other artist’s pieces, were displayed at the Central District Conference Annual Meeting this past June. For more information on the artists and their pieces, see <https://mcusacdc.org/2022-annual-meeting/>

**Vacation:** Karl Shelly will be on vacation August 11-21. Please contact [Anna Yoder Schlabach](#) for any pastoral needs.

**Administrator:** Naomi Roots has officially started the Administrator position in its full capacity. You can find her in the office M/W/F from 9am-12pm, and you can contact her any time at [naomikr@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:naomikr@assemblymennonite.org).

**Meals for the Coulter family:** There are dates still available! Sign up [here](#).

**Assembly treasurer transition:** A big THANK YOU to John Nafziger for his many years of serving as Assembly's treasurer. He has put in many hours working alongside the Finance Committee to manage Assembly's accounts. A warm welcome to Dancy Hirschler as Assembly's new treasurer! There will be a transition period as John, Naomi Roots (Administrator) and Dancy work together to ensure that all treasurer responsibilities are covered. All financial questions or concerns can be directed to [naomikr@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:naomikr@assemblymennonite.org) or [treasurer@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:treasurer@assemblymennonite.org).

**Family leave:** Scott Coulter is now on the first part of his family leave. He will be on leave through August 20. Please contact Anna Yoder Schlabach or Karl Shelly (until August 11) for pastoral needs. For facility concerns, contact [Naomi Roots](#). For building use reservations, contact the [office](#).

**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](#)

**Prayer 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.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**The Delegate Assembly is over, and decisions have been made.** What has changed? What does it mean for my conference, my congregation and me? Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff members answer these questions and more in the "Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What Now?" webinar. Watch the recording here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whatnow](http://mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whatnow)

**Goshen's Jewish Story: How a Small Group of Peddlers and Merchants Built a Community: August 25, 6:30pm, Ann M. Schrock Auditorium, lower floor at Goshen Public Library.** Goshen was once home to a small Jewish community that started forming as early as the 1850s. By the turn of the 20th century, this community had a thriving business, social, and religious presence in Goshen. Since many of Goshen's residents are unaware of this rich history, this event is dedicated to telling a part of Goshen's Jewish story and making it visible again. Presenter, Alyssa Rhodes, grew up in Goshen and recently graduated with a B.A. in Judaic Studies from Brooklyn College. She will be sharing photos, news clippings, and stories that she has discovered through her research on Goshen's Jewish community. Also joining us will be Mike Brown, Director of The Indiana Jewish Historical Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization with a mission to collect, preserve, publish, and share the Jewish experience in Indiana. Space is limited. Please RSVP to [Barb Hassan](#). Masks optional.

## CAMP FRIEDENSWALD FALL PROGRAMS

**Women's Retreat September 16-18.** 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. Find out [more](#) and [register today](#).

**Restoration Retreat October 21-23.** This retreat is designed for people who long for restoration in our world and desire to connect with others around this longing. You will leave feeling more connected, inspired, and empowered to work for positive change in your community and the world beyond. This retreat is open to all ages. A schedule and more information is available [online](#). [Register today](#)

**Fall Getaways October 14-16 & November 4-6.** Come on your own for a solitary retreat, or get away with family or friends! We'll provide the tasty meals, comfy cabin, and trails for exploring. This is a great way to enjoy the peaceful woods on your own schedule. [Register today](#) or find out [more](#).

## WIDER CHURCH

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

**Mennonite Central Committee's** *In Touch* newsletter can be read [here](#).

**MCC Bike Michiana September 16-18.** Join other bicycle enthusiasts of all skill levels for an enjoyable experience of pedaling the beautiful lake and farmland region of southern Michigan and northern Indiana. You will be supporting the mission and service of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Terrain is rolling and flat. Fellowship and worship included. [More details](#) and [registration information](#) for the weekend at Amigo Centre in Sturgis, Michigan.

**Ten Thousand Villages event.** Looking for a special afternoon or night with your small group? Ten Thousand Villages in Goshen would like to offer a special time for you and your group of friends or small group to shop! We'd love to supply some coffee and tea, but you are welcome to also bring other snacks and drinks of your choice! Reach out to us soon as spots are filling up! Contact us at [goshen@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:goshen@tenthousandvillages.com) or give us a ring and leave a message at 574.533.8491

**Mennonite Arts Weekend.** Early-bird registration is open for the 2023 Mennonite Arts Weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 3-5. Twelve artists and our featured musical group, A Girl Named Tom, will explore this year's theme BETWEEN: Embracing Vulnerability. You will find information about the participating artists, venue, schedule, and registration at [mennoniteartsweekend.org](http://mennoniteartsweekend.org). Hope to see you there!

**Changes to Dove's Nest:** During the past couple of months, they've been working on restructuring the organization, and focusing on the most critical aspects of their programs and services. As a result, they have changed their name to Every Child Safe. The new mission statement is: Partnering with faith communities to keep every child safe. A new website is forthcoming at [www.everychildsafes.org](http://www.everychildsafes.org), but is still under construction.

**Mission Network prayer request.** Deb Byler, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, was invited to Guatemala five years ago to train women for leadership positions in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Praise God for the women who are currently providing leadership. Pray for them, and pray that God will give Deb the wisdom and energy to do what is essential before concluding her assignment next month.

## 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](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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