

WORSHIP

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

<p>August 21 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Becky Snider Sermon: Paul & Julie Keim Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; 12:9-14</p>	<p>August 28 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Becky Smuts Sermon: Jim Stump Scripture: Ecclesiastes 6:7-12; 7:15-8:1</p>
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SUNDAY AUGUST 21

9:30am Worship Our fall worship series focuses on the book of Ecclesiastes. This short little book contains questions and ideas that still feel relevant today: What is the point? What gives life meaning? How do we live in a time of unjust economic systems and wealth inequality? There is indeed nothing new under the sun. [Read the full intro here.](#)

Sunday School Teachers will be dismissed at the beginning of the closing hymn. Children are dismissed after the closing hymn. See below for classrooms.

Class	Room	Class	Room
Babies	2A (Nursery)	Grade 2&3	5
2's	7&8	Grade 4&5	3B
3's	6	JYF (grades 6-8)	1A&B
PreK	2B	MYF (grades 9-12)	3A
K/grade 1	Gather in Room 9		

Second Hour - Age Based adult conversation groups will continue during second hour. We'll be discussing [Assembly practices](#) and [small group life](#). The locations are: Under 40: worship benches nearest the playground, 40-55: worship space benches nearest the parking lot, 56-70: Multipurpose space north, 70+: South end of Multipurpose space South. Look for signs. There's also a second option if structured conversation isn't your thing: there will be a table with art supplies in the multipurpose space to make Ecclesiastes inspired art or greeting cards.

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.

For Sunday school/2nd hour: Masks are required for children ages 2-5 and their teachers.

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](#).

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
Aug 21 ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Aug 22 ● 6:30pm Dance group	Aug 23 ● 7pm Labyrinth Walk ● 7:15pm Small group reps on Zoom	Aug 24 ● 6pm Leadership group Orientation supper		Aug 26 ● 6:30pm Children's garden party at Shantz's	
Aug 28 ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school ● 6pm MYF kick-off event					Sept 2 ● 9:30am Greencroft meet up on Zoom	
Sept 4 <i>2% offering</i> ● 9:3am Worship & Sunday school; 2 nd hour Hymn sing ● 12pm: Fellowship meal		Sept 6 ● 7pm: Leadership group meeting	Sept 7 ● 1pm: Women's lunch bunch on Zoom			

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Meal train for the Yost family: Dates are still available! Here's a link to sign up to take them a meal.

<https://takethemameal.com/MEOR3170>

Meal train for the Smuts family: Here's a link to sign up to take them a meal during Aydian's surgery & recovery.

<https://takethemameal.com/HWYB1860>

Labyrinth walk: Join Meribeth Shank, certified labyrinth facilitator, on Tuesday at 7pm on the labyrinth in the memorial garden. We'll walk together after a brief introduction to the labyrinth as a meditation tool and conclude with a chance to reflect together after the walk. Contact [Meribeth Shank](#) with any questions.

Children's annual garden party! Children K-5 are invited to Steve and Kate Shantz's home on Friday, August 26 at 6:30 pm to help harvest onions. (60728 CR 27, just a few miles NE of Goshen) Parents are most welcome to stay and help out or sit around and chat. There will be a bonfire and smores after the work is done. Children, prep yourselves for the Great Garlic Challenge! The onions (about 3000 of them!) will be donated to Church Community Services 'Feed-to-Seed' program in Elkhart. Please RSVP to stevems@goshen.edu so that I know how many Smores to get.

The MYF Kickoff Event is scheduled for Sunday August 28 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Ben and Jen Bontrager's (15278 CR 28, Goshen 46528). Hot dogs and veggie dogs will be provided and MYFers are asked to bring a snack, side or dessert. Activities could include swimming and kayaking as well as yard games so bring a swimsuit and towel if interested. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

September is "Small Group Shuffle" time – that time of year when we form new small groups and help people find their way into Assembly small groups. If you're interested in joining or changing small groups, please let Pastor Karl Shelly know by filling out the online form [here](#), or by filling out the flyer on the literature table.

Child care needed. Our son and daughter-in-law are seeking in-home childcare for their daughter, Lily, who is currently 5 months old. Care is needed three days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. while Corine works from their home, located in downtown Goshen. Can start immediately. \$20/hr. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please reach out to Niles at nilesgm@gmail.com or 574-312-5517. Thank you! Keith Graber Miller.

Vacation: Becky Overholt will be out of the office the week of August 22. Please contact [Naomi Roots](#) for any needs.

Fall parent meeting: Parents of Sunday school age children and their teachers are invited to a pizza lunch and meeting after second hour on Sept. 11. The MYF will provide childcare and we will conclude by 1:30pm. This is a chance to connect with other parents and talk about how Sunday school is going. AMBS professor and former Assemblyite Rachel

Miller Jacobs will join us to lead a conversation about digital media for ages 4-17 from a Christian formation perspective. Please bring a finger food side to share. More information about Rachel's topic will be emailed to parents.

Sign up for a Personal Retreat at Pathways There is still money left from Lora's sabbatical grant to take a retreat day at Pathways Retreat at no cost. [Contact Pathways Retreat](#) to make arrangements, and let them know you are from Assembly.

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.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The August edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our [current issue](#): Learn about the urgent need for volunteers to clean up after the Kentucky flooding, see a tasty display of gratitude in Princeton, B.C., and enjoy the smiles of volunteers in the Family Program at Camp Amigo.

Volunteers needed. Suicide. What we know is that good Postvention can be very good prevention. The Elkhart County Suicide Prevention Coalition has been working with law enforcement and the coroner's office to create an Elkhart County LOSS team. All of the infrastructure is in place to get this group launched...now we need volunteers. Please consider this important initiative when you think of ways to be active in the community. For more info, click [here](#).

Community Center for Justice's Volunteer Mediator Training is September 8, 9, and 10. This training is required for people who want to volunteer with Victim Offender Reconciliation Program or with Community Mediation at CCJ. After the training, you'll be invited to help us mediate cases between community members or victims of crime and their offenders. See the [attached information](#) for registration details and let Becky Snider know if you have any questions. We hope you'll consider working with us to heal the harm from crime and conflict in our community!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Take a seminary course this fall! AMBS's distance-friendly options include Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture; Isaiah; Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture; Thinking Ethically; Understanding Trauma in Ministry and Peacebuilding; and more! In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Classes begin Aug. 30; sign up by Aug. 22! ams.edu/upcoming-courses

Women's Leadership Conference – Sept 29 – Oct 2. Join Mennonite Women USA and Mennonite Mission Network as African American women lead us through prophetic witness and holistic healing. Utilizing Mennonite Women USA's Sisterhood Masterclass and Sister Care Seminar, we will address issues of diversity, equity and inclusion as we experience Christ together in fellowship and worship. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Mennonite Writing Conference - Goshen College will be hosting this year's Mennonite Writing Conference from September 29 - October 2. This conference celebrates, investigates and publicizes the emergence of creative writing among people from diverse Mennonite backgrounds and also creates a forum where writers, readers and scholars can meet and inspire each other. Speakers include Casey Plett, Julia Spicher Kasdorf and Steven Rubin, and Beth Piatote. Early bird registration ends September 1. More info can be found at goshen.edu/mennoniteswriting.

MICHIANA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE SEPT 23&24

- The annual quilt auction for the Relief Sale has some beautiful donations being prepared for the sale. Donations are still being accepted but must be registered by August 20. Contact Gail Shetler at gail.shetler@gmail.com.
- Runners and walkers: Be sure and visit the website (<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Goshen/MCCRunForRelief>) to register for the Run for Relief. You can also register in person at the sale Friday evening or Saturday morning. There is a paper form on the web site you can fill out and mail in if you prefer.
- Your help is needed with Children's Activities at the Relief Sale! Sign up [here](#). Grab your spot hosting your favorite game!
- Keep collecting your coins for My Coins Count! Families and adults are invited to collect your coins to bring to the Michiana Relief Sale. Adults - consider giving kids seed money to use to raise money for My Coins Count!

Your efforts will help support food projects benefiting children and families around the world through Mennonite Central Committee and its partners.

WIDER CHURCH

Ten Thousand Villages is having their Vintage Villages Auction again! We host this online auction as a fundraiser to support our mission of providing a portal for our artisan partners to sell their unique quality crafts. MCC workers work with our artisan groups providing advice and support. A portion of the funds raised during this auction will go to the 2022 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. This auction gives you a unique opportunity to bid on hard-to-find vintage crafts no longer available for purchase. Vintage Self Help, Ten Thousand Villages, and other Fair Trade crafts are included. Sign up today! <http://www.bit.ly/ttv-f22>. Bidding goes live August 21st-28th.

Pathways Retreat has adopted a new strategic plan, which is available for review on their website. Prayers are requested for an upcoming Goshen Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person beginning August 15. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org. The most recent *Rhythms* newsletter can be read [here](#).

Save the date for a Comforter Bash! Make plans to join us on November 11 and 12 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash or contact LaVera Schlabach at 574.538.9629. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

Stay up to date on Mennonite Church USA happenings, blogs, news and webinars! Sign up for PeaceMail and get weekly updates on what is happening in the church! mennoniteusa.org/peacemail

Mennonite Women USA's latest issue of *The Grapevine* can be read [here](#).

Mission Network prayer request Mennonite Mission Network began a new *Enviados* (Sent) cohort on Friday. Pray for participants in this Spanish-language, 12-module course for church planters. Pray, also, for the facilitator, Mauricio Chenlo, Mission Network's training and resourcing specialist for church planting.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

AMBS is hiring! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for a Doctor of Ministry Program Director, a Doctor of Ministry Program Assistant, an Applied Leadership Curriculum Director and an Applied Leadership Curriculum Program Assistant. See full job descriptions: ambs.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

[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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