



## WORSHIP

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

<p><b>October 30</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship &amp; Sunday school</b></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Kimberly Glick  <b>Sermon:</b> Scott Coulter  <b>Scripture:</b> Ruth 1:1-22</p>	<p><b>November 6</b>  <b>(Daylight Savings Time ends)</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship &amp; Sunday school</b>  <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Jep Hostetler  <b>Sermon:</b> Ted Larrison  <b>Scripture:</b> Genesis 32:3-33:15</p>
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## SUNDAY OCTOBER 30

**9:30am Worship** This Sunday continues our series on relationships – Woven Together. In our recent “Who are we now” survey, the majority of respondents ranked “relationships” as an important or very important reason they come to church. In this series we will not be focusing on romantic relationships but rather aspects of relationships that are present in all the ways that we are entangled with other people: mutuality, consent, grace, etc. Read the intro [here](#). We will also have an All Saints candle lighting time during the service to remember those who have died.

**2<sup>nd</sup> hour** There will be three options for second hour adult electives. Electives will begin 10 minutes after worship ends and will run for 40 minutes.

- **Dismantling Oppression and Patriarchy with the Bible:** (MP Northwest) Female archetypes led by Lora Nafziger.
- **Embodied Prayer:** (Worship space) Each week we will explore a way to pray. This week, join us to learn about praying with Taizé-style song and silence led by Anna Yoder Schlabach & Stephen Lowe.
- **Relationships:** Telling our stories of Mutuality: (main MP space) hosted by Cheryl Shreiner.

**12:30pm Surprise Luncheons** – If you signed up to participate in Surprise Luncheons, look in your church mailbox on Sunday to find out where you are gathering for lunch.

**1-3 pm Junior Youth event (grades 6-8)** Meet at the church for a **Rake-and-Run** this **Sunday, October 30 at 1pm**. We'll make our way on foot to the yards of Assembly folks who live near the church building, rake their leaves, and *leaf* (get it?!). We'll conclude with a snack back at church in time for **pickup at 3pm**. Kids should wear shoes and clothes appropriate for walking and raking (layers and tennis shoes) and **bring your own leaf rake** if you can! We'll try to rustle up some extras too.

As of Oct 16, masks are optional during worship & Sunday school, unless Elkhart County’s Community Risk Level becomes “High” (according to [covidactnow.org](https://www.covidactnow.org/)) – in which case masks will be required indoors for everyone over age 2. We encourage everyone to stay up to date on vaccinations and booster and encourage anyone who is not feeling well to join us on zoom. **Parents should contact Sunday school teachers directly if they are sending kids to Sunday school during days 6 through 10 after a positive COVID test. During this time children are asked to wear a mask during Sunday school and sit apart from the group during snack.**

Please follow current CDC guidelines for Elkhart County. For more information visit <https://www.assemblymennonite.org/covid-19-information/>.

## COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Oct 30 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 12:30pm Surprise Luncheons		Nov 1 • 7pm Leadership group	Nov 2 • 1pm Women's lunch bunch • 6pm Small group childcare		Nov 4 • 9am Play group • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	
Nov 6 <i>2% offering</i> Daylight Savings Time ends • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school			Nov 9 • 7pm <i>The Territory</i> movie showing		Nov 11 • 9am Play group	Nov 12 • 3pm Mentor/Mentee event
Nov 13 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Nov 14 • 4:30 & 6 pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group	Nov 15 • 6pm: Labyrinth walk			Nov 18 • 9am Play group	

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Come Play With Us:** You are invited to an **Introduction to InterPlay**. On October 29, InterPlayers from Michigan, Indiana and perhaps Chicago will gather at our Meetinghouse for a day of play. Maryellen May from Bloomington, Indiana and yours truly, Linda Schlabach Miller are designing the morning (9:30 - 11:30am) for those from our congregation (and the Goshen/Elkhart community) who would like to learn about what our Assembly Dance Group does on Monday evenings. For more information contact Linda at 574-538-8324 or [lschlabachm@gmail.com](mailto:lschlabachm@gmail.com). or just show up on Saturday.

**Childcare for small groups on Nov 2.** Sign your children up by Monday, Oct 31 for free childcare from 6-8:30pm at the Meetinghouse. This gives small groups an opportunity for an “adults only” gathering. Children from birth through grade 5 are welcome. Sign up can be found [here](#).

**Yoga:** Yoga class will be canceled until Monday, Nov 14.

**Women's Lunch Bunch:** Lunch Bunch on Wednesday November 2 at 1pm will feature Emily Stuckey Weber speaking about her work at Goshen Public Library. We will meet in the gathering space. Bring your questions and your own beverage.

**Ministry Teams** -- Consider participating in one of the following ways to live out your faith:

- **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery ministry team:** A new Assembly ministry team is forming for people interested in learning more about the history of Indigenous Peoples in this region, the oppression they have endured, and how we might stand in solidarity with them in their movement for justice.
- **Reparations Committee:** Now that we as a congregation have committed to paying on our nation's collective debt for centuries of harm committed to Black and Indigenous Peoples, we are looking for people interested in exploring with others where and how we will disburse these payments.
- **Assembly Green Team:** Brian Sauder, director of [Faith in Place](#), recently preached at Assembly, and invited us to build on our history of action focused on creation care and climate change. [Green Teams](#) are resourced by Faith in Place with programs and opportunities for Earth care in and beyond the congregation.
- **Dismantling Patriarchy ministry team:** Recent rollbacks of women's rights have highlighted ways in which men continue to hold power and domination over others in our society. In response there is renewed energy to support public policy aimed at supporting women's health, maternal health, and other women empowerment goals. This is an opportunity to join with others in informing the congregation of advocacy opportunities when they arise.

Let [Karl Shelly](#) know if you want to participate in or have questions about any of these initiatives.

**Everence Sharing Funds.** These funds may be accessed by our church members facing a financial crisis or emergency. Unexpected home repairs, high utility costs, uncovered medical or dental costs can be unsettling. Please contact one of our pastors if you are currently experiencing such difficulties. We have until December 10 to submit grant requests. Feel free to contact Barb Hassan, your Everence advocate, with questions.

**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.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AT ASSEMBLY

**Two Percent Committee** is recommending a number of disbursements to agencies around the world. If you have concerns about any of these donations, please contact [Susan Mark Landis](#), chair, by November 6. The committee will meet again in December to disburse the year's remaining funds. If you have suggestions or requests, get them to Susan Mark Landis, committee chair. Remember that we give to established organizations, not individuals. We don't begin programs. Other members on the committee are Barb Swartley, Glenn Gilbert, Barb Hassan, Joel Zwier and Marshall King. ([What is the Two Percent Fund?](#))

Local: [ADEC](#) \$1,000; [Center for Healing and Hope](#) \$1,000 for general budget and \$500 for immigrant services; [Victim Offender Reconciliation Program](#) at Center for Community Justice \$500; [Seed to Feed](#) \$500; [Cora Dale House](#) (Elkhart County Clubhouse) \$1,000; [First Light Mission](#) (GIHN) \$1,000; [Elkhart County Jail Ministry](#) \$500; [La Casa](#) general fund \$2,000; [Mosaic Health & Healing Arts](#) \$500; [Ryan's Place](#) \$1,000; [The Window](#) \$2,000; [Safety Networks](#) \$1,000; [Tolson Center for Community Excellence](#) \$1,000; and [Child And Parent Services](#), \$1,000.

World and national: [Community Peacemaker Teams](#) \$500; [Dove's Nest](#) \$500; [Jubilee Partners](#) \$500; [National Immigrant Justice Center](#) \$5,000; [MCC](#) for health and infant kits \$1,500; [SEMILLA](#) \$1,500; [Mennonite Disaster Service](#) \$3,000; and [Dismantling Doctrine of Discovery](#), \$1,000.

**Assembly Student Aid:** Will you or your child be learning at a Mennonite school/college/seminary next year? We as a congregation want to financially support those among us who opt for education at a Mennonite institution. Covenanted members and their children will qualify for grants of 8% of tuition at Mennonite seminaries, colleges, and Bethany Christian High School and Middle School. **Now it's time to budget! By Nov 1:** Please let a member of the Student Aid Committee know if you or children in your family are considering or continuing Mennonite education for 2023-24, and at which institution and grade level. Contact Cheryl Mast <[home.mast@gmail.com](mailto:home.mast@gmail.com)> about students at Bethany (6th-12th grades). Contact Paul Meyer Reimer <[paulmr@goshen.edu](mailto:paulmr@goshen.edu)> about students at Menno colleges and seminaries.

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ASSEMBLY

**Remembrance Gatherings:** Saturday, October 29th at 2 p.m. we'll host structured Remembrance Gatherings at the Meetinghouse in classroom 3. This is a sacred and structured opportunity to talk about and remember a loved one. Each person will have five minutes to tell stories, describe your person, and introduce us to them. Then we will respond with five minutes of questions about your person. Then we'll have a moment of silence and then the next person will go. You may want to bring a photo of a keepsake to show the group. Please RSVP to [annays@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:annays@assemblymennonite.org)

**Covenanting:** Small Group Alpha is pleased to announce that Alex Graber Neufeld and Steve Wolma will covenant with the congregation on November 13.

**Sign up for a (FREE) 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](#) to make arrangements, and let them know you're from Assembly.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Taizé service at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.** Community members are invited to a Taizé service on the AMBS campus this Wednesday, November 2nd, themed around All saints and All Souls day. We will meet in the Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount at 8pm.

**Handel's Messiah:** The Vesper Chorale will be singing Handel's Messiah on **Sunday, November 13** at 3pm at Kern Road Mennonite Church. Jamie Lake sings with this choir as well as others known to Goshen: Susan Dengler and Jon Kauffmann-Kennel. This a great way to start off the holiday season and celebrate 30 years with us.

## DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**First Light Mission (formerly IHN) Annual Fundraiser Dinner – Tuesday, Nov 15, 6 pm** at Bread and Chocolate. Please help support our mission and get a seat or a table before it is too late. Tickets are \$150 per person. To order your tickets call the office at 574-534-2300 or follow the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-a-place-at-the-table-tickets-424643950487>

**Short-term housing needed:** Affordable housing needed for Pratik Bagh (AMBS alum) and his family who will move back to Elkhart near the end of November and stay through the end of June. Pratik will serve as interim co-pastor at Hively Ave. Mennonite Church. Email Jamie Pitts ([jpitts@ambs.edu](mailto:jpitts@ambs.edu)) if you know of any available housing in the Elkhart area.

**Center for Healing & Hope** has a variety of volunteer opportunities now and in the new year. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Missy Schrock at [mkschrock@chhclinics.org](mailto:mkschrock@chhclinics.org) or 574-534-4744 x206, or Dr. Rose Gillin at [rgillin@chhclinics.org](mailto:rgillin@chhclinics.org).

Volunteer Now:

- Fall landscaping clean-up - great for a group activity! (pulling weeds, raking leaves, etc.)
- Preparing children's gift bags for an event on December 2 (also good for a group activity)
- Helping at an event on December 2 from 6 pm - 8 pm (there will be a piñata!)

Volunteer Later:

- Spanish language interpreters for the clinic and GRID
- Nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physicians to care for patients with acute needs (volunteering 48 half days per year is equivalent to a \$10,000+ contribution!)
- A physician to perform immigration physicals (certification needed, paperwork handled by staff, and equivalent to a \$100,000+ contribution!)

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery presentations.** Sarah Augustine, co-founder of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, will be speaking at several local venues: Nov 8 at 11:45am AMBS chapel service & 6:30pm at Goshen Public Library; Nov 9 at 10am Goshen College chapel service. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

## WIDER CHURCH

**Join us for a community hymn sing!** On Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. the community is invited to join Goshen College in the College Mennonite Church Sanctuary for a hymn sing. The hymn sing will be led by Bradley Kauffman '96, SaeJin Lee '11 and Adam Tice '02. The three will lead songs and share about the convergence of visual and musical elements in the Mennonite hymnal *Voices Together* (2020).

**MCC's work in Ukraine.** Thank you for your continuing support of the work of MCC and the important work of our partners in the crisis in Ukraine. Your support has allowed these partners to minister in their communities sharing God's hope and comfort during this challenging time. MCC recently released the following Thank You video from one of our partners in Ukraine. You can watch the video [here](#).

***Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*** Fall 2022 issue on Spirituality and Aging can be read [here](#).

**Daily prayers for Mennonite Education** for November can be found [here](#).

**Mennonite Creation Care Network** newsletter for November can be read [here](#).

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer.** Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp are stepping back from the day-to-day responsibilities of managing the Menno Village farm in Japan and focusing on preparing the next generation of leaders and lay people in the church to practice a biblically-based theology of land stewardship. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for them as they write and present in workshops and conferences.

[Learn about opportunities to serve with Mennonite Voluntary Service](#) in projects related to environmental restoration, immigration justice, housing justice, education, and more – in Alamosa, Colorado, in Chicago, Aibonito, Puerto Rico, San Francisco, and Tucson. Also learn how you can partner in prayer and financial support with the work of MVSers.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Facilities & Land Stewardship Assistant** – Camp Friedenswald is seeking a person with experience and skills in buildings and grounds maintenance and/or land stewardship. The ideal candidate will have experience in both areas, but we're happy to work with a curious and eager learner. We're looking for someone who is excited to join our dynamic team and contribute to the life and mission of Camp. On-site housing and full benefits included. See full [job description](#) for details. [Apply online.](#)

**Immigration Attorney** - La Posada Immigrant Aid in Elkhart is seeking an Immigration attorney. [La Posada Immigrant Aid](#) is a faith-based non-profit organization, a ministry expressing the heart of Mennonite Churches in the Elkhart County area to serve new immigrants. Click [here](#) to apply.

**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](#).

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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>.