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AssemblyLine

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WORSHIP

Join us Sundays [on Zoom at 10 AM:](#)

<p>Jan 16</p> <p>10 AM Worship on Zoom</p> <p>Sermon: Rabbi Sharon Braus</p> <p>Scripture: Genesis 48</p>	<p>Jan 23</p> <p>10 AM Worship on Zoom</p> <p>Sermon: Gwen Gustafson-Zook</p> <p>Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-10</p>
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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Jared Martin (7th, GJHS) turned 13 on Dec. 30th! Jared loves his cats! He also likes to play Minecraft and board games with friends. He really enjoys building Lego sets and doing theatre at school. He wishes for more snow to go with the cold and thinks putting milk in the bowl before cereal is evil! He also thinks the cheese is very good!



Isaya Magatti (7th, BCS) turned 13 on Jan. 7th! Isaya can do 88 jumping jacks in a minute! He likes advisory time at school and reading (mostly fantasy). He is hoping to learn to skateboard. He likes to play tennis, violin and act in theatre productions (most recently at the Lerner). He enjoyed a trip to Hawaii and would love to return.



Rachel Hirschler (7th, BCS) turned 13 on Jan. 7th! Rachel likes to play board games with her mentor and her family. She enjoys drawing in her freetime and really likes art class at school. She likes to hang out with her friends, play violin and read. She hopes to one day travel the world and learn new languages!



Lena Osborne (4th, Chamberlain) turned 10 on Jan. 10th! Lena is super excited to be turning double digits AND have her golden birthday (10 on the 10th) at the same time! Lena loves to cook, build forts and read graphic novels. She has been excited to start up dance classes again this year after a COVID hiatus and continue with Rejoice children's choir. You'll often find Lena snuggling with her dog, Petey, and hanging out with her big sister and parents.

THIS SUNDAY

Jan 16, 2022

8:55am – Children in Worship (Sunday school for Kindergarten & 1st grade students) at the Assembly meetinghouse.

10am - Join us [on Zoom](#) for **Worship at 10am**. There will be a dedicated breakout room for children hosted by the Christian Formation committee; children are also welcome to join another worship cluster with their parents.

For more information and for a short video orienting you to Zoom cluster worship, [click here](#).

Zoom Cluster Worship is a more intimate, participatory form of online worship at Assembly. Each Sunday from Jan 16-Feb 20 we will worship at 10 AM in groups of 16-20 households. This will allow everyone to be seen on one screen, and will move away from “watching a performance” of worship done somewhere else. The sermon, children’s time, and music will be pre-recorded and shared by the tech host; you can volunteer to read or pray, and you can respond to the sermon and share prayer requests. Join [via the same Zoom link](#) as always, and then join a cluster group (breakout room). Breakout rooms are assigned by small group, or last name (for those not in small groups). There will also be a breakout room for children, hosted by a member of the Christian Education committee, and using content related to that week’s theme. (Children may also choose to join a cluster group with their parents).

Our sermon this Sunday is a recorded sermon from Rabbi Sharon Brous. Brous is the senior and founding rabbi of IKAR, a Jewish community in Los Angeles that launched in 2004 to reinvigorate Jewish practice and inspire people of faith to reclaim a moral and prophetic voice. Her sermon draws on both Old Testament texts and rabbinic midrashim.

11:15am – Join us [on Zoom](#) for “second hour” electives, including: “Defund the Police? An Abolition Curriculum” led by Karl Shelly, “Sermon Response” facilitated by Scott Coulter, and “Harry Potter” led by Lora Nafziger.

Share Prayer Requests by [filling out the online form at this link](#). You may continue to do this throughout each week. Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays. **(This will be especially important to use in the coming weeks if you want to share beyond those present in your cluster on Sunday morning**

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

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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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Church Office Hours: Vary. Contact the church office at office@assemblymennonite.org or leave a message at 574-534-4190

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:55am Children in Worship 10am Worship on Zoom 11:15am Second Hour JYF Winter Camp at Friedenswald 		Jan 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Labyrinth Walk 7:15pm Small Group Reps on Zoom 	Jan 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 		Jan 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 	Jan 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm Memorial Service for Harold Metzler on Zoom
Jan 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:55am Children in Worship 10am Worship on Zoom 11:15am Second Hour 7pm Congregational Meeting on Zoom 	Jan 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Dance Group 		Jan 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 		Jan 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 	
Jan 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:55am Children in Worship 10am Worship on Zoom 11:15am Second Hour 		Feb 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Leadership Group 7:15pm Small Group Reps on Zoom 	Feb 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 1pm Lunch Bunch on Zoom 		Feb 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Greencroft Meetup on Zoom 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 	

SATURDAY JANUARY 15

A memorial service for Merritt Gardner will take place [at the Assembly Zoom link](#) on Sat Jan 15 at 1pm (come at 12:50pm for a slideshow remembrance). Read Merritt's obituary here:

<https://obituaries.goshennews.com/obituary/merritt-gardner-1084117932>

Stargazing and psalms party at Steve Shantz's (60728 CR 27) on Jan 15th at 7pm. We can learn so much about God and our place in the universe by looking at the sky. Bring binoculars and dress very warmly. We will see the crescent moon, Mercury and Mars while sharing warm drinks, psalms, and stories. Please RSVP to [Lora Nafziger](#) by Friday Jan. 14th. This is for all ages!

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Our prayers are with the family of Harold Metzler as they mourn his death on Jan 12. A memorial service is scheduled for Sat Jan 22; more details are forthcoming.

Congregational Meeting Jan 23. Join us for the next Congregational Meeting on Zoom at 7pm Sunday Jan 23. The agenda will include a first reading of the proposed 2022 Spending Plan. Please review both parts of the spending plan here: ([Assembly Life and Mission](#)); ([Mission Beyond Assembly](#)). If you have questions about the spending plan, please contact Larry Gautsche, chair of Finance Committee, or Randy Roth, chair of Leadership Group.

Ordination! Assembly's elders have sent [this letter](#) to Central District Conference requesting ordination for Anna Yoder Schlabach. We look forward to celebrating her ordination at our worship service on March 6, 2022!

Anabaptist World Subscriptions should be renewed through the church office by January 31. Please contact office@assemblymennonite.org if you are interested in subscribing at the group rate through the church office, or if you are renewing your subscription.

Meals for Beechy King family. *Our prayers are with Tristan Beechy King and his family following the death of his mother unexpectedly on Christmas Eve Day. Small Group Polar Bear wants to support Tristan & Mary's family in this time by providing meals, and invites the congregation to share in showing tangible love in this way. Please consider signing up to bring them a meal here: <https://www.takethemameal.com/QNYN1806>.*

Invitation to Update Your COVID-19 Vaccination Status. Knowing who in the congregation is vaccinated (and boosted) will shape our ability to make informed decisions as we continue to navigate the pandemic. (This information will be kept confidential to the pastoral team). Please complete the following form to notify the church office of any changes in your / household members' vaccination status: <https://forms.gle/QwTnEyNmBoYttds96>.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Everence Scholarships. Is your child a senior? Are they considering college admission? If so, Everence Financial is accepting scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 school year, until Feb. 28th. Everence scholarships are a member benefit. To qualify, the student, their parents or legal guardian need to own or use an Everence product. Feel free to contact Everence via their website or email with questions. (<https://www.everence.com/living-the-values/grants-and-scholarships-and-awards>)

Lacasa, Inc. offers free classes via Zoom in February. "Master your credit," "Master your money," "Master your debt," "Master homeownership". Learn more here: <https://lacasainc.net/classes/>.

You are invited to participate in an Intro to InterPlay class on Zoom. InterPlay is an active, creative way to unlock the wisdom of the body. We use the InterPlay tools in our Monday night Dance Group and many of the dances we used to dance for worship came from our integration of the InterPlay tools. We have a special guest and recently graduated InterPlay Leader, Maryellen May from Bloomington, Indiana leading us. January 10, February 14, March 14 and April 11 from 6:30 - 8:00. Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84571822266?pwd=cGZlYmJMQUFZdmVpVTVVb0tRSXBQU09> Email Linda Schlabach Miller at lschlabachm@gmail.com or Maryellen at bodyhome21@gmail.com for more information.

MCC U.S. is hosting a Young Adult Peacebuilders Training in Colorado from March 6-11, 2022! Young adults ages 18-30 are invited to participate. [Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp](#) will serve as a home base for participants, offering a beautiful and relaxing space to rest, study and have fun together as a group. This Peacebuilders Training will touch on themes of racial equity, immigration, mass incarceration, gun violence and conflict transformation. It will include trips to visit [RAWtools](#), an organization working out of Colorado Springs to move communities away from violence, as well as [Casa de Paz](#), an organization working out of Aurora to reunite separated families. The participant fee is \$200. All other costs (including travel, lodging and meals) will be covered by MCC. Register [here](#).

The Center for Justice and Peacebuilding is offering courses online in February and March for professional development (*no academic credit available*) including: [Intro to Restorative Justice](#), [Designing Powerful Solutions With\(in\) Community](#), [Circle Processes](#), and [Economics for Emancipation](#). [Apply here](#).

Michiana Regional Seed Swap has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, 10 am. to 2:30 p.m., at the Goshen College Church-Chapel. Join fellow gardeners, growers and plant enthusiasts at this free event to gather and exchange seeds, compare and discuss varieties, attend educational sessions and more. Participants are not required to bring seeds to the event, but if you save seeds please bring them along! Learn more at goshen.edu/merrylea/seedswap

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Faith Mennonite Church is looking for new hosts for Hope House, a place of hospitality that offers two guest rooms for emergency, short-term housing for people in transition. The live-in host(s) provide(s) a welcoming presence and tends to the daily needs of hosting. Contact kay.bsinger@gmail.com or deronbbergstresser@gmail.com for more information.

The MCC Great Lakes (Take Home) Comforter Bash in Goshen is in full swing! We invite you to join us in making as many comforters for MCC as possible. The supplies needed to make a comforter are available until March 1 for pick up at the MCC Material Resources Center at The Depot (door #2) Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Call Nadine Zook Miller at 574-534-4071 to schedule or if you have questions.

Church Community Services will be offering a series of free, 1-hour community classes about different gardening topics in 2022. A different topic will be discussed each month by staff or local experts. To learn more, visit: www.churchcommunityservices.org/stfclasses. They are also [accepting applications for Soup of Success](#) (a job and life-skills program), and the [Teen Growers Internship](#). Volunteers are also needed to [drive box trucks and vans for the food pantry](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service has Weekly Volunteer Opportunities in Breathitt County Kentucky (Jan 23-29), Okanogan Washington (throughout Jan-Mar), and Paradise California (dates in Jan-Mar). [See opportunities here](#).

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY

What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hopes in the City of Elkhart: This forthcoming documentary and book will be the focus of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **2022 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day** program. The pieces explore life in the predominantly Black Benham West neighborhood, including experiences of segregation in Elkhart, the city's clearing of Benham West, and some of the remaining elders' hopes for the future. The public is invited to attend the online event, which will be livestreamed on **Monday, Jan. 17, 2-3:30 p.m. EST**. amb.edu/mlkday

Goshen College's King Celebration takes place Jan. 16-17, featuring keynote speaker: Dr. Vilna Bashi Treitler, sociologist and visual artist from Northwestern University, who will help guide our community along the theme of "Voices in the Movement." The hybrid virtual/in-person event includes an arts competition on Jan. 16, a convocation at 10 a.m. on Jan. 17, breakout sessions and a prayer service. These events are free and open to the public. For more information and a full schedule, visit www.goshen.edu/mlk.

Mennonite Mission Network | "Stir Up Peace" video series

As part of its peace witness, Mission Network has re-launched "[Stir Up Peace](#)," a nine-episode educational video mini-series that details how nonviolent direct action can be applied to create change. Episode 1 references Martin Luther King Jr., who reminded us that patience is necessary in that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Read the news release [here](#).

This weekend, as we remember Martin Luther King Jr., who followed Jesus' way of nonviolent civil disobedience to bring hope to people who have been marginalized by society, pray for Mennonite Mission Network's ministry of dismantling racism in the United States and around the world.

WIDER CHURCH

Pathways Retreat will be holding their annual Candlemas and Crepes celebration via Zoom on Wednesday, January 26 at 7pm. Ash Wednesday prayers will be held at noon on March 2. Daily prayers have resumed and are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org. Read the January Pathways Newsletter here: <https://static-promote.weebly.com/share/38080959-39a6-4b6a-8522-378135cc8358>

Christian Peacemaker Teams is now Community Peacemaker Teams. The mission of CPT remains the same. "Everyone at CPT is encouraged to bring their expression of spirituality or faith or what motivates them to the work of peacebuilding while grounded in our shared values of equality, human dignity, justice and peace." For more information, visit https://cpt.org/about/cpt-name-change?blm_aid=22546.

CommonRead: “Been in the Struggle”. Herald Press, Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada are encouraging Mennonites to read carefully selected books to equip the church. Join other North American Mennonites in reading the current CommonRead book, “Been in the Struggle: Pursuing an Antiracist Spirituality” by Regina Shands Stoltzfus and Tobin Miller Shearer. Learn more here: <https://www.mennomedia.org/commonread/>.

Abolition Resource. Mennonite Church USA developed a new online resource to help connect churches doing abolition work. An accompaniment to the “Defund the Police? An Abolition Curriculum,” the web page promotes mutual support and resource sharing between churches. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/abolition-networking-resource/>.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Associate Conference Minister Opening. The Central District Conference (CDC) of Mennonite Church USA seeks a .33 - .5 FTE associate conference minister with primary responsibility for resourcing emerging communities of faith. CDC currently serves 48 congregations across 11 states. Several new or potential communities of faith are exploring how they are called to be Church. The successful candidate will demonstrate a deep love for the Anabaptist/Mennonite church in its many forms, be able to engage in creative discernment strategies, and be informed by MC USA agency resources. Travel is expected. Candidates who bring additional diversity to our current CDC staff are preferred. Salary commensurate with MC USA guidelines. For job descriptions and questions, contact the search committee chairperson, Jan Lugibihl at jan.lugibihl@gmail.com.

Mennonite Disaster Service is hiring. [See openings here.](#)

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School has a full-time opening for a Middle School Principal starting July 2022. [Learn more here.](#)

Other jobs in Mennonite Education are posted here: <https://mailchi.mp/4a204ab60667/prayers-for-mennonite-education-5084781?e=93c8c56609>

Come work at Goshen College! GC has many employment opportunities for teaching faculty, administrative staff and more. Visit goshen.edu/employment to see all job openings and learn more.