

WORSHIP

Join us Sundays at 9:30am

<p>Feb 27 9:30 AM Worship in Person Carnival Sunday Storytellers: Gretchen Krause, Naomi Roots & Doug Schirch</p>	<p>March 6 9:30 AM Worship in Person Anna Yoder Schlabach's ordination 2% Offering Preacher: Mariah Martin Scripture: Luke 4:1-13</p>
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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Safia Sywulka (5th Bethany) turned 11 on Jan. 3rd! Safia got to celebrate her birthday with cousins in Guatemala! She likes music and is learning percussion, flute and auto harp. She also has play dates as often as possible! She enjoys learning German and having family movie and game nights. If that's not enough to keep her busy, right now Safia is playing volleyball too!



Magdalena Horst (6th GIS) turns 12 on Feb. 28th! Magdalena loves outer space. She loves reading about it and learning about it. And she especially likes space related realistic fiction! She sings in choir and plays trumpet and piano when she is not hanging out with her friends, making art or playing games with her family. Someday Magdalena would like to travel in South America and Europe.



Spencer Glick Miller (4th Parkside) turned 10 on Feb. 27th! Spencer enjoys playing video games and playing outside. He likes to read graphic novels and has a great imagination and sense of humor! Spencer enjoys riding bikes with his family and small group. 2 is his favorite number and he prefers vanilla to chocolate. Spencer would like to get better at swimming this summer!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27

9:30am – This Sunday we are celebrating Carnival – a festival of laughter, humor, and play. Through laughing at ourselves we make space for the Spirit's work in us. Our theme this year is "Called to be..." You're invited to wear a costume (but you don't have to) and make a nametag or sign that says "Called to be _____" (whatever you like). We'll hear stories of ambiguous callings, clear callings, ignored callings. We'll be interrupted by unwanted or unexpected calls. And there will be clowns. Come early to make signs/nametags; the service starts at 9:30am; no Sunday school this week but there will be childcare. We will enjoy donuts together outside in the parking lot after worship. **Join us inside in person or [on Zoom](#) this Sunday.**

1pm – JYF Gathering at Meetinghouse

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Carnival Sunday Worship (in Person & on Zoom) • 1pm JYF Gathering 	Feb 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Dance Group 	March 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm Leadership Group 	March 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm Pathways Ash Wednesday service on Zoom • 1pm Women's Lunch Bunch on Zoom • 7-8:30pm Ash Wednesday Retreat at meetinghouse 		March 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Greencroft Meet up on Zoom • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 	March 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30-11:45am Central District Conference Regional Gathering on Zoom
March 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 8pm Anti-Racism Accountability Group on Zoom 			March 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 		March 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 	
March 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 1pm JYF Gathering 	March 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Dance Group 		March 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 		March 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 	March 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5pm Family Lent Retreat

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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COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Seeking God's Ways Together is the theme for our Lent 2022 worship. Lent is a 40-day (+ 6 Sundays) season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. While we often think of Lent as a time to give up something, this year we urge you to take on something: face-to-face worship, in our Assembly meetingplace. We invite you to make a commitment to come join with your siblings in Christ as we Seek God's Ways. Together. Each week will focus on the theme of movement away from one thing (like fear) and toward something else (like compassion). We will practice embodied rituals together, like communion, anointing, and footwashing/handwashing. We will also celebrate Anna Yoder Schlabach's ordination on March 6! There will be two opportunities to begin Lent: a family kick-off on Sat Feb 26 at 3:30, and an Ash Wednesday retreat at 7pm on March 2. [Please read the full introduction to Lent here.](#)

Volunteer for Sunday Morning Tasks in March-April! We need volunteers to do the following Sunday morning tasks: Greeters, Attendance Takers, Cash Offering Counters, Lock Up, and Nursery Volunteers (for ages 0-4 years). Please sign yourself up to help [using this Google spreadsheet](#), or contact office@assemblymennonite.org. If each person puts their name in two cells on this spreadsheet, we should easily be able to cover all of these needs through Easter Sunday.

The writers of the Resolution for Repentance and Transformation [IMP Resolution](#) are encouraging supportive congregations and individuals to send pictures of their congregation or representative group holding up signs of support for the resolution. They're hoping to put the images into a slideshow for use before and during the Delegate Assembly. We'll have signs available on Sunday and we'll take a photo of the whole congregation after worship.

Begin Lent with an Ash Wednesday Retreat at the meetinghouse. Gather on March 2, from 7-8:30 pm, to sing, pray and bless each other with ashes. Lent is always about a turning from self-preoccupation and this year Sunday morning worship will explore the movements away from one thing and toward something else. The Ash Wednesday retreat will invite you to consider what you would like to turn away from and what you would like to make new. Come prepared to share your ideas with others and together imagine ways to represent this turning and to make it concrete. **Please RSVP to [Lora Nafziger](#).**

Wednesday Prayer Group. Anyone at Assembly is invited to join the prayer group on Wednesday March 9. We will meet in the family room (on the second floor) of Juniper Place at Greencroft between 4-5. If you are committed to meeting with us weekly to pray for concerns that have been shared on Sunday and some that have not been shared, please join us. We pray, knowing that God hears our prayers and will answer in a way that is better than we could ever hope, plan or imagine. These are some of the members of the prayer group that you can contact if you want more information: Sandy Fribley, Anne Birky, Joyce Hostetler & Jon Zirkle. We miss Merritt Gardner, who was one of our most dedicated prayer partners.

Missing Hymnals Did you take home a Voices Together Hymnal at some point in the last year? Please bring it back.

Lunch Bunch is on zoom March 2 at 1pm and our speaker is Mary Yoder Holsopple, sharing about their decision to live in Alaska and about their life there.

Our congregation continues to benefit from Everence Sharing Fund. Last year we provided five grants, totaling \$3,000. This year, we have again been awarded \$3,000 in matching funds to support special congregational needs. If you have a special need, please share with your small group, any of our pastors, or Barb Hassan, our Everence Advocate.

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.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Many thanks to all who worked extra hard during Christmas week to provide great food for folks living and working at Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network, at St. Mark's. Residents will be moving to Merit Learning Center soon. We haven't received information about how we can help with moving or meals. Stay tuned! *Susan Mark Landis*

The Elkhart County Jail Ministry Dessert Banquet is Tuesday, May 10, 7:00-8:30 pm (doors open at 6:00pm), at Nappanee Missionary Church. If there are at least eight who want to go, we'll get an Assembly table. No cost (although there will be a donation request) and Essenhaus pies will be served! This is a nice follow-up to our adult elective on "Defund the Police?" and an opportunity to learn more about the local criminal justice system. All interested are invited. Let me, Karl Shelly, know so I can get an Assembly table if adequate interest.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Free financial education classes in March from LaCasa, Inc. More information can be found [here](#).

Registration is open for the annual Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science, held virtually March 11-13, 2022, featuring Dr. Ann Pederson, professor of religion at Augustana University, and Dr. Jennifer Gubbels, associate professor and chair of biology at Augustana University, exploring the topic "Trauma and the Environment: How Then Shall We Live?" They will present two public virtual lectures on March 11 & 12. More information and registration is available at goshen.edu/religionscience.

Men's Desert Spirituality Retreat in Utah. The deadline is quickly approaching and Pathways Retreat needs one more registration by March 15 for the trip to happen. Find more information and registration [here](#).

Rising high school juniors and seniors can make Merry Lea their home for a week this summer at the Conservation Leadership School, June 6-10, 2022. Camp overnight and explore the world of natural resources and conservation. Canoe across glacial lakes, plan and run a community nature event, and get a taste of careers like botany, land management or sustainable agriculture. Enjoy an educational and rejuvenating week at our beautiful 1200-acre nature preserve with peers and professionals inspired by the natural world. Cost is just \$25, and applications are due by May 2. Learn more at goshen.edu/merrylea/cls.

WIDER CHURCH

Free Lent at Home 2022 worship guide and calendar for download. The annual guide provides options for individuals and households to follow daily or weekly rituals, which include guided Scripture readings, prayers and special activities for the Lenten season. Download it here: mennoniteusa.org/lentathome. [[Download PPT slide here.](#)]

Respond to the crisis in Ukraine: MCC will be responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. "Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people," says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine. Donate today at mcc.org/ukraine.

Learn about the "Accessibility Resolution," which will be voted on at Mennonite Church USA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30. MHS' Clare Krabill and Anabaptist Disability Network's Jeanne Davies will discuss it during a webinar on Monday, Mar. 7 at 7 p.m. ET. Read the resolution and register for the webinar on the delegate resource page: mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate

Mennonite Men newsletter can be found [here](#).

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network, with more than a dozen partners, realized a long-held dream in 2021 — to make Anabaptist theological resources available in the French language. Praise God for the launch of this program with free monthly online webinars offered by *le Centre de Formation á la Justice et á la Paix* (Justice and Peace Training Center), and pray for its continued development.

Pathways Retreat will be holding their annual Ash Wednesday prayers virtually at noon on March 2 via Zoom. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.

Daily Prayer Requests from Mennonite Board of Education for March are [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

MCC is seeking to fill several SWAP positions: SWAP Location Coordinators in Hindman, Kentucky and SWAP Summer Staff in both Kimball, West Virginia and Harlan, Kentucky. MCC Appalachia's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program coordinates week-long service opportunities for young people and adults, to provide housing repair for low-income individuals and families.

- The Hindman Location Coordinators will plan and direct all aspects of the SWAP ministry in Hindman, Kentucky. MCC is also looking to connect with other ministries related to economic development and/or food security and would welcome location coordinators with these interests and backgrounds. The Location Coordinators will

report directly to the Appalachia Program Coordinator. Apply online for this opening at mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

- SWAP Summer Staff support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators are now open. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-staff or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at 606-634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

La Posada Immigrant Aid in Elkhart, Indiana, has several job openings. More information can be found [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA's job postings are here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/employment/>

Jobs in Mennonite Education are posted [here](#).