

WORSHIP

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

<p>March 6 9:30 AM Worship Anna Yoder Schlabach's ordination 2% Offering Worship Leader: Jonathon Schramm Preacher: Mariah Martin Scripture: Luke 4:1-13</p>	<p>March 13 Daylight Savings Time Change 9:30 AM Worship Handwashing Worship Leader: Scott Coulter Preacher: Leah Thomas Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35</p>
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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Ellie Hirschler (BCS, 6th) turned 12 on Feb.25th! Ellie likes to be active and plays soccer & futsal, volleyball and likes to run. She loves reading and cats-especially her own cats because they are playful and cuddly. She enjoys drawing, playing violin and board games with her family. Someday she would like to bike the entire Pumpkin Vine, and she is eager to go to Mennonite World Conference this summer.

SUNDAY MARCH 6

9:30am – This is the first Sunday of Lent. This year's Lent theme is Seeking God's Ways Together. The introduction to Lent can be found [here](#) or on the lit table. This morning we welcome Central District Conference Minister Doug Luginbill for Anna's ordination. Our sermon will be from Mariah Martin, pastor at Bonneyville Mennonite Church, a member of Anna's "lady pastor" group, and the creator and host of the brand-new podcast, "Called to be Bad." Welcome, Doug and Mariah! Join us inside in person or [on Zoom](#) this Sunday.

All ages are welcome to join us in the Worship Space at 9:30. Children & youth (infants through high school) will be dismissed for 45 minutes of Sunday School in the middle of the worship service. We are asking everyone ages 2 and older to wear a mask indoors. (We're aware that CDC guidance for Elkhart county has changed. Church leadership will confer with the COVID Advisory Task Force to evaluate our mask policy later this week).

The MYF will be making cookies and College Care Packages during this Sunday's Breakout session (during worship service) to send to graduated MYFers in their first and second years of college. Please plan to bring 1 type of item to send in 14 different care packages (example: 14 chapsticks, 14 granola bars, 14 notebooks etc.).

8pm – The Anti-Racism Accountability Group will meet tonight [on Zoom](#). This group consists of those who want to be more proactive in their anti-racism advocacy and would benefit from encouragement and accountability of others; it meets monthly. If you'd like to participate, [contact Karl Shelly](#), and include a short written description of what action you'd like to take that can be shared with the group.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 6 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 8pm Anti-Racism Accountability Group on Zoom			March 9 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom		March 11 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom	
March 13 Daylight Savings Time • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 1pm JYF Gathering	March 14 • 6:30pm Dance Group		March 16 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom		March 18 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom	March 19 • 5pm Family Lent Retreat
March 20 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 7pm Congregational Meeting on Zoom		March 22 • 7:15pm Small Group Reps Meeting on Zoom	March 23 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom		March 25 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom	
March 27 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	March 28 • 6:30pm Dance Group		March 30 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom		Apr 1 • 9:30am Greencroft meet up on Zoom • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom	

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

Lost and Found. All the lost and found items have been put on a table outside of the kitchen. Please peruse the table for items that may be yours. After several weeks the remaining items will be taken to The Depot.

Leadership Group met on Tuesday, March 1. They discussed 2021 surplus giving & treasurer succession. Approved minutes for Leadership Group and Congregational meetings can be read on the website [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.

Want to talk more about the MCUSA special delegate assembly resolutions? Join us March 20th immediately after church for a brief meeting with delegates Anna Yoder Schlabach, Jamie Lake, and Karl Shelly. We'll answer questions about the resolutions and hope to hear your thoughts as we prepare for the delegate assembly in May. [Read all the resolutions here.](#)

Daylight Savings Time is next Sunday! Remember to set your clocks forward so you aren't an hour late to church!

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.

Share Prayer Requests by [filling out the online form at this link](#). Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

MDS Volunteers Needed! The Indiana Amish through MDS are responding to the tornadoes in Mayfield, KY and are looking for drivers from now through July. This would be drivers from Northern Indiana to and from Kentucky, and more importantly to get volunteers from the accommodations to the jobsite on a daily basis, pick up materials at the lumber yard. You would be welcome to join the work too if interested and willing, but that is not a requirement. You would be driving 15 passenger vans, full size pickups, and if able towing either a 7x16 tool trailer or a flatbed trailer. If this is something that interests you, please let me, Darin Bontrager, know. My cell is 717-682-3480 and my email is dbontrager@mds.org.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Free financial education classes in March from LaCasa, Inc. More information can be found [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.

!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth. Participants in !Explore 2022 will attend Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia with Indonesian youth, explore theological questions and lived faith together, and visit parts of beautiful Java Island. The AMBS program — which is open to students in grades 10–12 — also includes a congregational internship. Generous financial support is available for the MWC expenses, and participants receive a \$1,000 stipend. Tap a shoulder! ambs.edu/explore

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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.

WIDER CHURCH

Learn about the Accessibility Resolution that will be voted on at the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30. Clare Krabill, COO of MHS (an agency of MC USA), and Jeanne Davies, executive director of Anabaptist Disabilities Network, will discuss this resolution during a webinar on March 7 at 7 p.m. ET / 4 p.m. PT. Se ofrecerá servicio de intérprete al español. Register today: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-accessibility

Camp Friedenswald Volunteers Needed. Do you have some free time in your schedule to share your love of Camp Friedenswald with the next generation of campers by working in the dining hall? The spring 2022 Outdoor Ed. season is quickly approaching, and we need support staff to make it happen. We are looking for help with dishes and food prep during the months of April and May. Days and times vary depending on the group and every shift covered earns you a free meal. For more information please contact: Eric Emerson, Food Service Director/Camp Friedenswald, eric@friedenswald.org, (269)476-9744 ext.1226

Grand Camp April 8-9 at Friedenswald! Grand Camp provides a weekend filled with quality time for grandparents (or grand-friends) and grandchildren to make memories together at Friedenswald. This weekend camp will include times of storytelling, guided conversations, art projects and time in nature. Lisa Weaver will be offering input drawing upon her co-authored book "Let the Children Come to Me." She will share stories from long ago and around the world, and lead participants through simple experiences that can be adapted and revisited at home. For a tentative schedule and more information, please visit our [website](#).

Mennonite Creation Care Network Newsletter can be found [here](#).

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the safety of its personnel and partners in Burkina Faso during January's coup d'état. Pray for peace, both on the national level and in the increasing number of communities impacted by Islamist militant violence. May Mennonite churches witness to God's peace.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Center for Healing & Hope is seeking an Administrative Assistant to work in the executive office at the clinic. This position is 20 hrs/week with a flexible schedule. Duties include light bookkeeping, development tasks, and volunteer coordination. Contact Missy Schrock (mkschrock@chhclinics.org or 574-534-4744 x206) for a job description and more details.

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

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

Goshen College job postings can be found [here](#).