

WORSHIP

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

<p>March 13 Daylight Savings Time Change 9:30 AM Worship Handwashing Worship Leader: Scott Coulter Preacher: Leah Thomas Scripture: Luke 13:31-35</p>	<p>March 20 9:30 AM Worship Anointing Worship Leader: Leon Bauman Preacher: Marlene Kroeker Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21</p>
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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Eleonora Gollner (BCS 6th) turned 13 on Feb 23rd! Eleonora likes to play basketball and rollerblade and would like to take piano lessons. She enjoys spending time with friends and reading a lot! She enjoys her pets, pizza and building Lego with her sister.

SUNDAY MARCH 13

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

9:30am – 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. You may also join our worship service [on Zoom](#).

This is the second 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. Our preacher this morning is Leah Thomas. Leah attends Assembly and is an Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Contextual Education at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

MYF: Just a reminder that this Sunday, March 13th, we will continue our new MYF series "Food for Thought" during our breakout session (Sunday school) during worship service. In case you weren't there last week, just listen for the dismissal announcement during service and head to the kitchen! This week we will be making cinnamon banana muffins (dairy-free). As a reminder, we will be following the church guidance with masking while we bake. Students will then have the opportunity to spread out and eat or take their food home with them.

JYF 12:30-4:30pm: This Sunday afternoon the junior youth will travel to a farm near Fort Wayne to help make maple syrup. We'll meet at the church to carpool at 12:30 and return at 4:30. Contact Becky Snider or Jonathon Schramm with questions.



Mask Policy: For Sunday morning worship and Sunday school, and other church services open to the public, we are still asking everyone ages 2 and older to wear a mask. We are thankful that we can worship (and sing!) together in person, while taking reasonable precautions that protect the most vulnerable among us. -AMC Pastoral Team

([Our Covid Advisory Committee](#) encourages everyone to be aware of the risks of attending large gatherings, particularly for those who are immuno-compromised or unvaccinated.)

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 13 Daylight Savings Time <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"> 5-6pm Family Lent Retreat at Meetinghouse
March 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 7pm Congregational Meeting on Zoom 		March 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:15pm Small Group Reps Meeting on Zoom 	March 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 		March 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 	
March 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 	March 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Dance Group 		March 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 		Apr 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Greencroft meet up on Zoom 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 	
April 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 8pm Anti-racism Accountability group on Zoom 			April 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom 1pm Women's Lunch Bunch on Zoom 		April 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Interested in having your own Voices Together Hymnal? We can save about \$5 per hymnal if we place a bulk order of 12 or more. [Let the office know](#) if you are interested in purchasing one (cost is around \$28). We'll plan to place the order by March 31.

Did you know Assembly has a Sharing List? If you're looking for camping supplies, fruit steamers, or snorkeling equipment someone in the congregation likely has it! [Check it out here](#). We're planning to update it in the coming months. If you have ideas on a better way to maintain and share this list, contact Ben Beyeler or Steve Shantz.

Your Assembly Library is awakening from its COVID hibernation, renewed and refreshed and ready to go. The space itself has been renovated, and the book collection has been edited and improved, with many new books. Very soon the list of titles will be available online so you can search from home. In the meantime, let Maria Wenger know if you have any questions (frau Wenger@hotmail.com). Your book suggestions are also welcome. We would like our library to be an active one; please do come by to check out a book!

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.

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. (Naomi Lapp Klassen will be our youth delegate to the assembly). 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](#).

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.

MYF (YOUTH 9TH-12TH GRADE)

MYF Drop-in on March 20 at 6:30pm. Make sure to mark your calendars for our drop-in on 3/20. Erich Schramm is hosting a "frog hike" in the woods around Reith Interpretive & Shanklin, along with a time for snacks and field games. Plan to meet at the pavilion outside of Shanklin pool. Drop-in will take place during the normal time frame of 6:30-8:00pm. Plan to bring some boots (or other footwear you don't mind getting muddy), clothes warm enough for the weather, and a snack to share. Masks are optional at this outdoor event.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

A letter of prayer and support was sent this week to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church of Goshen and signed by 60 Assembly participants. You can support Ukrainians displaced by the military invasion of their country by contributing to Mennonite Central Committee [here](#).

Voluntary Service Opportunity - Looking for an opportunity to use your Spanish-language skills in a service setting? MVS in San Antonio might be what you're looking for! Join Mennonite Voluntary Service and find opportunities to plug into intentional community and a church family, as well as serving with a nonprofit. Contact LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net to learn more.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Friendship Quilts and Family Registers Exhibit March 20-August 27, 2002 at Goshen College. The Good Library will feature an exhibit of Mennonite and Amish friendship quilts and family registers from the collection of the Mennonite Historical Library. A public reception will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2-4 pm. At 2:30 pm, Rebecca Haarer, quilt consultant, will comment on the quilts. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

"The Myth of the Perfect Victim: A Biblical Case for Taking Survivors Seriously." Join AMBS assistant professor Susannah Larry and mental health therapist Will Larry as they guide us to better understand men's and women's experiences of violence and the ways we can all be supportive. **On Zoom Mar 26, 11:30-1:30 Eastern Time.** ([Register Here](#)). Hosted by [Mountain States Mennonite Conference](#).

AMBS Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 20 – May 31. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online short course from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 16 and save \$50! ambs.edu/shortcourses

!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

International Student Club Coffeehouse - Tickets are on sale for this annual program at Goshen College on **March 19 at 7:30 p.m.** Come support international students as they share dance, music and culture from their home countries. A portion of proceeds from this year's events will support Mennonite Central Committee's emergency response in Ukraine. This performance will also be streamed live at goshen.edu/livestream. More information and tickets available at goshen.edu/tickets.

Conservation Leadership School at Merry Lea Environmental Center, June 6-10, 2022. Rising high school juniors and seniors can make Merry Lea their home for a week this summer! 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.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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](#).

Volunteers still needed! We still are in need of 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.

CAMP FRIEDENSWALD

Camp Friedenswald has a NEW Young Adult camp focused on Justice this summer (July 25-29, pay on a sliding scale as you are able.) There are also summer camp programs for grades 1-12 between June 12-July 8. [Visit the camp's website for details.](#)

Apply to join the 2022 Summer Staff at Camp Friedenswald. [Details here.](#)

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](#).

WIDER CHURCH

War and Peace: MCC's peacebuilding work and response to conflict: In this special live session, MCC staff and alumni will share stories about what peacebuilding work looks like in the midst of conflict in Ukraine, Colombia and DPRK (North Korea). They'll explore questions like: What does peace look like in the middle of war? And, how do we embody a peace perspective? Join the live virtual visit on Wednesday, March 16 at 8 p.m. EST / 7 p.m. CST. For more information and registration, visit mcc.org/webinars.

Prayer for Ukraine. Iris de León-Hartshorn of MCUSA has written [this litany](#). Also you can watch this recorded Lenten service: [Prayer for Peace in Ukraine](#), presented by nine ecumenical organizations, including [Mennonite World Conference](#) and supported by seven church denominations in Ukraine, including Mennonite Church in Ukraine.

MCC Response to Ukraine. MCC is accepting donations to support its response to the crisis in Ukraine. We will be focused on building up existing programs that support vulnerable people and extending those services to internally displaced populations. MCC's response will likely include psychosocial support and trauma healing, temporary emergency housing, emergency distributions of locally purchased emergency supplies such as blankets, and distribution of food packages. Financial donations can be given [here](#).

Mennonite Voluntary Service supports peacemaking work. [Read the story of Jonathan and Sarah Nahar](#), two alumni of Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS). Through MVS and other programs, Mennonite Mission Network takes the calling of transformative peacemaking to heart and encourages others in their transformation process.

Dismantling Patriarchy - For March (Women's History Month), the Women in Leadership ministry of Mennonite Church USA invites you to engage in its small group Bible study, "Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy" during the month of March. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/resource/laboring-toward-wholeness

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Prince of Peace Mennonite Church and the Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, as Zaden Issah, Sam Setiawan and leader Michael Oyer recently welcomed three new participants from Germany: Sarah Huber, Alexander Mantler and Daniel Schumacher. Ask God to bless their transition to a larger household.

The Pathways Newsletter for March is [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Friedenswald Summer Staff Needed!! If you're looking for a fun and rewarding adventure this summer, consider applying to join the 2022 Summer Staff at Camp Friedenswald! There are multiple positions available including leadership positions and counseling/rotational staff positions. Working at Camp provides you with plentiful opportunities to work on developing your own leadership skills while simultaneously helping to mentor youth campers. More information regarding the job descriptions, qualifications, benefits & pay, dates of summer employment, and our statement of inclusion can be found [on our website](#).

Attention Elkhart County Teens! Seed to Feed, a program of Church Community Services in Elkhart, is taking applications for their Spring & Summer Teen Growers Internship. This eight-week paid internship uses gardening to educate youth about nutrition and to teach valuable job skills while helping Seed to Feed produce fresh fruits and veggies for food pantry guests. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

Mennonite Church USA's job postings are [here](#).

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

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