

WORSHIP

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

<p>March 20 9:30 AM Worship Anointing</p> <p>Worship Leader: Leon Bauman Preacher: Marlene Kroeker from Everence Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21</p>	<p>March 27 9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>Worship Leader: Sean Smuts Preacher: Jeanne Davies from AdNet Scripture: Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</p>
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SUNDAY MARCH 20

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 third 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 Marlene Kroeker. Marlene is a Stewardship Consultant at Everence working in the Michiana (northern Indiana/southern Michigan) area. She focuses on sharing resources related to generosity and financial stewardship while educating others on how to use those tools to be more generous.

Join us immediately after worship in the Worship Space for a brief meeting with delegates Anna Yoder Schlabach, Jamie Lake, and Karl Shelly. (Also 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. [This summary document for the resolutions](#) has been prepared by Central District Conference. More information including recorded webinars are [here on the MCUSA website](#).

Order of Worship. Looking for an electronic copy of the order of worship for Sunday morning? You can find it every Saturday on our website [here](#).

MYF: 6:30-8pm - Erich Schramm is hosting the MYF (youth group) for a "frog hike" in the woods around Reith Interpretive Center & Shanklin Park, along with a time for snacks and field games. Plan to meet at the pavilion outside of Shanklin pool. 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.

7pm – All participants are welcome to join us for this month's Congregational Meeting [on Zoom](#). Agenda items include: (1) the 2022 Spending Plan and (2) a first reading of a proposal for the 2021 surplus funds. We anticipate testing for consensus on the Spending Plan at this meeting.



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	THUR	FRIDAY	SAT
Reminder: Lent Prayer Stations are open in the Multipurpose Space all week, Sat March 19 – Sat March 26.						
March 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 11am(?) Meeting with Delegates to MCUSA 6:30-8pm MYF at Shanklin Park 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 at the Community Center 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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Administrative Assistant: Becky Overholt (Tues,Thurs, Fri 9am-3pm) office@assemblymennonite.org; 574-534-4190
Church Administrator: Naomi Roots (no office hours; contact office@assemblymennonite.org)

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Lent Prayer Stations Sat March 19 - Sat March 26. Mark your time halfway through Lent with self-guided prayer stations at the meeting house. These stations are accessible for all ages and include invitations to prayer including silence, cross making, working with Children in Worship stories, and an opportunity to make your own print like the ones we are using in children's time. The stations will be staffed Sat Mar 19 from 3-5pm, and available in the multipurpose space for you to do on your own all week. (Contact the church office if you need the code to get into the building). (Also, Faith Mennonite will be in the Multipurpose Space on Sunday afternoon & evening).

Thank you! The Pastoral Team would like to thank the person who anonymously donated fair trade chocolate for our pastoral team meetings. We feel loved.

Camp Chairs – Did you leave a camp chair here when we had parking lot worship? Please check underneath the Lost & Found table to see if one or several are yours. Any unclaimed chairs will be donated after March 27.

Online Instant Church Directory- In the coming weeks we will be removing the old directory from the website and replacing it with the Instant Church Directory. To access the directory and update your information & picture, click [here](#). (The first time you sign in you will need to create a login using the email address you have listed in the directory. Contact the [office](#) with questions). You can also download an [Instant Church Directory app](#) for your phone for easy access!

Volunteers needed for next Sunday! We still are in need of volunteers next Sunday through Easter Sunday 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.

Naomi Roots has officially (re)joined the church office staff! Her responsibilities as part-time Administrator include coordinating landscaping and building work days, supervising the custodian, and assisting the volunteer treasurer with bookkeeping duties. **Becky Overholt** is the Administrative Assistant and is in the office Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Whenever you need something from the church office, [please email office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:please_email_office@assemblymennonite.org).

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. 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

Our asylum family has arrived! (Barring any further unexpected snafu's between when this is sent and their expected arrival in the wee hours Sunday morning). Mayra and one of her daughters should now be in their apartment, sleeping off several days of exhausting travel from Honduras to Goshen. We hope that a second daughter that has been in foster care in Indy will be able to reunite with them soon - almost a year after they were separated at the border. Small group Crisalida is doing the heavy lifting of ensuring this family is welcomed and that their needs are met. Many thanks to all who have donated apartment furnishings, time and money to help make this little miracle in a hurting world possible.

Lacasa Luncheon March 30. Lacasa is hosting its annual luncheon on March 30, noon to 1:00 pm at the Lerner Ballroom. Assembly is sponsoring a table and has room for 4 more people. Please contact [Barb Hassan](#) if you are interested in attending.

Supporting children in our county: Elkhart County churches from across the theological spectrum are banding together to improve the lives of children in our county. Leadership is being provided by the Source (which focuses on children's mental health) and Acts of Service (a program of the Community Foundation of Elkhart County). If you or your small group would like to get involved in this, contact Karl Shelly.

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. [Details on their website](#).

2 PERCENT FUND

The 2 percent committee proposes this giving to the following agencies:

<u>Local</u>		<u>World</u>	
Center for Healing and Hope	\$500	Association for a More Just Society - Honduras	\$500
Center for Community Justice VORP	\$500	Community Peacemaker Teams	\$500
Church Community Service Seed to feed	\$675	Dove's Nest	\$500
Elkhart County Clubhouse	\$500	Jubilee Partners	\$500
Goshen Farmers Mkt - Share the Bounty	\$500	Mennonite Central Committee	
Goshen Interfaith Hosp. Network	\$500	(2 designated checks)	
Jail Ministry of Elkhart Co.	\$500	1) For Ukrainian Relief	\$1175
Lacasa Help-A-House	\$1000	2) For Afghanistan	\$1000
The Window	\$500	Mennonite Disaster Service	\$1000
Walnut Hill Daycare	\$600	National Immigrant Justice Center	\$1000
	Total \$5775		Total \$6175

Please discuss any requests or concerns with a member of the committee:

Sarah Horst, Chair; Joel Zwier, Kathleen Jones, Sandy Fribley, Barb Swartley, Glenn Gilbert

What is the 2% Fund? On the first Sunday of each month, we have two baskets for offerings: one for our regular tithes and offerings, and the other for our 2% offering — 2% of our income which is disbursed to impoverished people locally and in the 2/3rds world. We do this as an act of restitution for injustices in economic distribution. The 2% committee determines how to distribute the funds.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Eighth Street Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Call (574) 533-6720 for more information or to schedule a school visit.

Mennonite Women's History - In honor of Women's History Month, the MC USA Archives has compiled a [Mennonite Women's History timeline](#). Explore the rich history with this new resource available now.

Disabilities and Estate Planning, March 31 at 2 pm and 8 pm - Anabaptist Disabilities Network will host a webinar in cooperation with Everence to help with estate planning for families with a dependent disabled family member. [Learn more here.](#)

Oregon Eco-Excursion! Mennonite Men, a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, invites all men to join them for a week-long Oregon Eco-excursion on June 11-19. Explore wild spaces, learn about God's creation and help with newly planted trees along the Zena Forest. For more information and to register (by April 11), visit: <https://oregon-eco-excursion.mailchimpsites.com/>

Join César García, MWC General Secretary, and Mennonite World Conference (MWC) President Nelson Kraybill at Silverwood Mennonite Church on Thursday evening, April 28 at 7:30pm for a public gathering lifting up Jesus' prayer for the unity of the church. "When we exercise our gift of unity as sisters and brothers in Christ and follow Jesus together, others are more likely to follow Jesus, too," says César. Come and welcome César to our community!

Baptism in the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition – A workshop, ["Believe and Be Baptized": Conversations on a 500-year-old Tradition](#), will be led by John D. Roth, in conversation with local Lutheran and Catholic clergy. It will be held on May 7, 2022 at Waterford Mennonite Church from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Learn more and register [here](#).

The Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI) is excited to be back in person this May and June with 18 courses spread over four sessions! For a full list of all courses available at the Summer Peacebuilding Institute, [click here](#).

AMBS Intensive Term courses. *Hybrid courses* (combining online work and one week on campus): Christian Leadership in the 21st Century; Ethics and Practice of Forgiveness; History of Christian Spirituality. *Campus courses*: Biblical Storytelling; Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence. All courses begin in May. Non-admitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

Graduate students in Healthcare Disciplines & BSN students: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) encourages persons studying for healthcare professions at the master's level and above, or the rising junior/senior level in BSN programs, to learn and serve in underserved areas, especially cross-cultural mission/service settings. Apply for a Student Elective Term (SET) grant with MHF to help cover living and travel expenses. For more information, visit our [website](#) or email info@mennohealth.org.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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 March 20 the remaining items will be taken to The Depot.

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!

WIDER CHURCH

Central District Conference sent a letter this week about our response to the war in Ukraine. It can be read [here](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service March Newsletter can be found [here](#).

Preparing for the MC USA Special Delegate Assembly - Central District Conference is planning two Zoom conversations. On Monday, April 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm Eastern Time, we will provide brief summaries of the four resolutions and spend some time in Q&A. On Monday, May 9 at 7:00pm there will be a time of guided prayer as we prepare to gather for the Special Delegate Session. Anyone may attend these Zoom meetings [here](#).

Mennonite Women USA newsletter – Sign up for their newsletter [here](#).

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Austin Roberts, who has worked with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland since 2016. Pray for him as he juggles teaching locally and internationally with pursuing a mostly online doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Mennonite Disaster Service is hiring! Check postings [here](#).

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

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

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

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