

WORSHIP

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

<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>	<p>April 3 9:30 AM Worship Communion 2% Offering</p> <p>Worship Leader: Sean Smuts Preacher: Scott Coulter Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:1-9</p>
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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Kaia Kennedy (4th Concord) turned 10 on March 19th! Kaia loves to read comics, play fife ball and do science experiments. She loves art and school and enjoys drawing at home. She hopes to go to Sky Zone soon. She likes to have tea parties, visit parks and play board games with her family.

Congratulations to Kelsey and Douglas Hulbert (who started attending Assembly last summer) on the birth of Brooklyn Barbara on Tuesday! (8 lbs, 15.1 oz; 20.75 in). You're invited to sign up to bring a meal for them (meals begin in April):

<https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/TMTJ0425>



SUNDAY MARCH 27

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 fourth 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 Jeanne Davies. Jeanne Davies is Executive Director of [Anabaptist Disabilities Network \(AdNet\)](#). She is ordained in the Church of the Brethren. Jeanne has a passion for disability advocacy and inclusion, and believes that the whole church benefits when all the members of the Body are actively connected. She lives in West Dundee, Illinois, with her husband, Joel.

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](#).



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
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 at the Community Center ● 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom	
April 3 ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school ● 8pm Anti-racism Accountability group on Zoom			April 6 ● 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom ● 1pm Women's Lunch Bunch on Zoom		April 8 ● 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom	
April 10 Palm Sunday ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	April 11 ● 6:30pm Dance Group	April 12 ● 7pm Leadership Group	April 13 ● 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom	April 14 ● 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	April 15 ● 7pm Good Friday Service	April 16 ● 3pm: Family Easter Vigil

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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Elders: Randy Roth (chair), Anne Horst Hanby, Jamie Lake, Sandy Fribley, Eric Yordy, Leon Bauman, Elena Fischer
Youth Coordinators: Sara Morris, Erich Miller, Ashley Fehlberg, Darin Bontrager, Amy Bontrager

Administrative Assistant: Becky Overholt (Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-3pm) office@assemblymennonite.org; 574-534-4190

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DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Columbia Urgent Action: Join Community Peacemaker Teams in signing this Urgent Action campaign letter to Colombian authorities urging them to respond to the critical situation that is threatening the population of the Northeast Antioquia region. The call to action comes at the request of Cahucopana, CPT Partner since 2007. The letter can be read [here](#). Click [here](#) to sign your name to the letter.

Thank you from Tara Rauch, Goshen High School Nurse. We received the box of feminine supplies today! Thank you again so very much for your generosity!! This is definitely a need and is much appreciated and will be used greatly!

Church Peace Tax Fund. Are you looking for a way to provide a faithful testimony to the world regarding Jesus' way of nonviolence and peace? This tax season, learn more about Mennonite Church USA's Church Peace Tax Fund here: mennoniteusa.org/news/peace-tax-fund/

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Pastors on Vacation. Lora Nafziger will be out of the office April 1-9. Anna Yoder Schlabach will be out of the office April 3-7. Scott Coulter will be out of the office April 3-6. Please contact Karl Shelly if you need a pastor while the others are out of town.

New Bible School venture. Assembly is joining Faith, Berkey, 8th St, Silverwood and Sunnyside churches in a new Vacation Bible School venture. It will take place at Silverwood in the evenings Sunday, June 19-Wednesday June 24. Assembly has been asked to provide 6 volunteers. If you have an interest in helping, please talk with Lora Nafziger. Information about registration for children will come in April/May.

At the Congregational Meeting Sun Mar 20, the [Spending Plan for 2022](#) was approved by consensus, and there was a first reading of a [proposal](#) regarding disbursement of the \$13,741 surplus giving from the end of 2021.

Small Groups: Small group reps met this week and discussed next steps in the elder selection process, small groups' opportunity to lead work in Eastertide, and the invitation for those who aren't members to officially join the congregation in late April or May. If you want to know more, ask your small group rep. - Karl Shelly

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.

HOLY WEEK IS APRIL 10-17



Maundy Thursday Service - April 14, 6:30 p.m. Join with others in the multipurpose space for a simple service of candle lighting, communion and footwashing as we enact the story of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Children are welcome to participate. Childcare for children 5 and under will be provided. Unlike other years, there will not be a meal.



Good Friday Service - April 15, 7 p.m. Join us for a [Tenebrae](#) worship service in the worship space. We'll sing together, hear the story of Jesus' journey to the cross and extinguish candles as each scripture is read.

Easter Vigil – Sat April 16 in the afternoon. This event is planned with children in mind but all are welcome. Stay tuned for time and location.



Easter morning Sunrise Service – Sunday, 6:50 a.m. (sunrise is at 7 a.m.) Steve Shantz's house (60728 CR 27) Welcome the sunrise and celebrate the resurrection with a short outdoor service surrounded by daffodils and chickens.



Easter morning breakfast potluck – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Bring a festive finger food to share at the meetinghouse. Weather permitting, we'll set up tables indoors and outdoors. Please bring your own plates and utensils. Pre-worship singing will begin at 9:45.

Easter morning Worship – Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

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. [A report of 2021 2% Giving can be found on the church website here.](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Marshall King will be presenting about his new book: *Disarmed: The Radical Life and Legacy of M. J. Sharp* this Saturday, March 26, at 10am at the Middlebury Public Library, hosted by Middlebury Church of the Brethren's Peace and Justice Action Group. The presentation is free and open to the public. He will have books available for sale and to sign.

Podcast for Women: The Women in Leadership ministry of Mennonite Church USA hosts "Holding It(,) Together," a popular podcast that is created by women for women. Listen on your favorite podcast platform or here: mennoniteusa.org/holding-it-together

Fully online seminary Graduate Certificate program. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's fully online Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies requires only 21 credit hours! Strengthen the biblical and theological foundation for your work by developing a plan of study that matches your interests. Ideal for church leaders, bivocational pastors and other professionals. ambs.edu/certificate

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.](#)

Webinar: Welcoming refugees in your community on Tuesday, April 12, 2-3 p.m. EDT: Join MCC and Church World Service (CWS) to learn more about welcoming refugees in the United States. During the webinar, Charity Stowell, MCC U.S. Newcomer Connections Coordinator, and Ted Blessing, CWS Community Engagement Organizer, will address questions such as: Who are refugees and how do they come to the U.S.? What does the refugee resettlement process look like? Learn about the challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community, and the ways in which churches can get involved. More information and registration at mcc.org/welcoming-refugees-webinar.

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](#).

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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

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.

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!

CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

Assembly Mennonite Church is one of 48 congregations that make up the [Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA](#) (CDC). The CDC annual meeting will be June 23-25 at College Mennonite Church in Goshen. More information will be available soon. Registration begins May 2.

Volunteers needed for CDC Annual Meeting:

1. The folks at Assembly Mennonite Church have kindly agreed to provide a children's program for older children and childcare for younger ones. They are in need of volunteers to provide childcare for the youngest children and a lifeguard for the older children on Friday afternoon, June 24. If you can help, please contact Lora Nafziger at loracn@assemblymennonite.org.
2. Kay Bontrager-Singer is coordinating the program for the annual meeting Pastor Appreciation Dinner and would like some volunteers to help her set up. The dinner will be at Assembly Mennonite Church on Thursday, June 23 at 5p. If you can help with set up and clean up on Thursday afternoon, please contact Kay at kay.bsinger@gmail.com. She will let you know details about when help is needed.

WIDER CHURCH

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](#).

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Monika Neufeld, a nurse who is serving as an intern with CASAS (a program of *Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano*, SEMILLA) in Guatemala. Pray for her as she works with other medical staff at a rural clinic to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mennonite Education prayer requests. Daily prayers for Mennonite education for April 2022 can be found [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Center for Community Justice is looking for dedicated and empathic individuals who are passionate about helping people on their paths toward healing! Preferred candidates for the *Restorative Mediation and Facilitation Practitioner* role will be grounded in restorative justice values, have good communication skills, and be able to work collaboratively with a team. See our [website](#) for more information and apply by sending a cover letter and resume to recruitment@centerforcommunityjustice.org. Persons with lived experience with the criminal justice system are encouraged to apply. Spanish language skills are a plus.

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

Join the 2022 Summer Staff at Little Eden. Information and an online application can be found at <https://www.littleeden.org/summer-staff-application.html>

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

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

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