

WORSHIP

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

<p>April 3 9:30 AM Worship Communion 2% Offering</p> <p>Worship Leader: Sean Smuts Preacher: Scott Coulter Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-11; Luke 13:6-9</p>	<p>April 10 9:30 AM Worship Palm Sunday</p> <p>Worship Leader: Mary Lehman Yoder Preacher: Alison Brookins Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Luke 19:28-40, Philippians 2:5-11</p>
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SUNDAY APRIL 3

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 fifth 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 by the mailboxes. This Sunday we will be celebrating communion. If you are joining on Zoom, we encourage you to gather your own bread and juice.



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
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 <i>Palm Sunday</i> • 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 • 3 & 5pm Family Easter Vigil
April 17 <i>Easter Sunday</i> • 6:50am Sunrise service • 9am Easter finger food potluck • 10am: Worship		April 19 • 6pm Labyrinth walk • 7:15pm Small group Reps meeting on Zoom	April 20 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom		April 22 • 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>.

Assembly Mennonite Church

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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

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.

Sunday Morning Tasks: Volunteers are needed for Sunday morning tasks through December 2022. All are encouraged to sign up for 2 or more tasks. To volunteer, fill out the form on the website [here](#) or look in your church mailbox. Return the sign-up form to Becky Overholt's mailbox by May 1.

Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley to speak at Women's Lunch Bunch. Aaron will speak about the progress of Goshen's tree canopy at Women's Lunch Bunch, 1 pm on April 6 via Zoom.

Mentors & Mentees. See the mentor-mentee board on the north wall-- it is amazing! If you are a mentor or a mentee and your picture is not on that board, send one to the [office](#)!

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 22.** 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.

Are you reading this? The third (3rd) person who emails scottc@assemblymennonite.org and mentions this blurb will receive \$5 in Brew Bucks from the Electric Brew in their church mailbox.

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.

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 Service on Saturday, April 16, at 3 & 5 pm. This is an activity open to all, with children and families in mind. It is an opportunity to travel through all the events and emotions of Holy week. The event will move through the woods at Justin and Brooke Rothshank's house (63786 CR 33). This is not an accessible trail. We will hear stories, sing songs, pray, paint and find Easter eggs! Please RSVP to Lora Nafziger at loracn@assemblymennonite.org with the time you want to participate so that we can be sure there are enough supplies and treats for everyone.



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 **ready to eat** 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. Cups and napkins provided. Pre-worship singing will begin at 9:45am.

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

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

A big thank you to Assembly Church!! The girls loved the period packs you gave to Parkside school. The teachers from the Elkhart County Health Dept are so impressed with this gift to the girls. It's definitely a blessing to our GCS 4th grade girls. Thank you so much for your time, commitment and financial cost. -Elisabeth Vukovich

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.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

FREE activities at Merry Lea Environmental Center: Celebrate the beautiful spring weather at the annual Nature Fest on May 13 & 14! This FREE and fun-filled festival features various family and BioBlitz (science investigations) activities at Merry Lea. All ages are welcome to participate in canoeing and campfires Friday evening from 6 - 8 p.m., and for several family and BioBlitz activities throughout Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Family activities include canoeing, guided hikes, nature crafts, meeting the animals of Merry Lea Sustainable Farm and more. BioBlitz activities include bird identification, plant identification, dipping for macroinvertebrates and more. Drop in for just some of these activities or join us for all of them! Learn more on our website at goshen.edu/merrylea/naturefest.

AMBS Intensive Term course: Ethics and Practice of Forgiveness: When Polarization Persists in Church and Society. In settings of protracted conflict and violence, how do people approach the process of forgiveness? What role do faith and the congregation play in forgiveness? Can faith communities choose not to forgive? Can forgiveness be imposed upon a community or an individual in pain? Join Al Fuertes, PhD, to explore these questions and more in this three-credit-hour course, which runs online May 9 – July 22 and meets June 13–18 for an intensive week on campus. Auditors and guest students are welcome. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

Free LaCasa Financial Education Courses. Check out the [website](#) for more information or to sign up for virtual & in-person classes.

The American Opioid Epidemic. Oaklawn is hosting a half-day training featuring Sam Quinones, author of "Dreamland," on Thursday, May 8 at 8:30am or 1pm. CEUs available & cost is \$75. To register, click here.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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.

Central District Conference March newsletter can be read [here](#). Copies can also be found on the literature table.

Mennonite Mission Network sends aid for Ukrainian students. [Read more.](#)

Repentance and Transformation Resolution. Michael Crosby, one of the authors of the proposed resolution, notes that the body of Christ is hurting due the church's harmful actions toward LGBTQIA people. Read more in his blog, "Prophetic challenge is pastoral care," at mennoniteusa.org/prophetic-challenge-pastoral-care

Mennonite World Conference Assembly 17. Are you ready to sign up for World Conference? If so, please feel free to visit the registration website for all of the information you need regarding prices, dates and the different options provided. At the registration [website](#), you can register for the online event now, and the on-site registration went live on March 8, 2022. Once you have registered for the online event, you will still have the option to change your participation to on-site.

Mission Network prayer request. Tomorrow, Eastern Mennonite High School students will conclude their week-long Mennonite Mission Network civil rights tour in the southern United States through the Youth Venture program. Pray for participants as they apply their new perspectives to the injustice in their home communities and congregations. Pray also for participants in Youth Venture's two July civil rights tours and an immigration/borderlands tour.

Mennonite Creation Care Network's March newsletter can be found [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Mennonite Mission Network is searching for a Service Adventure leader for the Anchorage unit! If you feel called to guide young adults on their faith journey in the cool Alaskan air, contact LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net for more information!

MCC is looking for a project coordinator for the Dismukes Project in Kimball, West Virginia as we seek to uncover the forgotten history and honor the legacy of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician and surgeon in Appalachia in the 1930s. This full-time role is great for someone looking to put their innovation, creativity, and resourcefulness to use by collaborating with the local community and SWAP staff to build the program from the ground up. Apply online for this opening by April 6 at mcc.org/dismukes-project-coordinator. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

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](#).