

## WORSHIP

Join us Sundays in Person, or [on Zoom](#)

<p><b>April 17</b> <b>10 AM Worship</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Karl Shelly <b>Preacher:</b> Anna Yoder Schlabach <b>Scripture:</b> Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-18, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26</p>	<p><b>April 24</b> <b>9:30 AM Worship</b></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Lora Nafziger &amp; Cora Shreiner Landes Goshen College <i>Parables</i> <b>Scripture:</b> John 20:19-31 Revelation 1:4-8</p>
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## FRIDAY APRIL 15

**7pm Good Friday Service.** 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.

We will not be zooming the Good Friday service tonight. But if you are unable to join in person, consider using [these](#) Good Friday worship materials we created last year. They are a mix of scripture, music and artwork.

## SATURDAY APRIL 16

**3pm & 5pm Easter Vigil Service.** 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](mailto:loracn@assemblymennonite.org) with the time you want to participate so that we can be sure there are enough supplies and treats for everyone.

## SUNDAY APRIL 17

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

**9am Easter morning breakfast potluck.** 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.

**10am Easter morning Worship.** Please bring fresh cut flowers. During worship we will transform the cross from a symbol of death into a symbol of new life.



**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 17 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:50am Sunrise service</li> <li>• 9am Easter finger food potluck</li> <li>• 10am Worship</li> <li>• 8pm MYF gathering</li> </ul>		April 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6pm Labyrinth walk</li> <li>• 7:15pm Small group Reps <a href="#">on Zoom</a></li> </ul>	April 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12pm Psalm &amp; Prayers <a href="#">on Zoom</a></li> </ul>		April 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12pm Psalm &amp; Prayers <a href="#">on Zoom</a></li> </ul>	
April 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30am Worship &amp; Sunday school</li> <li>• 1pm JYF gathering</li> </ul>	April 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30pm Dance Group</li> </ul>					
May 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8am Graduation Breakfast</li> <li>• 9:30am Worship &amp; Sunday school</li> <li>• 7pm Congregational meeting</li> </ul>		May 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7pm Leadership Group</li> </ul>	May 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1pm Women's lunch bunch via Zoom</li> </ul>		May 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30am Greencroft meet up</li> </ul>	

**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](mailto: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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**Church Administrator:** Naomi Roots (no office hours; contact [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org))

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Pastors on vacation.** Karl Shelly will be out of the office April 23-30. Anna Yoder Schlabach will be out of the office April 22-24. Please contact Lora Nafziger or Scott Coulter if you need a pastor while the others are out of town.

**Our condolences** to Cheryl Shreiner, Wendell Landes, & Quinn and Cora Shreiner Landes on the death of Cheryl's dad, Bob Shreiner, on April 1. [His obituary can be read here.](#)

**Volunteer to water flowers.** We are looking for one or two people to help water the flower pots in front of the main and North entrances of the meetinghouse. Please email Naomi at [naomikr@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:naomikr@assemblymennonite.org) if you are able to help.

**Labyrinth Walk-Tuesday, 6pm.** Join Meribeth Shank, certified labyrinth facilitator, on the labyrinth in the memorial garden. We'll walk together after a brief introduction to the labyrinth as a meditation tool and conclude with a chance to reflect together after the walk. Contact [Meribeth Shank](#) with any questions.

**Sunday Morning Tasks:** Volunteers are needed for Sunday morning tasks through Dec 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 for a bright piece of paper. Make sure to include your name on the form. Return the sign-up form to Becky Overholt's mailbox by May 1.

**Easter tide -- April 24-June 5, 2022.** Our theme this year is "Recognizing Christ Among Us." Our lectionary texts for this season give us an intimate picture of Jesus' last days with his disciples. During this season, we will have small groups planning and leading worship services. Sunday School will be offered for children after worship, and electives will be offered for adults. Electives will include: Sing to the Lord a New Song! Some Assembly Required, Family Economics, & Reparations: A Call for Racial Justice & Repair. This season ends with recovenanting at Pentecost. More information on Eastertide can be found on the literature table or read [here](#).

**Leadership Group met on Tues Apr 12.** They discussed the report of the Pastor Congregation Review Committee, a proposal about reparations, a proposal to install an EV charging station, and approved the formation of the Summer Worship Committee and MYF Search Committee. Approved minutes of Leadership Group and Congregational Meetings can be read on the church website [here](#).

**The next congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 1st at 7pm on Zoom.** Agenda will include discussion of a proposal from the reparations task force, and a second reading of Leadership Group's proposal re: giving away surplus offerings from 2021. All Assembly participants (not only covenanted members) are encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly congregational meeting.

**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

**Community Peacemaker Teams Delegations are back!** Delegations are a powerful way to connect grassroots resistance movements with broader networks, and for individuals to better understand and participate in CPT's on-the-ground experiment in non-violence. The 2022 delegations will be to Iraqi Kurdistan & Colombia. For more information about joining a delegation, click [here](#).

**Earth Day is Friday, April 22.** The Mennonite Creation Care Network provides resources for Earth Day [here](#).

**Mennonite Disaster Service Family Summer Program.** The [MDS Family Program](#) offers a weeklong summertime experience for the whole family to put hands and feet to the gospel. This year, MDS is planning to offer a family project in both the U.S. ([Camp Amigo, MI](#)) and Canada (Princeton, BC). For more information or to serve, please contact: **Canadian site:** Kelsey Friesen at 866-261-1274 or email [kfriesen@mds.org](mailto:kfriesen@mds.org). **U.S. project:** Deanna Frey at 800-241-8111 or email [dfrey@mds.org](mailto:dfrey@mds.org).

**Racial Justice and Immigration: "Welcoming the [white] stranger"**. Read [this recent blog entry](#) by Daniela Lazaro-Manalo and Hannah Markey-Roberts, both of Mennonite Central Committee U.S., on the Mennonite Church USA website [here](#).

## MYF (GRADES 9-12)

**This Sunday (4/17) we will be having our MYF Easter egg hunt!** Don't miss this fun event, where students race to find Easter eggs in the dark...for prizes! This event will take place at AMC from 8-9pm. Please plan to meet in the West parking lot (larger parking lot), and bring a snack to share! We will spend some time playing games while we wait for the sun to set before we start the egg hunt, so feel free to bring your favorite yard games. Masks are optional for our outdoor events. This is an MYF only event.

**Don't forget to sign up for our MYF Summer Service Trip with MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service)** which will take place July 9th-17th! Our group will be headed to Jennings, Louisiana to help with disaster relief from the hurricane damages (hurricanes Laura and Delta) from 2020, as well as the damages from the 2021 freeze and excessive rain. Registration deadline is 4/24. Please see the MYF email for full details.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly nondegree Journey program supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with a dedicated mentor. The Fall 2022 cohort begins Sept. 9; apply by July 12 and save \$100! [ambs.edu/journey](https://ambs.edu/journey)

**Church matching grants for seminary.** AMBS offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match contributions that congregations, conferences and regional churches make toward a full-time graduate student's tuition costs. We're committed to making theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church — tap a shoulder! [ambs.edu/church-matching-grants](https://ambs.edu/church-matching-grants)

**Free Medicare Workshop.** Everence is hosting a webinar on May 2 at 6:30 pm. Register or learn more [here](#).

**Voices Together Worship Leaders' Workshop on Saturday May 14, 9 a.m.-noon** (on Zoom) sponsored by Benton Mennonite Church. Anneli Loepp Thiessen and Katie Graber will provide background on worship resources in *Voices Together*, and the *Voices Together Worship Leaders'* ed., highlighting uses in worship as well as the styles, cultures, and eras they represent. They will discuss tools for understanding your community's worship culture in order to make intentional, theologically grounded, and spiritually inspired choices about worship practices that respond to your local contexts and dismantle oppression in your communities. No cost required. For more information, and to register, go to [www.bentonchurch.org/voices-together-worship-workshop](http://www.bentonchurch.org/voices-together-worship-workshop).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Bible School Volunteers Needed.** 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.

**Assembly will be hosting children's programming and child care during the Central District Conference Annual Meeting, June 23-25. Volunteers are needed** to provide childcare for the youngest children; and a volunteer lifeguard is needed for the older children on Friday afternoon, June 24. If you can help, please contact Lora Nafziger at [loracn@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:loracn@assemblymennonite.org).

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

**Noon Psalms & Prayers Ending.** Since Lent 2020 we have been meeting at noon 2 or 3 times a week on Zoom to read a Psalm and spend a brief time in quiet reflection and prayer. The pastoral team has decided to end this practice after April 22nd. All are welcome to join us these last two weeks on Zoom. (There will not be noon prayer on Good Friday).

**Bethany Fish Fry.** The junior class at Bethany Christian High School is having its annual fish fry Friday April 22 from 4:30-8:30pm, to raise money for their senior class trip. DRIVE-THRU, CARRY OUT ONLY. Tickets are \$12, and include 5 pieces of fish, chips, tartar sauce, and a piece of pie. Donations are also accepted. [You can purchase tickets or donate online](#) and select the name of the student you want to give credit for the sale. You're encouraged to consider supporting Geoffrey Hochstetler, who is a member of Assembly's MYF.

**Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 29th.** Please join Goshen residents and others across the United States to celebrate 150 years of Arbor Days. Goshen's celebration will be on the Courthouse Lawn from 4:30-7:30 pm. This celebration has been planned by the Tree Board.

**MYF request:** The MYF is in need of a van (or other large vehicle) for our group's transportation for our MDS service trip this summer to Jennings, LA! Our group would need the vehicle from July 9th-July16th, and would cover all gas expenses. Please reach out to Sara Morris or Erich Miller if you have a vehicle our group could use for that week! [saramorris514@gmail.com](mailto:saramorris514@gmail.com); [kerichmiller@gmail.com](mailto:kerichmiller@gmail.com)

## WIDER CHURCH

**Pathways Retreat** Stations of the Resurrection will be available in the woods from April 17 - June 4. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org).

**Breaking the body of Christ? Hear MWC General Secretary César García** – Join César García and Mennonite World Conference (MWC) President Nelson Kraybill at Silverwood Mennonite Church, 1745 W Lincoln Avenue in Goshen, 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!

**Write a blog for MC USA.** Menno Snapshots are blogs from diverse voices across Mennonite Church USA. They come from pastors, peacemakers, leaders and others connected to the church. Browse our [Menno Snapshots page](#) to find their stories of peacemaking, where they are finding God's presence and how they are living out their faith. We welcome you to add your voice to theirs! For more information, click [here](#).

**Mission Network prayer request.** On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network's 161 workers and 116 partner organizations throughout the United States and in 47 countries around the world in proclaiming the message of Jesus' resurrection power and love to those you encounter. Pray that each of God's children will be a faithful witness.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Mennonite Mission Network** has two new employment opportunities: Constituent Engagement Representative and Regional Administrator Assistant. View the complete job descriptions and apply on our website at [www.mennonitemission.net/employment](http://www.mennonitemission.net/employment).

**Jobs in Mennonite Education** can be found [here](#).

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