

WORSHIP

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

<p>April 24 9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>Worship Leader: Lora Nafziger & Cora Shreiner-Landes Goshen College <i>Parables</i> Scripture: John 20:19-31; Revelation 1:4-8</p>	<p>May 1 9:30 AM Worship <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Mary Gilbert Sermon: Karl Shelly Scripture: John 21:1-19; Revelation 5:11-14</p>
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SUNDAY APRIL 24

9:30am Worship: *Parables* will be joining us for worship this Sunday. *Parables* is a worship ensemble from Goshen College. They combine music, original drama, and stories to create an engaging worship experience designed to inspire, comfort, and challenge. The theme for this year's *Parables* is "Shalom".

10:45am – Sunday school for children and youth will immediately follow worship. See the Order of Worship for classroom locations.

11am - Second Hour Electives: These elective discussion groups are for any interested adults.

Reparations: A Call for Racial Justice and Repair: This six-session elective will expand the congregation's awareness of historical wrongs committed against African Americans because of slavery, legal segregation (Jim Crow), and ongoing discrimination and stigmatization. Topics include housing discrimination's role in the racial wealth gap, historical background on reparations, and why reparations are needed. Also included is an introduction to the Doctrine of Discovery and its legacy among Indigenous peoples in our area. This series is preparation for a financial and moral congregational decision on Assembly beginning to make reparations. Hosted by Arden Shank and Norm Kauffman in the Multipurpose Space.

Family Economics Come for engaging conversations with various parents on allowance, jobs & chores, extra-curriculars, and more. This Sunday will be an introduction to the Elective. Hosted by Dana Miller, located in Multipurpose North(East).

Some Assembly Required This Assembly elective is for anyone who is new(ish) to Assembly - along with anyone newly curious about how Assembly works, and its unique practices and history. This week's session is called: "How did we get here?" – We will hear about the origins, and original vision, of Assembly, and how that vision continues today. Hosted by Scott Coulter, located in Multipurpose North(West).

To find the two classrooms in Multipurpose North, you must walk past the mailboxes to the north entrance of the meetinghouse, then turn left (west) to go down the north hallway. Family Economics is across from the church office; Some Assembly Required is across from room 12. Look for a map posted at the literature table.

Sing to the Lord a New Song! Actually, a whole bunch of new songs. Explore nine new hymns in *Voices Together* every week. No weekly theme, great if you can only stay for second hour a couple random Sundays. Come ready to sing! Hosted by Becky Snider in the Worship Space. Masks are required for this elective.

1-3pm JYF Gathering: We'll be helping out in the Goshen community orchard, which is in Abshire Park. Drop-off and pick-up at Abshire, come dressed for potentially muddy work. Hope many can make it!



UPDATED Mask Policy: Masks are still required during worship for everyone ages 2 and older. Masks are optional during non-singing electives, and during coffee time. Masks are also optional in Sunday school classrooms for children ages 5 and up. (Masks are still required in Sunday school for ages 2-4). ([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 24 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 1pm JYF gathering	April 25 • 6:30pm Dance Group					
May 1 • 8am Graduation Breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 7pm Congregational meeting on Zoom		May 3 • 7pm Leadership Group	May 4 • 1pm Women's lunch bunch at Helen Glick's		May 6 • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	

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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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Aaron Hochstetler (6th, Homeschool) turns 12 on April 24th! Aaron loves to bike and spend time outside. He likes to read and listen to stories, especially if they are funny and fantasy! Aaron really enjoys designing and making cardboard models of airplanes. Car trips with his family are fun and he likes discovering new places and sleeping in them!



Mabel Miller Avelar (8th St Preschool) turned 5 on April 22nd! Mabel likes to help her grandma bake and enjoys reading and listening to stories with her mom and dad. She likes to roller skate with her sister and eat ice cream and lemonade when it is hot. She likes pink and blue and is really very brave!

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Our condolences to Ellen Kennel and family on the death of Duane Shank, Ellen's husband, on April 20. His obituary can be read [here](#).

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](#).

Elder Selection. Small group reps met recently and, in accordance with Assembly practice, discerned which persons to invite to serve on the Assembly Leadership Group. The reps invited Sara Morris to serve as Elder chair-elect, and Cheryl Shreiner to serve as an Elder. Both positions are 3-year terms. The congregation will have an opportunity to affirm these choices at an upcoming congregational meeting.

Celebrate Keith Graber Miller's Retirement! A reception recognizing Keith Graber Miller for his retirement from Goshen College will take place in Wyse 319 from **1 - 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30**, just before graduation open houses. Keith began teaching at GC in the 1986-87 academic year and will close off his teaching career by leading the Study-Service Theology Term in Guatemala this June. Assembly folks (friends, colleagues, Keith's former students, others) are warmly invited to attend the April 30 reception.

The May 1 Congregational Meeting will include two items on the agenda: (1) a second reading and test for consensus of the proposal for the 2021 offering surplus, and (2) discussion of a [proposal from the reparations task force](#). This discussion follows up on congregational discussions of reparations we've been having since summer 2021, and will be one opportunity to give meaningful input to the work of the task force. You are also encouraged to join the six-week elective on Reparations in order to more fully engage this important topic.

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.

Sunday Morning Tasks: We still need volunteers! 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**.

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.

GOSHEN CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

GCMS Fundraiser - Saturday May 7th from 8a-2p - AMC parking lot. Last year we had such fun at the Goshen Christian Montessori yard sale and carnival fundraiser that we are doing it again. We are in need of the following: donations of gently used items you are no longer using, baked goods, and new items or gift cards for a small silent auction. We also need help setting up on Friday evening (sorting and arranging items inside) and Saturday morning 7-8am (setting up tents, tables and chairs and putting items out for the sale), at the sale doing face painting and carnival games, and general sale help and help wrapping up (taking down tents, filling your car with items that have not sold to donate, taking tables inside) on Friday from 2-4 pm. Please be in touch with Sarah Horst at goshenchristianmontessori@gmail.com or text or call 574-304-6733 to volunteer or to set up a donation pick up or drop off.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Thank you. From Brenda Wiebe, Parkside Elementary: Thank you SO much for taking on this project for supplying us with pads, tampons and panties for our students, as well as the little extras of cleaning wipes and notes. It has been amazing. I wanted to write and let you know how much we appreciated the little packs during the 4th grade puberty talks, and now this new bag of panties. Thank you. We all appreciate it.

From Kent Beck, Goshen Middle School: thanks for the box of supplies!

Mennonite Disaster Service Family Camp. Enjoy a week at Camp Amigo while also volunteering with Mennonite Disaster Service. This July, MDS offers the Family Program, a 4- or 5-day summertime experience for the whole family. During your stay for the Family Program, your family will enjoy the beauty, and serenity of the Amigo Centre and participate in age-appropriate maintenance and building projects on the property in response to a storm that hit in August 2021. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Youth ages 15-22. Join Youth Venture on a service-learning tour of the U.S.-Mexico border July 15-23. Learn about the challenges faced by people who are immigrating and find solidarity in service and learning opportunities. Application deadline is May 1. For more information contact Stephanie Weaver: StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or click [here.](#)

MEA Director to walk El Camino de Santiago to support Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Institute. Starting May 25, Marco Güete, Director of Hispanic Ministries for Mennonite Education Agency (MEA), will walk part of the *El Camino de Santiago* in Spain, the oldest hiking trail in the world. He will walk from Burgos to Foncebadón, a 253-kilometer (157 miles) endeavor that will take more than 15 days. He is walking to raise \$40,000 to support *Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA)*, the Anabaptist Biblical Institute of Mennonite Education Agency (MEA). For more information or to donate, click [here.](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Peace and Justice Action Group of Middlebury Church of the Brethren. This Saturday morning, April 23 at 10am, Pastor Keith Funk of the Quinter, KS Church of the Brethren will Zoom into Middlebury to give an update on Ukraine from his personal relationship with a Brethren pastor in that country. This is open to everyone and will be at the Middlebury Public Library.

Goshen Clay Artist Guild Spring Sale - April 30, 9a – 4p and May 1, 12p - 4p. Artists will be on hand both days to answer questions and demonstrate on the ceramics wheel decorative and functional items. A number of Assembly participants are part of this guild. Located behind the Goshen Farmer's Market at 212 West Washington St.

Christian Nationalism. A free webinar, [Political Idolatry: Countering Christian Nationalism](#), will be held on May 4 from 2-3 pm EDT. Join Drew Strait, PhD, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at AMBS, as he provides an overview of the destructive force of White Christian nationalism. Explore the political metaphor of idolatry in conversation with texts from the Old and New Testaments and learn how you can bear witness to the gospel of peace. Register by May 2 [here.](#)

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. There will also be a zoom option for those who would like to attend virtually. The workshop is free and includes lunch. Learn more and register [here](#).

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

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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](#).

WIDER CHURCH

Mennonite Church USA Special Delegate Session. In just over a month, delegates from across Mennonite Church USA will be gathering in Kansas City for the Special Delegate Session on Membership Guidelines. Karl Shelly, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Jamie Lake & Naomi Lapp Klassen will be attending as our delegates. Here are links to various resources in preparation for the Special Delegate Session: [Background and Summary Document of the Four Resolutions](#), [April 11 CDC Zoom conversation with background and summary of resolutions](#), and [Video on the history of the Membership Guidelines from Atlantic Coast Conference](#). Anna has written [this letter](#) to the Assembly congregation about her hopes for the upcoming delegate session, and how we might prepare for the potential outcomes.

A Call to Prayer and Fasting. Just as Paul prayed for the churches of his time, let us also pray for ours. Join Mennonite Church USA on [May 2 at 7 p.m. ET/4 P.M. PT](#) on Zoom for a webinar on ways that we can support the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly and our participating church leaders through individual and communal prayer and fasting. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/register-prayer-fasting

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!

The Central District Conference April newsletter can be read [here](#).

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Colleen and Pablo Fast, who have been asked by leadership of the Paz Church in Brazil to help shepherd a congregation in Apuí for about eight months. Pray for the Fast as they transition from their home along the Purus River to a new culture that focuses on cattle-raising and lumber.

Daily Prayers for Mennonite Education for May can be found [here](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service Newsletter. The April edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn how families can volunteer and serve together, read about MDS volunteers and how they've made long-term changes in Marianna, Florida, and find about volunteers heading to British Columbia to assist wildfire survivors in British Columbia. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3jXVYYw>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

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