

WORSHIP

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

<p>May 8 9:30 AM Worship <i>Covenanting</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Becky Snider Sermon: Covenanting Stories Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16 and Psalm 23</p>	<p>May 15 9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>Worship Leader: Elena Fischer Sermon: Beverly Lapp Scripture: John 13:31-35, Revelation 21:1-6</p>
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SATURDAY MAY 7

8am – 2pm Goshen Christian Montessori School Fundraiser – AMC parking lot

SUNDAY MAY 8

9:30am Worship

We encourage you to find a seat closer to the front of the Worship Space, especially if you arrive before 9:25am. We have reserved some chairs in the back two rows for later arrivals.

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: Luke Gascho will be the guest presenter during the second hour series this Sunday, May 8. The outline of his presentation is as follows: 1. Whose land? An overview of the Elkhart River watershed and the Indigenous people who knew this as home. 2. What are the root causes of the injustices to Indigenous people? An overview of the Doctrine of Discovery and treaties. 3. What are the reparative justice actions we can pursue? A paradigm for repair of relationships with Indigenous people and options for 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's topic will be Allowance- does it exist? What can be done with the money? How is the amount determined? 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: "What does it mean to belong?" – We will talk about Covenanting, Recovenanting, and Small Groups. 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.

8pm – Anti-racism Accountability group [on Zoom](#).



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
May 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 8pm Anti-racism Accountability group on Zoom 	May 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Dance group 					
May 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 12pm Parent meeting 		May 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6pm Labyrinth walk 				May 21 Ascension Day family celebration
May 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 1pm JYF gathering • MYF gathering 	May 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Dance group 	May 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:15pm Small group reps meeting 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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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Jenae Coulter turned 3 on May 6! Jenae loves blueberries and pesto pasta, Arthur and Nate the Great books, playing with her aunt's dog Ginger, watching the Nutcracker, and swinging really high on the swing. Her favorite color is green.



Leo Baldanzi Schlabach (4th Bethany) turned 10 on May 3rd! Leo loves listening to podcasts. He also likes playing games, cooking, reading, and drawing characters from books. He generally likes school and is sometimes even excited to go! At home he likes to climb on fallen logs and play games with his brother.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Joy Buschert will be turning 95 on May 21! If you want to send her a birthday card or stop by for a short visit with flowers, this would be a great time to do so. Her address is: Joy Buschert, Room 600, Waterford Crossing, 1212 Waterford Circle, Goshen, IN 46526.

Covenanting. Small Group Grape is delighted that Peter and Kelly Shenk Koontz will be covenanting with Assembly on Sunday, May 8. We invite you to send them your words of welcome. Their emails are k.shenk.koontz@gmail.com and peter.shenk.koontz@gmail.com. Small Group 8th St + is delighted that Abby Nafziger will be covenanting with Assembly on Sunday, May 8. We invite you to send her your words of welcome. Her email is abby.nafziger@gmail.com

Leadership Group met on Tuesday May 3. They affirmed the Leader Selection slate for 2022-2023, approved the hiring of new MYF sponsors Ryan and Marlette Gomez Wengerd (they will begin a two-year term this fall), approved a proposal that began with Small Group Crisalida to invite Ben Sywulka to a "[Learning Observer](#)" role with Leadership Group, and discussed plans for upcoming congregational conversations about the role of Small Groups in Assembly congregational life. Approved minutes of past Leadership Group and Congregational meetings can be found [on the church website 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](#).

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

Want to engage in creation care and climate action by planting trees? All genders and ages 18+ are invited to help plant 300 trees at the Mishawaka toll plaza along the Indiana Toll Road on Friday morning, May 20. This project is part of *JoinTrees*, a campaign to plant one million trees to help restore the Earth. Contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@MennoniteMen.org to help with this project. Learn more about *JoinTrees* at mennonitemen.org/jointrees.

Volunteer Meeting at MCC Thrift at Woodland Crossing - Tuesday May 24 and Wednesday May 25, 10:00-11:30am. These meetings are identical, pick the one that works best for you. Come and learn about each department and see where you might like to plug in.

Multicultural Peace Collaborative for young adults. The 2nd annual Multicultural Peace Collaboration is bringing

together young leaders from various backgrounds, communities and ethnicities in an effort to learn from one another, understand justice and move towards reconciliation. Join us for this experience of Christ-centered peacemaking as we are immersed in local and historical Latinx contexts while journeying from San Diego to Fresno, California, on June 14-22. More information and registration: mailchi.mp/93b2f1e07d8d/mpc2022

New legal office to offer immigration justice. Anabaptist World shares a new initiative in northern Indiana that offers shelter from the stress and complexity of immigration law. La Posada (shelter or inn) is opening to the public in May out of an office in Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Elkhart. The nonprofit organization offers legal resources such as written materials — and help with applications, legal counsel, English classes and referrals — to the immigrant community at an affordable cost. La Posada founder Naun Cerrato, who is also the pastor of Piedra Viva Mennonite Church, was inspired by the Bible's imperative to welcome the stranger. Read more [here](#).

Volunteering with abuse survivors. Hope Recovery, an Indiana-based Christian 501(c)3 non-profit providing 100% free of charge online support groups for survivors of abuse and sexual trauma, is looking for volunteers who are willing to hold space for abuse survivors. The commitment is just 2 hours per week and it is all from the comfort of your home. Please see [this page for more information on volunteering](#) and to submit an application if desired.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bethany Christian Middle School presents, *A Simpler Time* – Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May 7 at 7pm. Three middle schoolers travel in a homemade time machine to find an easier time in which to live, and on their journey they encounter unexpected (and funny) scenes in the past and future. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$ 4 for students. Get your tickets at bethanycs.net/asimplertime/

Immigration & trauma webinar – “Welcoming newcomers and addressing the trauma of migration,” May 10 at 2 pm EDT. Join Saulo Padilla, MCC U.S. immigration education coordinator, and Elaine Zook Barge, a trauma and resilience educator and consultant, for this webinar. Learn how trauma and resilience-informed individuals, churches and communities can be better equipped to ensure the overall well-being of newcomers and their receiving community. To register, click [here](#).

Land Stewardship webinar. Join Andrew Hudson, an Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary student, for a webinar on “How Congregations Steward Their Land” on **May 10 at 7:30 p.m. ET**. Hudson will share reflections on his work with Mennonite Creation Care Network and Mennonite Men’s Join Trees. Here is the Zoom link: mennoniteusa.org/zoom-steward-their-land . Sign up here to receive a reminder email: mennoniteusa.org/creation-care-leaders

Mission podcast. Through six episodes, the '[MissionWary?](#)' podcast has explored how the word 'mission' can mean distinctly different things to those who encounter it. On **May 16 at 12 pm**, join hosts Lynda, Travis and special guest Andrew Suderman for a live episode of 'MissionWary?' on Zoom and Facebook Live! Suderman, director of global partnerships with Mennonite Mission Network, brings a deep knowledge of the historical context of Christian mission, as well as a passion for what the future of mission can look like. [Register on Zoom](#) for this event, or [click here](#) to follow us on Facebook and to be notified when the broadcast goes live!

Ukrainian film showing. Goshen Theater will be showing the movie “The Guide” (2014, Rated R) on **May 20 at 7:00 p.m.** This event is co-sponsored by Art House and Goshen Theater. All proceeds go a Ukrainian Charity - TBD. The main child role, Peter, is played by Anton Sviatoslav Greene (son of Solomia Soroka, violin professor at Goshen College). Both Solomia and Anton will be at this showing and will introduce the film with a Q & A period afterward. More information is attached. To watch the trailer and read more information, click [here](#). Please contact Chris Gerig Way (cgerigway@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Gardening for good. Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia: **May 26 at 8 p.m. EDT** In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet, from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. Register here: mcc.org/mcc-virtual-visits

Welcoming EveryBODY. This month, Mennonite Church USA invites you to engage in its Learn, Pray, Join initiative which focuses on how the church can be more welcoming and accessible to people with disabilities. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/welcoming-everybody View and download the PowerPoint slide here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/May-LPJ.pptx>

AMBS Trees of Life Retreat: June 3–4 (Friday at AMBS; Saturday at Camp Friedenswald). This retreat led by Janeen

Bertsche Johnson, MDiv, will weave together study of biblical texts about trees; understanding of trees as organisms and within ecosystems; ecological issues; and spiritual practices. The retreat can be taken for one hour of academic credit (\$560 total) or as a noncredit retreat (\$60 total). Both amounts include supper on Friday, lunch on Saturday and the use of the camp. (Lodging is not included.) Register by May 27. ams.edu/trees

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Stamp Out Hunger volunteers needed! The Window & The Salvation Army food pantry benefits from the Postal Service Food Drive "Stamp Out Hunger" on May 14. We need "bag buddies", pairs of people to follow a letter carrier and pick up the food at mailboxes. Please contact Susi if you can help with a shift on Saturday, at 574.533.9680 or smiller@thewindowinc.com. Please also consider setting food out at your mailbox on May 14 by 9am! Items needed: canned soup, canned veggies/tomatoes, canned fruits, rice, cereal, canned beans, pasta, crackers, & canned meats. Thank you!

WIDER CHURCH

Mennonite Church USA Special Delegate Session. In June, 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.

Prayer for the MCUSA Special Delegate Session. On Monday, May 9 at 7:00pm Central District Conference will provide a time of guided prayer as we prepare to gather for the Special Delegate Session. Anyone may attend the Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3378130650>

LaCasa Open House. You are invited to LaCasa's open house at 146 State Street, Elkhart, on May 19, 2-4 pm. Don't miss the big REVEAL of the newly-renovated, historical 146 State St. in Elkhart. Elkhart Chamber ribbon cutting at 2:00pm and open house immediately following. Attendees will also have an opportunity to tour the brand-new duplexes next door!

MCC's work in Ukraine. [Read more in the latest update from MCC's partner in Ukraine.](#)

Mennonite Men Engage newsletter can be read [here](#).

Mission Network prayer request. Laura Schlabach, who has served with Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia for three decades, requests prayer for JCS International's general assembly and board meetings this month. Pray for wisdom and unity of purpose for the members of this consortium of international Christian organizations, as they make decisions and fellowship together.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

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