

WORSHIP

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

<p>May 29 9:30 AM Worship <i>Senior "Mugging"</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Lois Kaufmann Sermon: Jim Stump Scripture: John 17:20-26</p>	<p>June 5 9:30 AM Worship <i>Pentecost & Recovenanting</i> <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Kathleen Jones Sermon: Anna Yoder Schlabach Scripture: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, (25-27)</p>
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SUNDAY MAY 29

9:30am Worship. This Sunday we will recognize our graduating high school seniors! They are: Brennan Beachy, Jordana Farran, Lily Johnson, Kia Kurtz, Mackenzie Mast, Joseph McKeage, Mara Sensenig & Sophia Yordy.

During Eastertide our theme in first hour is "Recognizing Christ Among Us". In our lectionary texts, Jesus spends his last days, following his death and resurrection, with his disciples. During these times of turbulence, war, and uncertainty, may we hear Jesus' words of comfort: "Peace I leave with you...do not let your hearts be troubled" as an invitation to recognize Christ among us. Small groups are planning and leading worship services this season. Worship this week is being led by Small Group Hug. More information on Eastertide can be found on the literature table or read [here](#).

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: Conversation will continue on [the Reparations Proposal](#) with open discussion and time for questions. 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 the family vacation- Do you take a vacation? Where do you go? How much money is spent? How far do you go? And how much time do you take? This week's panelists are Naomi Roots & Oscar Quintana. 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 titled: "What is this place?" Hosted by Mary Lehman Yoder, 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.

COMING UP

<https://assemblymennonite.org/about/calendar/>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
May 29 <i>Senior "Mugging"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship & Sun school Lora Nafziger Sabbatical Begins (thru Sept 3) MCUSA Special Delegate Session in Kansas City 	May 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCUSA Special Delegate Session in Kansas City 				June 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am Greencroft Meetup 	June 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 am Come help set up tables for fellowship meal
June 5 <i>Pentecost & Reconvanting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship & Sun school 12pm Fellowship meal 7pm Congregational meeting on Zoom 		June 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Leadership Group meeting 				
June 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship (No Sunday school) 1:30pm Duane Shank Memorial service 8pm Anti-racism accountability group on Zoom 	June 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Dance group 					

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Praying for MCUSA Special Delegate Session. The Assembly Prayer Group invites you to join us on Friday, May 27, for an hour of prayer starting at 5:30pm in Room 3. You can stay for the entire hour or come for any part of it. The focus of our prayers, whether spoken or silent, will be the MCUSA special delegate meetings in Kansas City. Anna Yoder Schlabach, Karl Shelly, Michael Miller, and Naomi Klassen are in Kansas City with 500 other delegates for the three-day conference (May 27-30). The delegates will vote on two particularly controversial resolutions: to retire the Membership Guidelines and to decide whether to vote on the Resolution for Repentance and Transformation. Anna will speak at the opening session which starts at 6:30pm. You can read Anna's recent blog post on MCUSA's website [here](#). *One Body, One Church*, a downloadable prayer guide by Leo Hartshorn for use by all delegates, congregations and individuals during May 27-30 can be found [here](#).

Fellowship Meal next Sunday June 5, following 2nd hour! Households with names beginning with A through L please bring a main dish; M through Z bring a salad or side dish. If you prefer to bring something different than requested that's fine; what is important is to have all types of food! Please also bring plates and utensils for your household. We will ask everyone ages 2 and older to wear a mask indoors during the meal except when you are sitting at your table eating. Weather permitting, some tables and/or chairs will be set up outdoors. *Volunteers needed to help set up tables on Saturday morning.*

Additional Volunteers Needed for Sunday morning tasks. Please visit the table in the Gathering Space and add your name to one of the blank spaces on the volunteer calendar for June – December 2022. Thank you to everyone who already volunteered; check your mailbox for your assignments or online [here](#).

Gun violence, grief & youth. Lora sent out an email your parents with some resources for dealing with gun violence, anxiety, and racism. If you'd like to read that email or see the resources, please click [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.

Learn to know newer participants. Be sure to check out the photo board in the Multipurpose Space that includes photos of, and introductions to, several of our newer participants. Look for additions every couple of weeks!

CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT

AMC Survey. Have you completed your **AMC survey about church and faith** yet? Yes, it takes a little more time and reflection than others, so we offer this **incentive**: all Assembly participants who complete their survey by June 5 will have their name put in a hat. The pastoral team will draw 3 winners who will receive a \$10 gift certificate to their choice of the Electric Brew, Goshen Brewing Co, or Ten Thousand Villages. All others will receive the satisfaction of having contributed to helping discover who we are as a faith community. There are paper copies available on the lit table.

Reparations resources. As the congregation prepares to discern how to participate in reparations-inspired action, you may find it helpful to look at various resources on this topic. The Reparations Task Force has compiled a list of books, videos, articles, and more; and it can be found [here](#).

Congregational Meeting June 5. The agenda for the meeting on June 5 will include (1) presentation of the recently completed [Congregational Pastoral Review](#), (2) affirmation of the completed [Leader Selection slate for 2022-2023](#), (3) sharing of the [2021 State of the Congregation Report](#), and (4) discussion of [the reparations proposal](#), following up on the current elective. ([Read the reparations FAQ here](#)). You are encouraged to read the linked documents and to contact Randy Roth (Leadership Group Chair) or Scott Coulter (Pastor of Congregational Life) with any questions. **Please join us at 7pm Sunday Jun 5 on Zoom.**

Small groups. Small group reps met this week and looked at a proposal from the reparations task force for the congregation to commit to reparations-inspired action. Also discussed was Assembly's upcoming and annual recovenanting ritual, and the Assembly survey on church and faith. If you want to know more, ask your small group rep.

MYF (GRADES 9-12)

Sunday May 29 we will have our senior mugging during Worship and then a celebration for our seniors (all MYF welcome) during 2nd hour. This party during 2nd hour will include a brunch bar, corn hole tournament (for prizes), and time to celebrate the graduating class!

Congratulations to our seniors that are graduating this year! Brennan Beachy, Jordana Farran, Lily Johnson, Kia Kurtz, Mackenzie Mast, Joseph McKeage, Mara Sensenig & Sophia Yordy. **Open houses:**

- **Mackenzie Mast** Monday, May 30, 10am-12pm at the Goshen College Cabin, 309 Reservoir Pl, Goshen.
- **Sophia Yordy** Friday, June 3rd at 7 pm at her house (215 Gra Roy Drive, Goshen). If you are the type of person who likes to bring a gift to graduation parties, Sophia will be accepting donations to the Malala Fund. Her goal is to raise \$2022.

COMING UP THIS SUMMER

Vacation Bible School. We are delighted to invite children PreK-6th grade to participate in a new peace-themed Vacation Bible School (VBS) partnership with local Mennonite churches. VBS will take place **June 19-22** in the evenings at Silverwood Mennonite church. In order to participate, register here: <https://forms.gle/8pXsoH5Bf7bJWkfM8>

Canoeing on Saturday, June 25. Thanks to Lora's grant, we have an opportunity to go canoeing on Saturday, June 25 from 9am-11am. We will launch from the millrace/Goshen dam and canoe south from the dam, and then return to the same location. You could come as an individual, a family, or your small group. Canoes and life preservers will be provided. RSVP to Mary Roth (mary.nycer@gmail.com or 574.312.1763) by Saturday, June 18.

Summer Worship. Summer worship will begin June 12, the first Sunday after Pentecost. We've chosen the theme "Come to the water" as an invitation to come together and listen to each other's' stories (and enjoy gathering in our beautiful and air-conditioned worship space). Special events will include worshipping at Camp Friedenswald June 19 and at Oxbow Park July 31. There will also be an all-Assembly-invited day of canoeing on the Elkhart River Saturday, June 25. Much more information to come!

Pastoral Sabbatical & Parental Leave. Lora Nafziger is on sabbatical until Sept 3. Her sabbatical will include time for rest and retreat, for connection with her loved ones, and exploring and connecting with the Book of Creation and the Divine. The Lily Grant funding Lora's sabbatical is also funding renewal opportunities for the congregation, including canoeing and hiking, planting trees, and retreats at Pathways and at Camp Friedenswald. You can read about the plan for pastoral coverage during Lora's sabbatical [here](#).

In addition, Scott Coulter plans to take six weeks of parental leave this fall, from July 23-Aug 14, and Sept 12-Sept 30. This leave will allow time to adjust to the arrival of a new child, and time to adjust to his spouse's return to work.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The Middlebury Peace and Justice Action Group invites you to a presentation by Lorie Copeland, President of the Elkhart County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), on **Saturday May 28** at 10am at the Middlebury Public Library. Resources from the Anabaptist Disabilities Network will also be available at this event. This is free and open to the public.

Mennonite Disaster Service opportunity. Indiana/Lower Michigan Unit is looking for volunteers who are willing to help with a demolition project at Goshen College in May, June, and July. This will make more space for nursing labs and classroom space in response to both Covid-19 and a general increase in demand for registered nurses. Interested volunteers should contact Manass Hochstetler at 574-370-3564, or email gcandmds@gmail.com.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Stir up Peace webinar - Monday, June 6 at 7 pm EST. Join peacemakers Jonathan and Sarah Nahar for the Stir Up Peace webinar and learn more about this exciting curriculum that's perfect study material for your organization, small group or Sunday school class. [Register on Zoom](#) for this event, or [follow us on Facebook](#) to be notified when the broadcast goes live!

WIDER CHURCH

Parents of LGBTQ+ children. Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship has started a group for parents or guardians of LGBTQ+ children in Goshen-area Mennonite congregations. This group is meant to provide mutual support and to build resources for LGBTQ+ youth in our local congregations and community. For more information or to express an interest in joining, please contact Sarah Morrison at sjhigley@gmail.com.

Pathways Retreat Fundraiser. Pathways Retreat's third annual silent auction fundraiser will be held from June 18 - 25. Bidding will begin at 8 am on June 18 and end at 4 pm on June 25. The Retreat House will be open from 3:00 - 5:30 on June 25 for items to be viewed in person and picked up. Purchased items can also be picked up at a later date upon arrangement with one of the co-directors. If you have an item you'd like to donate, please contact [Linda](#) by June 13.

Mennonite women's history timeline. When Jason Kauffman, director of Mennonite Church USA Archives, was asked to create a Mennonite women's history timeline, he saw it as an opportunity to learn more about Mennonite history. That's when he faced questions and doubts about the different historical aspects of this project and his role as historian. Read his blog here: mennoniteusa.org/on-history-humility

Mennonite Creation Care Network May newsletter can be found [here](#).

MCC in need of material resources: MCC is resuming shipments of material resources to Ukraine. Five containers of emergency supplies are being shipped to Ukraine in the next few months with more planned for later in the year. With this increase in demand for supplies for Ukraine and other countries around the world, MCC's inventory of material resources is getting low. ***We need comforters and relief, hygiene, school, dignity, infant care and sewing kits, as well as soap and towels.*** Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope to people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Go to mcc.org/kits for information on needed supplies and drop-off locations.

Women Doing Theology Conference. The next Women Doing Theology Conference of Mennonite Church USA's Women in Leadership has been postponed until Fall 2023 (dates and location to be announced). After prayerful discernment, the committee decided that hosting the event in 2023 would allow space for planners to develop a more equitable, accessible and inclusive in-person event. For more information on Women in Leadership, visit mennoniteusa.org/wil

Anabaptist Witness: Mission and Formation. This issue calls attention to the dynamic process of communal and personal formation that impacts witness. Essays and poetry explore this theme in relation to disability; God images; sexuality; the Narrative Lectionary; and communities and mission work in Canada, Ethiopia, Mexico and the United States. You can read the issue for free online [here](#).

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the growth of Mennonite Bible School (formerly Bethany Bible School) in South Africa. Pray for the school's coordinator, Reuben Mgodeli, as he teaches and provides administrative support in five locations in South Africa's Eastern Cape Province. Pray also that the participants will be strengthened in their faith and in their leadership ministries. A pdf of daily prayers for the month of June can be found [here](#).

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

CAMP FRIEDENSWALD

May Newsletter. Read the latest issue of [The Friedenswald](#), featuring a letter from Chair of the Builders Associations, our 2021 Sustainability Report "By the Numbers," and a reflection from the Program Director.

Sharing our Stories. If you'd like to share YOUR story about Camp Friedenswald, we'd love to hear from you. Email, give us a call, write a letter, or send a video. We celebrate and honor the ways that lives have been shaped and impacted by Camp Friedenswald!

Calling all who love spending time in the peaceful woods! Camp Friedenswald is in real need of kitchen volunteers this summer (for a week at a time) and is still hiring several **summer staff positions**. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Program@Friedenswald.org or fill out [this form](#). Staff applications can be found [here](#). Please consider lending a hand making camp happen this summer!

Just Camp... for Justice - July 25-29 (pay on a sliding scale as you are able). Are you a **young adult** with a passion for justice? Do you miss your days as a camper or want to experience camp for the first time without breaking the bank? Join us for a special week of programming as we combine some of the fun and community-building aspects of a week at camp with the work of service and learning. Join together as a group of people who are passionate about enacting justice in the world and spend a week intentionally working to live in right-relationship with one another and with the land. Throughout the week we will be joined by Practitioners who will share with us their wealth of experience and knowledge spanning a variety of subjects within our theme of justice-work, or unraveling systems of violence and creating conditions for shalom. **Register by May 31 [here](#).**

Summer Getaway July 25-29. Looking to get away this summer? Want to experience the wonder of Camp without expectation of group activities? (We love this stuff, but know it's not for everyone!) Join us for this Monday-Friday Getaway. We'll provide the simple cabin and meals, lake & trails, and you can feel free to pace your week in the way that feels right to you. [Discover more](#) and [inquire today!](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Seed To Feed Teen Growers Internship. Elkhart County teens - Are you interested in a paid internship where you learn about gardening and help your community? Summer session begins June 13. Click [here](#) to learn more & apply.

Central Christian School, Kidron, OH, has several open faculty and staff positions for the 2022-2023 academic year including Operations Director, Middle School Intervention Specialist, Middle School English Teacher, Elementary School Teacher's Aide, and High School English Teacher. Please see ccscomets.org for job descriptions. **Bethany Christian School** job openings can be found [here](#). **Goshen College** job openings can be found [here](#). **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** job openings can be found [here](#). **Other Jobs in Mennonite Education** can be found [here](#). **Mennonite Church USA's** job postings are [here](#).

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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