

WORSHIP

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

<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</p>	<p>June 12 9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>Worship Leader: Peter Shenk Koontz Storytellers: Elsie & Wesley Mast</p>
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SUNDAY JUNE 5

9:30am Worship This Sunday is Pentecost and a time of recovenanting! Worship this week is being led by Small Group Groupyndor. Samuel Martinez Leal will be worshipping with us this Sunday. He is the president of the Central American Board of SEMILLA and of the Mennonite Church in El Salvador. He will be bringing brief greetings during first hour. To have more conversation with him during second hour about the work of SEMILLA, please gather in the multipurpose space. **Please do not park in the North Parking Lot this Sunday as tables will be set up there for the fellowship meal.**

10:45am – Sunday school for children and youth will immediately follow worship. See the Order of Worship, and maps posted in the Gathering Space, for classroom locations.

11am – For Second Hour, return to the worship space after the break to hear more stories from our delegates who attended the Mennonite Church USA special delegate assembly in Kansas City this past weekend.

12pm Fellowship Meal. All are invited to stay and eat with us after second hour. Please gather in the Multipurpose Space at **11:50am** for the blessing and instructions. You are encouraged to eat outside; tables will be set up in the north parking lot. **What to Bring:** 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. Masks are required indoors during the meal except when you are sitting at your table eating.

7pm Congregational meeting [on Zoom](#). The agenda includes a report from the Congregational Pastoral Review Committee and a first reading of the proposal from the Reparations Task Force. [Please read the agenda and handouts](#) in preparation for the meeting.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Eli Kauffman (5th GIS) turned 11 on May 27th! Eli enjoys anything that has to do with soccer! This summer he's looking forward to spending time with cousins, swimming, biking and sleeping in! Eli enjoys math and reading, and playing games with his dad and working in the garden with his mom.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
June 5 <i>Pentecost & Recovenanting</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 & meal 5pm MYF pool party 8pm Anti-racism accountability group on Zoom 	June 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Dance group 					
June 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Worship at Camp Friedenswald 3-7:30pm Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Silverwood Mennonite church 	June 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-8pm VBS 	June 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-8pm VBS 	June 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-8:30pm VBS 	June 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central District Conference Annual Meeting 	June 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central District Conference Annual Meeting 	June 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-11am Assembly canoe trip Central District Conference Annual Meeting

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

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 July – December 2022. We need volunteers for childcare during first hour, kitchen clean-up and preparing coffee. Thank you to everyone who already volunteered; check your mailbox for your assignments or online [here](#).

Housing needed. A Goshen High School student has an urgent need for housing. For more information, or if you know someone that might be able to host a student for the remainder of this academic year, please reach out to Naomi Roots at naomikr@assemblymennonite.org

Fall Sunday School. Do you love interacting with our amazing Assembly children or wish you knew them better? The Christian education committee is looking for volunteers to help with Sunday school starting in August. Please help us rebuild our supply of teachers, storytellers, greeters, assistants, and childcare volunteers after two years of disruption. We are hoping for a “regular” year of in-person Sunday school in 2022-23, which takes about 35 adults per quarter. Bethany Swope, Lisa Kauffman, Kyle Baldanzi Schlabach or Lois Kaufmann would be delighted to hear from you if interested.

The need for MCC relief kits is great! Johanna Sutter will be your shopper to purchase the 9 different items (with multiples of some items) for \$35 per kit, hopefully. If you want to help provide a relief kit for a refugee family, write a check to Assembly with “MCC relief kits” in the memo. You can also give cash in an envelope or give it directly to Johanna. Any amount of money will help. Let’s show love to those who lost so much. Thank you.

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](#).

MYF (GRADES 9-12) SUMMER ACTIVITIES

6/12: MYF Summer Pool Party (5-7pm @Graysen Beasley's House)

Come kick-off summer at the MYF summer pool party! Activities for this event include swimming, corn-hole, spike ball, and bonfire. Hot dogs will be provided for dinner (vegan options available), but please bring a snack or side dish to share! Plan to bring your swimsuit and a towel. Masks are optional for this event. See MYF email for address.

7/9-7/17: MYF Summer Service Trip with Mennonite Disaster Service (registration closed)

7/31: MYF Dunes Trip (all day)

Come enjoy a full day of fun in the sun at the Warren Dunes with the MYF. This will be our last MYF event for summer, which means we will be having a special "send off" for our seniors. Plan to be gone most of the day, transportation will be provided. Details to follow.

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

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.

Mennonites Against Militarism – a collaboration of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee, U.S. – is seeking to launch an initiative to counter military recruitment of U.S. youth, called Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN). AMEN invites interested volunteers to complete a brief survey that identifies areas in which they may engage with AMEN, including administration, web and graphic design, publicity, budgeting, fundraising and guidance/career counseling. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonites-against-militarism-seeks-volunteers/> Take the survey here: <https://rb.gy/gbehlm>

MCC Great Lakes launches new initiative: Churches Engaging on Climate Change (CECC): In light of MCC's commitment to care for God's creation and accompany marginalized communities harmed by climate change, MCC is looking for congregations interested in engaging in climate change in their own communities. CECC offers education and advocacy opportunities, connections with local partners and seed grants. Learn more and sign up for additional information at mcc.org/churches-climate-change.

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!

Container Gardening – June 7, 5:30-6:30pm. Join Seed to Feed at Church Community Services in Elkhart to learn how to grow your favorite veggies in a container and take home a portable garden. No cost and all are welcome. Email seedtofeed@churchcommunityservices.org to attend.

The Poor People's Campaign “follows the spirit and analysis of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in identifying and combatting the ‘evil triplets’ of systemic racism, poverty and the war economy, along with attendant ecological devastation and the false moral narrative of religious nationalism.” Rod Hollinger-Janzen, administrative assistant for Church Vitality in Mennonite Church USA, walks through the reasons why he is an avid supporter of the campaign. Read more, including how you can be involved in the Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls, on Saturday, June 18: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/meet-peoples-needs/>

Webinar - Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What now? – July 18 @ 7pm on Zoom. The Delegate Assembly is over, and decisions have been made. What has changed? What does it mean for my conference, my congregation and me? What opportunities are there for us to live into our Renewed Commitments to “follow Jesus, witness to God's peace and experience the transformation of the Holy Spirit”? Join Executive Director Glen Guyton, Moderator Linda Dibble and Moderator-Elect Jon Carlson for this webinar. Register [here](#).

Podcast “Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery” [Conservation and Decolonization](#). It's almost summer and many of us will be traveling to the U.S.'s national parks for vacation and recreation. In this episode, Sarah and Sheri talk about how the formation of our national parks, the conservation movement that inspired their formation, and colonization have gone hand in hand. They also talk about how conservation could be decolonized.

WIDER CHURCH

Special Delegate Session recap. A lot happened at the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly on May 27-30. Here is where you can find all the news and resources: Official [MC USA news release](#), Delegate Assembly [news page](#) for additional photos and captions, [Delegate Assembly resource page](#) for copies of the resolutions and staff impact statements about what it all means, [MC USA Facebook page](#) where you can watch brief recorded panel discussions filmed each evening of the assembly.

Thrift at Woodland Crossing. The new Thrift at Woodland Crossing, a MCC thrift shop, is preparing to open mid-June. Many hands are needed. Volunteers will make it happen; you can make it happen! Come to volunteer at 138-7 W Hively Ave in Elkhart any Monday-Friday, any time between 9-4pm with your helping hands or donations. [Attached](#) is detailed information about opportunities for folks to join in.

Central District Conference Annual Meeting – June 23-25. We welcome and invite everyone to participate in all the annual meeting activities. The annual meeting will be held at Goshen College in the College Mennonite Church. We are also offering the opportunity for folks to join worship live via Goshen College's livestream and to join the delegate

sessions via Zoom. Registration is \$50/adult and \$25/youth delegate. The Zoom link will be sent to registrants after they register. Registration for children K-12 is \$15/child, children 0-4 are free. Information about the annual meeting can be found at <https://mcusacdc.org/annual-meeting-2022/>. **Please register before June 10 to take advantage of the early registration fee.**

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.

MCUSA office volunteers needed. Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you have some free time on your hands, and are you looking for a place to volunteer? Mennonite Mission Network is seeking volunteers to manage the front desk reception area at the MC USA office building during business hours (8 a.m.-4 p.m.). Find more information [here](#).

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.

Disabilities and the church. Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), in partnership with Anabaptist Disabilities Network, has launched "Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY," an initiative that celebrates the many gifts that people with disabilities bring to our church communities. In June, MC USA will seek to engage people in this initiative by offering resources, prayers and ways to care for one another and to address issues of accessibility in the church. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/welcoming-everybody>

Mission Network prayer request. Martine Audéoud, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, vacated her office apartment in France to make space for people fleeing the Russian invasion of Ukraine, but God sent her a Nigerian family with three children instead. Pray that this family will find support and be able to start a new life. Pray also for Martine as she prepares lectures and counsels doctoral students from her kitchen table. A pdf of daily prayers for the month of June can be found [here](#).

CAMP FRIEDENSWALD

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

AMBS is hiring! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for an Assistant Director of Maintenance, a Resource Access Librarian, and a Student Services Coordinator. See full job descriptions: ambs.edu/jobs

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](#). **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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