

WORSHIP

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

<p>July 17 9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>Worship Leader: Kristen Swartley Storyteller: Paul Meyer Reimer</p>	<p>July 24 9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>Worship Leader: MYF Storyteller: MYF stories from MDS trip</p>
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SUNDAY JULY 17

9:30am Worship This summer at Assembly, our theme is “Come to the Water”. We are reflecting on moments when we’ve experienced restoration— when, following times of adversity, our thirst is quenched and we can return to rest (Ps 116:7). We invite you to explore what it means to “come to the water” through the lens of your own experience as we explore Biblical themes of new life, restoration, and the vitality of creation.

CHILDREN’S BIRTHDAYS



June Klassen turned 2 on July 9! June loves going for walks in her neighborhood, seeing diggers, and swinging. When she’s not doing those things, she’s reading. Her recent favorite: *Goodnight Goodnight Construction Site*.



Rylan Morris turns 3 on July 20! Rylan is a spunky and enormously empathetic 3-year-old. She loves going to play at the neighborhood park, spending time coloring, and listening to music. She cares deeply about those around her, whether human or animal, and is extremely excited to attend Goshen Christian Montessori this fall with her older sister.

Masks are required during worship services for everyone ages 2 and older.

We are thankful that we can worship (and sing!) together in person, while taking reasonable precautions that protect the most vulnerable among us.

Our Covid Advisory Committee encourages everyone be aware of the risks of attending large gatherings, particularly for those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated. Please read their suggestions [here](#).

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
July 17 • 9:30am Worship (No Sunday school)		July 19 • 7pm Labyrinth walk				
July 24 • 9:30am Worship (No Sunday school) • 11am Sunday school teacher meeting	July 25 • 6:30pm Dance group					

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Pastors out of town. Anna Yoder Schlabach will be out of town this weekend, July 15-17. Karl Shelly will be on vacation July 18-25.

Worship gift form: We know that your interest in worship participation likely varies from year to year. One way to know who wants to participate in worship this year is for you to fill out a worship gifts [form](#). This helps worship leaders and worship planners. If you're interested in leading worship, presenting scripture, sharing musical gifts, serving on the carnival planning committee, or anything related to worship, we want to know! Big thanks to the 16 people who have already filled it out!

Goshen LGBTQ Pride Family Celebration, July 16, 1-4 pm. Join us for family friendly music, dancing, balloon animals and snacks at Goshen City Church of the Brethren, 203 N 5th St Goshen, IN 46528. Find more information [here](#). Thanks to Goshen City Church of the Brethren for their hospitality, Eighth St. Mennonite Church for their generosity in sponsoring the Balloon artist & Assembly Mennonite for sponsoring snacks.

Labyrinth Walk. Join Meribeth Shank, certified labyrinth facilitator, on Tuesday, July 19 at 7pm 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 school teacher meeting: All adults helping with 2022-2023 Sunday school (toddlers through JYF) are invited to a brief orientation immediately following worship on Sunday, July 24, in the north side of the Multipurpose space. Please attend even if you have helped with Sunday school in the past. Contact Bethany Swope, Christian education committee chair, with questions or if you are unable to attend.

Night Swimming! We've rented Shanklin pool on **July 31st from 7-9 p.m.** for a Church Pool Night. All ages welcome. Go to Ox-bow in the morning for worship and cool off in the pool in the evening.

Mark your calendars! Assembly's fall retreat at Camp Friedenswald will be October 8&9. Stay tuned for more details.

Memorial Wall Piece. After a year of dreaming, planning, and creating, the Wooden Memorial Wall Piece is finished. Many thanks to Ben Nelson for creating it and to Leon Stutzman for marking where all the name plaques will go. This is intended to be a place to remember people who died while attending Assembly. There is also an incomplete Memorial Book on the table below. If you have photos or an obituary or program for someone who does not have a page in the book and would like to make one, please let Anna Yoder Schlabach know. You can find the book and the wooden piece on the wall under the skylight outside the kitchen. Neither the pages in the book nor the names on the wall are in chronological order.

AMC survey on church participation and faith. Thank you to the 99 respondents to this recent survey. Leadership Group and others will take a close look at the responses in the near future, but any Assembly participant who wants to see the data can find it [here](#).

Do you shop at Kroger? The Kroger Community Rewards program donates money to organizations every time you shop; at no cost to you. Assembly Mennonite is one of those organizations. All you have to do is link your card to Assembly

Mennonite. If interested in linking your card to Assembly, 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.

WIDER COMMUNITY

MCC Kit packing event: Join other local MCC alumni and friends at our MCC Material Resources Center in Goshen for an evening of fun and fellowship while helping to pack much-needed kits. There is an increased demand for supplies to send to Ukraine and other countries around the world, and these kits are a tangible way to share hope with the people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Join the kit packing event on Thursday, July 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. More information and registration at: mcc.org/gl-alumni-service.

Grab your walking shoes and join us for the 13th Annual Maple City Walk, Saturday, September 17th. Enjoy beautiful late summer scenery along the Maple City Greenway and the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail and choose from three walking distances: 10K, half marathon and marathon. Register online at maplecitywalk.com and click on Family Events and Walks. For questions, training strategies, or encouragement contact Vivian Schmucker or Julia Gautsche.

MICHIANA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

- Plan to attend a **fundraising banquet** to support the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale on Tuesday, August 16, at 6 pm, at the Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center in Middlebury. Sponsor a table of 8 (\$225), or purchase individual tickets for \$30. Download a reservation form [here](#) or call 888-503-8559. Reservations are due August 1.
- **Help is needed** to oversee the eggroll and strawberry shortcake booths, and with sausage frying at the Relief Sale. If you, your small group, or any other group is interested, contact Food Committee Chair Lillian Hochstetler at 574-312-5818.
- The **Online Silent Auction** invites you to consider a donation, for which all sale proceeds go to MCC. The auction features works of art, wooden toys and new, antique or gently used items in excellent condition with a minimum value of \$50. **In addition, we invite the highly sought-after gifts of *experiences or services*, such as B&B stays, unused time-shares, ethnic or unique meals for small groups, etc.** Imagine what you may have to offer to this worthy cause! Donations are accepted through August. Contact coordinators Bob and Deb Kauffman at kauffman.mMrs@gmail.com or 574-849-0053.
- Bless others and the work of MCC with your donation to the 2022 **Quilt Auction!** Comforters and quilts of all sizes, quilted wall-hangings, plus knitted or crocheted afghans are all needed. See the [website](#) for how to register your item. Registration ends August 20.
- Volunteers are needed to help with the **children's carnival activities**. Sign up to run a booth, paint faces, sell tickets, or pass out prizes. Help our kids have fun and learn about the work MCC is doing! Sign up [here](#) or contact Sonya Overman at preschoolsonya@gmail.com
- Don't forget to collect coins for **MyCoinsCount**. If you need a quarter collector contact the MCC Great Lakes office in The Depot (574-533-4133)
- Volunteers are needed for the **Ten Thousand Villages** shop at the Relief Sale. Help unpack, check out, be present during the sale, and tear down. Stay tuned for more information. Old and new faces welcome as we support the artisans and MCC!
- Check out the website (www.mennonitesale.org) or social media for the latest news.

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>.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Webinar - Creative housing solutions for refugees & asylum seekers, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. EDT. When refugees and asylum seekers first arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' ability to lay down roots. Join MCC for a free webinar to learn about ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them, to offer creative housing solutions. We will hear from panelists involved with the Asylum Seekers Housing Network (ASHN), the Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE), Reservoir Hill House of Peace (RHHP), Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) and more. Learn more and register at: mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions.

Political Idolatry – Countering Christian Nationalism. As a resource for the Church, AMBS recently offered a webinar on countering Christian nationalism led by Drew Strait, PhD, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins. In the webinar recording — now accessible for free [online](#) — Drew provides an overview of the destructive force of White Christian nationalism and offers practical tools to help with tough conversations to bear witness to the gospel of peace.

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. Offered by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, the two-and-a-half to three-year Journey program is designed for pastors, those exploring a call to ministry, church planters and other congregational lay leaders. For more information, click [here](#). Application deadline is August 1.

WIDER CHURCH

Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What now? webinar, July 18 at 7 pm ET/4 pm PT. Now that the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly is over, and the resolutions have passed, you may have questions about what it all means. Join Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff members to explore these questions. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whats-next

The Central District Conference Annual Meeting recordings are available online. Watch storytelling sessions, seminars, worship services, and delegate sessions at <https://mcusacdc.org/2022-annual-meeting/>.

RAWtools is “war” backwards. Gun violence continues to plague our country. Read how Mike Martin has taken steps to combat gun violence through RAWtools, Inc., a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA, in his blog, “Guns to garden tools.” mennoniteusa.org/guns-to-garden-tools

Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network’s Youth Venture program is leading a nine-day immigration and borderlands learning tour in Tucson, Arizona. Pray for the 15 participants as they come face-to-face with injustice and racism in many forms.

MennoCon21 resources. MC USA is offering free online access to a wide variety of resources from its hybrid MennoCon21 convention. The resources, which include keynote sermons, educational seminars, Bible studies, storyteller videos and more, are available on MC USA’s [website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Full time Garden Education Coordinator. Seed to Feed program of Church Community Services is hiring a full time Garden Education Coordinator. Find more information [here](#).

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](#).

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