

## WORSHIP

Join us on Sundays in Person

<p><b>July 24</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship</b></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> MYF  <b>Storyteller:</b> MYF stories from MDS trip</p>	<p><b>July 31</b>  <b>10 AM Worship &amp; Potluck</b>          Ox Bow Park</p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Michael Miller  <b>Storyteller:</b> Kim Kurtz</p>
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## SUNDAY JULY 24

**9:30am Worship** This Sunday, the MYF will be sharing experiences from their Mennonite Disaster Service trip in Jennings, Louisiana.

**11am Sunday School teacher meeting** All adults helping with 2022-2023 Sunday school (toddlers through JYF) are invited to a brief orientation immediately following worship in the north side of the Multipurpose space. Please attend even if you have helped with Sunday school in the past.

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



**Levi Stuckey Weber turns 2 on July 24!** Levi loves jumping, singing and dancing. His favorite songs are Baby Beluga and Bidi Bidi Bom Bom. He likes shouting the names of birds he sees and waving at the friends he makes on walks. His favorite part of church is the people. His favorite foods are cheese, pizza, and any kind of fruit.



**Avery Morris (GCMS) turns 5 on July 30th!** She loves to watch, play and read books about My Little Pony. She hopes to redecorate her room with My Little Pony décor soon. She is glad that her new house is close to "Rainbow Park" (Hay Park) and she's looking forward to an upcoming trip to visit her grandparents in Wisconsin. She hopes to go to Disney World after she gets her two shots.

**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 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Worship (No Sunday school)</li> <li>11am Sunday school teacher meeting</li> </ul>	July 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Dance group</li> </ul>					
July 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MYF day trip to dunes</li> <li>10am Worship &amp; potluck at Ox Bow Park</li> <li>7-9pm Church pool night at Shanklin</li> </ul>					Aug 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Greencroft meet up</li> </ul>	

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Sunday school teacher meeting:** All adults helping with 2022-2023 Sunday school (toddlers through JYF) are invited to a brief orientation immediately following worship this Sunday in the north side of the Multipurpose space. Please attend even if you have helped with Sunday school in the past.

**The MYF annual Warren Dunes trip is Sunday, July 31st.** Drop off will be at 9:30am at AMC, and pick up will be at 5:15pm at AMC. Transportation is provided. Please pack your own lunch and water bottle (along with your beach gear and games). Reminder that this will be our last MYF event for summer, which means we will be having a special “send off” for our seniors. RSVP by Sunday 7/24. See MYF email for full details, or contact Sara or Erich with any questions.

**Worship and meal at Ox Bow.** July 31 will be the last Sunday of our Come to the Water summer worship series. Join us in celebrating the gifts of earth and water at Ox Bow Park ([directions here](#)). Worship will start at 10am. We will be at the Fisherman’s Shelter. At the gatehouse, take the first right and continue for a quarter mile. Look for the parking lot on the right. Bring your chairs and blankets for worship on the grass, and food for our picnic potluck. Households with names beginning with A through L please bring a salad or side dish; M through Z bring a main 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, cups and utensils for your household. We will not be able to livestream the service. Entry to the park is \$3 per vehicle. Walkers and bikers get in free! A map of Ox Bow can be found [here](#).

**Night Swimming!** We've rented Shanklin pool on July 31st from 7-9 p.m. for a Church Pool Night. All ages welcome. Please let Anna Yoder Schlabach know if you plan to attend. (We need a second life guard if we have more than 30 people).

**From Johanna Sutter.** I’m now ending my shopping for MCC Relief kits. \$3435 was put in the offering plus \$120 was given to me. For the \$3555 I was able, with luck & skill (knowledge of where, when and how to buy), to secure all the items for 115 Relief kits, which made it about \$31 each. It took numerous trips and a lot of space in my garage to do it. It was fun. Thanks for your great generosity. Assembly is sending 115 Relief kits and making that many families happy, showing them love and giving them hope.

**NEW! Prayer Request process.** We are no longer using the online form to submit requests. Please share prayer requests by contacting one of the pastors via email or phone. Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays.

## WIDER COMMUNITY

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](http://maplecitywalk.com) and click on Family Events and Walks. For questions, training strategies, or encouragement contact Vivian Schmucker or Julia Gautsche.

## DOING JUSTICE

**Solidarity Raffle with CPT Colombia.** From July 18-August 31, purchase a special ticket with a prize of 100% Colombian products manufactured by people committed to fair trade, solidarity and peace! Since arriving in Colombia in 2001, our work has focused on accompanying social organizations, small farming and mining communities — victims of the armed, political, economic, and social conflict in the Middle Magdalena and Northeast Antioquia regions — in their promotion and defense of Human Rights and their peaceful demands to remain in their territories. This RAFFLE is a reflection of our solidarity. It is a sign of our commitment to stand together with the communities and social organizations in Colombia, who are resisting and working towards a better future. Click [here](#) to buy a raffle ticket.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**FREE Companion Planting class.** Join Seed to Feed for a class led by Jon Zirkle of Buschelcraft Farm. Learn what crops can be planted close together and help each other grow! Tuesday, July 26, 5:30-6:30 pm at the Seed to Feed greenhouse, 907 Oakland Ave, Elkhart. Please RSVP at [seedtofeed@churchcommunityservices.org](mailto:seedtofeed@churchcommunityservices.org)

**Fall Book Study with Elaine Enns | Sept. 8-Dec. 1, 2022** Elaine Enns, co-author of [\*Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization\*](#), will be leading an online, intensive book study this fall for the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. This book encourages personal and collective work toward decolonization. It asks those of us who are settlers, immigrants and displaced peoples to do our own pre-work of integrating our ancestral stories, so we can see more clearly and show up in solidarity with Indigenous peoples. There is a suggested donation of \$150-\$250. Scholarships are available. [Register here](#) by August 1.

**Graduate Certificate in Faith-based Peacebuilding.** In a new partnership, Eastern Mennonite Seminary is collaborating with the world-renowned Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University to offer a graduate certificate in faith-based peacebuilding. [Read more.](#)

## WIDER CHURCH

**Parents/Guardians of LGBTQ+ children.** Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship has started a group for parents or guardians of LGBTQ+ children in Goshen-area Mennonite congregations. An introductory meeting will be held at Berkey on Saturday, August 27, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The focus of this meeting will be to introduce ourselves to each other and to discuss the group's vision and goals. For more information, please contact Sarah Morrison at [sjhigley@gmail.com](mailto:sjhigley@gmail.com).

**Thrift at Woodland Crossing Grand Opening** – Join us Thursday, August 18, at 4 pm for light refreshments and a ribbon cutting ceremony with Elkhart Mayor Rod Roberson. The address is 138 W Hively Ave, Suite 7, Elkhart IN 46517. Please RSVP [here](#).

**It's My Coins Count time again this year!** New this year, your collections will help provide FOOD to children and families around the world through Mennonite Central Committee and its partners by supporting farmers with animals and new techniques to maximize their yields to feed their families. Funds will also be used for emergency food for families in refugee camps or in crisis. Coins will be gathered at the church to take to the Michiana Relief Sale on Sept. 23-24. Adults can support the children by matching the coins totals! Thank you for making a difference in the world through MyCC and Mennonite Central Committee!

**Women's Retreat September 16-18, 2022:** Join us for spirit-filled worship, relaxation among friends, trails to wander, and water to rest by. This annual retreat, planned by women from across Central District Conference of MC USA, seeks to provide a place of connection and gathering for women. This year's theme is "Embodying Courage: Healing Connections" featuring guest speaker Samantha Lioi. For more information and to register please visit [www.friedenswald.org/retreats](http://www.friedenswald.org/retreats)

**Mennonite Disaster Service.** The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King invites you to take a short quiz to see how much you know about MDS and you can read more about the latest work by volunteers in Paradise, California. Read more [here](#).

**Mission Network prayer request.** Alisha and Josh Garber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are currently based in Phoenix, Arizona, where they are engaged in North American ministry. Pray for a time of spiritual and physical renewal, as the Garbers visit family, friends and supporting congregations. Pray for them, also, as they discern what God is calling them to next.

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Bethany Christian School job openings can be found [here](#). Goshen College 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](mailto: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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