



WORSHIP

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

<p>September 4 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday school 2nd hour Hymn sing Fellowship meal <i>2% offering</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Susan Nelson Sermon: Stephen Lowe Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:6-12:8</p>	<p>September 11 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Leader: Tom Kauffman Sermon: Karl Shelly Scripture: Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:6</p>
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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4

Please do not park in the North Parking lot when you come to church this Sunday! Weather permitting, we will be setting up tables for the fellowship meal in the North Parking lot.

9:30am Worship Our fall worship series focuses on the book of Ecclesiastes. This week’s theme is “Old age & youth.” This short little book contains questions and ideas that still feel relevant today: What is the point? What gives life meaning? How do we live in a time of unjust economic systems and wealth inequality? There is indeed nothing new under the sun. [Read the full intro here.](#)

Sunday School Teachers will be dismissed at the beginning of the closing hymn. Children are dismissed after the closing hymn.

Second Hour Hymn Sing – All adults are invited back to the Worship Space for a hymn sing. If you have a hymn request, write it on the board in the Gathering space. (There will be a brief break after the end of worship, but there is no coffee provided today).

Fellowship Meal following 2nd hour! 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 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, tables and chairs will be set up outdoors.

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.

For Sunday school/2nd hour: Masks are required for children ages 2-5 and their teachers.

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	FRI	SAT
Sept 4 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school; 2 nd hour Hymn sing • 12pm: Fellowship meal		Sept 6 • 7pm Leadership Group meeting	Sept 7 • 1pm Women's lunch bunch at meetinghouse • 7pm Reparations task force			
Sept 11 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 12pm Fall parent meeting	Sept 12 • 6:30pm Dance group					
Sept 18 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 11am Congregational Meeting • 12pm Mentor-Mentee Kick-off at Fidler Pond		Sept 20 • 6:30pm Labyrinth Walk				
Sept 25 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 11am CDC Sacred Listening • 12:30pm Students in homes for lunch	Sept 26 • 6:30pm Dance group	Sept 27 • 7:15pm Small group reps meeting on Zoom		Sept 29 • 7pm Book Discussion: "Disarmed" with Marshall King		

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

My Coins Count: Continue to bring your coins during offering time for MCC. As our children continue to collect coins for MCC's projects related to food insecurities around the world, consider giving a one-time gift, or a matching gift to MCC. Simply mark your contributions/checks for My Coins Count and place them in the offering.

Welcome Goshen College and AMBS Students! We would like to offer you our hospitality, welcome you (back) to the community, and get to know you better. If you would like to be hosted in a home for lunch on Sunday Sept 25, please [contact the church office](#) or [sign up using this Google Form](#) before Sept 18th.

Volunteer to Host Students for lunch Sept 25. Consider signing up to host Goshen College and seminary students in your home for lunch on Sunday, Sept 25. If you are interested in hosting, please sign up [using this Google Form](#) before Sept 14th.

Meal train for the Smuts family: There are still TWO spots left for the end of September/early October to provide a meal. Here's a link to sign up to take them a meal during Aydian's surgery & recovery.
<https://takethemeal.com/HWYB1860>

September is "Small Group Shuffle" time – that time of year when we form new small groups and help people find their way into Assembly small groups. If you're interested in joining or changing small groups, please let Pastor Karl Shelly know by filling out the online form [here](#), or by filling out the flyer on the literature table.

Women's Lunch Bunch: Our first Lunch Bunch meeting this season will be Wednesday September 7 at 1pm in the entry/gathering space at the meetinghouse and in person. We will have lots of conversation and seek suggestions for programs. Please plan on coming with your own beverage, your ideas of what topics about which you want to learn, speakers you want to hear, and how much in person or zooming you want.

Prayer 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.

CHURCH STAFF

Out of the office: Ann Yoder Schlabach will be out of the office Sept 2-4. Please contact either Karl Shelly or Scott Coulter for any pastoral needs during this time. Also, Naomi Roots will be out of the office until Wed Sept 7.

Welcome back! Lora Nafziger has finished her 3-month sabbatical and will be worshipping with us on Sunday, Sept 4!

FOR YOUTH, PARENTS, AND MENTORS

Fall parent meeting Sept 11: Parents of Sunday school age children and their teachers are invited to a pizza lunch and meeting after second hour on Sept. 11. The MYF will provide childcare and we will conclude by 1:30pm. This is a chance to connect with other parents and talk about how Sunday school is going. AMBS professor and former Assemblyite Rachel Miller Jacobs will join us to lead a conversation about digital media for ages 4-17 from a Christian formation perspective. Please bring a finger food side to share. More information about Rachel's topic will be emailed to parents.

Mentor/Mentee event Sept 18 - On Sunday Sept. 18 following church, there will be a mentor, mentee kick off potluck at Fidler pond. We will meet at the Chiddister Pavilion. RSVP and sign up to bring food by Sept. 12 using [this form](#). If you have any questions, ask [Lora](#), she will be back on Sunday!

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Sign up for a (FREE) Personal Retreat at Pathways There is still money left from Lora's sabbatical grant to take a retreat day at Pathways Retreat at no cost. [Contact Pathways Retreat](#) to make arrangements, and let them know you are from Assembly.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Noah Wells (2nd grade, Benton Elementary) turned 8 on August 24! He'll be celebrating this weekend with a geography themed party. He loves watching America's Funniest Home Videos, playing minecraft and playing with his dogs. He also enjoys learning about weather and has a unique style of playing foosball.

Graham Ebright Zehr (6th grade, GIS) turned 12 on September 1! He enjoys playing almost every sport. Right now he's in football. For his birthday he'll celebrate with friends in the pool and playing sports. One highlight from this past summer was going on an Alaskan cruise, where he saw whales and got to zipline.



DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Contribute to MCC School Kits. A while back several people asked me about school kits. At that time, I was just finishing relief buckets and didn't want to ask for more. But I bought some school supplies ahead and yesterday I bought the last 424 35-cent notebooks at Walmart. If you want to contribute to the school kit project write a check to AMC and note: school kits. Cash can be given to Johanna Sutter. A kit is about \$4.50. Thank you!

Trail of Death: Sunday Afternoon Pilgrimage. The Land Acknowledgment Team of Eighth Street Mennonite Church invites you to pilgrimage with us on October 2 to five sites along the Trail of Death near Plymouth and Rochester, Indiana. In September 1838, over 800 Potawatomi were forced to leave their homeland and walk to the plains of eastern Kansas. Over forty adults and children died on the 660-mile trek. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to remember their unjust treatment and lament this tragedy. We will leave Eighth Street Mennonite Church on the church bus around noon and return by 6 p.m. For more information and to reserve your place, please contact Eileen Saner (eksaner@gmail.com)

Volunteer with Mennonite Disaster Service. There are several ways to volunteer with MDS through the end of the year, both for recent disasters like this summer's flooding in [Hindman, KY](#), as well as locations where communities have been in recovery for years, as in the 2018 flooding in [McAllen, TX](#). You can be a part of bringing hope to these communities by volunteering for a week or more! Click [here](#) to see openings.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

"Disarmed" Book Club with Marshall V. King - Many of you have read or aspire to read "Disarmed: The Radical Life & Legacy of Michael 'MJ' Sharp." The author Marshall King has done events since its publication in January, but we haven't delved into it more deeply at AMC. Here's your chance to come and discuss this book. Join us at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 29, at the Meetinghouse for a book club of sorts. Marshall will do a short reading and discuss the book, as well as answer questions. (If you need a copy, Fables has them downtown or he has copies to sell.)

Online AMBS short course - Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible: Sept. 14 – Oct. 25. Join Drew Strait, PhD, and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD, to study pertinent Scripture passages and reflect on how these texts form a robust and biblically based practice of peace and justice today. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Sept. 7. ams.edu/online-short-courses

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Grab your walking shoes (and a friend) and join us for the 13th Annual Maple City Walk, Saturday, September 17th. Choose from three distances--10K, Half Marathon and Marathon-- and enjoy the beauty of the Maple City Greenway and the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail. Restrooms and snacks provided along the trail. Register at www.maplecitywalk.com or in person at the Goshen Parks Department, 524 E. Jackson St, Goshen. Contact Vivian Schmucker or Julia Gautsche with questions.

CAMP FRIEDENSWALD FALL PROGRAMS

Central District Conference Women's Retreat: Sept 16-18. Embodying Courage: Healing Connections with guest speaker Samantha E Lioi (previous Assembly-ite). More information can be found [here](#). Some congregations have discovered the good spirit and content of this long-standing retreat and others have yet to do so. Come check it out! Bring a friend. Camp Friedenswald is a beautiful setting and the weekend is intended for women to choose among offerings and also have time to enjoy the peaceful woods.

Restoration Retreat: Oct 21-23. If you see the need for restoration in our world and desire connection with others interested in the same, please consider participating in this weekend retreat. [Doug Kaufman](#), Director of Pastoral Ecology with the [Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions](#), will lead us in restoration practices for ourselves and our natural and human communities, with a special focus on climate change.

Fall Getaways: Oct 14-16 & Nov 4-6. Come on your own for a solitary retreat, or get away with family or friends! We'll provide the tasty meals, comfy cabin, and trails for exploring. This is a great way to enjoy the peaceful woods on your own schedule. [Register today](#) or find out [more](#).

WIDER CHURCH

Tanzania Education Aid. The final Nelson's chicken fundraiser will take place on Saturday, September 3, from 10am to noon in the Goshen Kroger parking lot.

We invite you to join us for the *Anabaptist Church Tour Oct 27 to Nov 7* hosted by SEMILLA, the Latin American Anabaptist Seminary, in Guatemala City. The tour includes a wide variety of experiences to expose you to what Anabaptist churches are doing in Guatemala, the challenges and joys they face, visiting areas of special interest, and understanding how SEMILLA responds in educating church leaders. To register, see the attached flier. For more information, please contact us. Arden Shank (ardenshank@outlook.com) and Meribeth Shank (meribethshank@gmail.com).

Central District Conference newsletter, *Focus*, for August 2022 can be read [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

First Quality Laundry owned by Lenora Hirschler & Tobias Magatti in downtown Goshen, is seeking interested applicants to fill a part time laundry attendant position for evenings and weekends. Talk to Tobias Magatti, pick up an application at 118 Clinton St, or call 574-533-9415 for more information.

MCC Great Lakes in Goshen is looking for occasional volunteers to help with driving and vehicle maintenance. Driving responsibilities include driving a pick-up truck and trailer to pick up donated kits and comforters across the region and bringing them back to our Goshen warehouse. Vehicle maintenance includes taking care of several organization-owned vehicles on an as-needed basis. For more information and to volunteer, contact our office at 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org.

Seeking a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Program Assistant. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this quarter-time position. The person in this role will support the DMin Program Director in the development and implementation of the new competency-based DMin degree at AMBS, providing administrative support for all aspects of the program. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

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 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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