



WORSHIP

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

<p>October 2</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School <i>World Communion Sunday</i> <i>Fellowship meal</i> <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach Sermon: Brian Sauder Scripture: Psalm 3; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24</p>	<p>October 9</p> <p>10 AM Worship at Camp Friedenswald 15406 Watercress Way, Cassopolis, MI</p> <p>Worship Leader: Deanna Risser Sermon: Stories from Camp Scripture: Psalm 66:1-12</p>
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

9:30am Worship Our preacher this morning is Brian Sauder. Brian is the Executive Director of [Faith in Place](#), a powerful network of diverse faith communities organizing for environmental and racial justice. A Mennonite minister, Brian brings a passion for connecting the dots between faith, environmental justice, poverty, mass incarceration, race, violence, class, and health.

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

Second Hour will be led by Brian Sauder.

12pm Fellowship Meal following 2nd hour! Households with names beginning with A through L please bring a main dish; M through Z bring a side or dessert. 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, a few 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. *Parents should contact Sunday school teachers directly if they are sending kids to Sunday school during days 6 through 10 after a positive COVID test. During this time children are asked to wear a mask during Sunday school and sit apart from the group during snack.*

The Leadership Group encourages everyone to consider the risks of attending large gatherings, particularly for those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated. You can read the suggestions issued in February by the former Covid Advisory Committee [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](#)

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>Oct 2</p> <p><i>World Communion Sunday</i> <i>2% Offering</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school ● 12pm Fellowship meal 	<p>Oct 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Yoga 	<p>Oct 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Leadership group 	<p>Oct 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1pm Women's lunch bunch in person & on Zoom ● 6pm Childcare for small groups 		<p>Oct 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9am Play group ● 9:30am Greencroft meet up 	
<p>Oct 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10am Worship at Camp Friedenswald 	<p>Oct 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Yoga ● 6:30pm Dance group on Zoom <p>(contact Linda Schlabach Miller for the link)</p>	<p>Oct 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30pm Labyrinth walk 			<p>Oct 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9am Play group 	<p>Oct 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-3pm Joy Buschert visitation ● 4pm Joy Buschert memorial service
<p>Oct 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Worship No Sunday school All ages hymn sing ● 7pm Congregational meeting 	<p>Oct 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Yoga 					
<p>Oct 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 	<p>Oct 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Yoga ● 6:30pm Dance group 	<p>Oct 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7:15pm Small group reps 			<p>Oct 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9am Play group 	

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Next Sunday, Oct 9 at 10AM, we will be worshipping at Camp Friedenswald. It is too late to register for lodging & meals but you can still attend worship on Sunday, bring your own lunch and stay the afternoon. A schedule can be found [here](#).

Yoga at Assembly. Alma's Yoga class is scheduled to commence Monday 3rd October from 6pm until 7pm. Please plan to come a few minutes early to register and set up. Bring your own yoga mat and a blanket for relaxation, yoga blocks if you have them. Classes will be suitable for beginners. Please enter through the north doors. Suggested donation of \$10. Any questions contact Alma at alma.boyle53@gmail.com or tel, 574 238 4536.

Women's Lunch Bunch is Wednesday October 5 at 1pm in person at AMC and [on Zoom](#). Lora Nafziger will be sharing stories and photos from her sabbatical. Bring your own beverage.

Childcare for small groups. Once again, we will be offering childcare for small groups on the first Wednesday night of each month starting Oct 5 from 6-8:30pm at the Meetinghouse. If interested, please sign your child(ren) up [here](#) by Monday, Oct 3.

Do you have suggestions for the distribution of the 2% offering? Our 2% offering is given in the spirit of restitutorial giving, knowing that we have more abundant resources than most of the people of the world. Rather than showing off our generosity, the 2% offering holds us accountable for the benefits we unfairly receive by place of birth or unearned privilege. One-half of the monies are divided among needs in Elkhart country and one-half to programs in the 2/3 world. Please contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com with your suggestions by October 12.

Small Group Reps met on Tuesday and discussed how groups can examine and [discuss the results](#) from the recent congregational survey, the annual small group shuffle, and ways we as a congregation can be more hospitable. Ask your small group rep for more information.

Assembly small groups. Want to know more about the Assembly small groups -- their history, current trends, and why we shuffle? See this [summary of information](#) Karl Shelly shared during the August 28 second hour.

School Kits – Last Sunday I was asked if I still accepted money for the MCC school kits. Yes! I still need contributions for the 300 kits I purchased for MCC. If you want to contribute, write a check to AMC & put “school kits” in the memo line. Cash can be given to me. Thank you! Johanna Sutter.

Volunteers needed for Joy Buschert’s memorial service & meal. We will need many volunteers for various duties on October 15, including set up, greeters, and clean up. If you can help, please contact the office at office@assemblymennonite.org or call 574-534-4190.

Assembly Student Aid: Will you or your child be learning at a Mennonite school/college/seminary next school year? We as a congregation want to financially support those among us who opt for education at a Mennonite institution. Covenanted members and their children will qualify for grants of 8% of tuition at Mennonite seminaries, colleges, and Bethany Christian High School and Middle School. **Now it’s time to budget! By Nov 1:** Please let a member of the Student Aid Committee know if you or children in your family are considering or continuing Mennonite education for 2023-24, and at which institution and grade level. Contact Cheryl Mast <home.mast@gmail.com> about students at Bethany (6th-12th grades). Contact Paul Meyer Reimer <paulmr@goshen.edu> about students at Menno colleges and seminaries.

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.

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.

BIRTHDAYS



Finley Stump turned 3 on September 27th! He loves conducting orchestra music, learning to play the violin, playing disc golf, riding his balance bike, and snuggling his stuffies. His favorite instruments are the violin, bassoon, double bass, and timpani drums.

Isabel Martin turned 1 on September 30th! She currently enjoys crawling, sharing food with her little Dachshund, Herschel, and pulling up on all kinds of furniture- the more dangerous the better!





Arthur Beyeler (5th GIS) turns 11 on Oct.12! Arthur likes to play video games, read books and play outside. He is enjoying learning about Native Americans at school. His favorite foods are Vietnamese, sushi and pizza. This summer he had an adventure with his grandparents that included spinning and a water park. One day he hopes to learn archery.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We Own This Now, Live at the Goshen Theatre. WHAT IF THE LAND YOU LOVE WAS STOLEN? Starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, *We Own This Now* is a play by Alison Casella Brookins that looks at love of land, loss of land, and what it means to “own” something. The show is about the Doctrine of Discovery (the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples) and its impact on our world. Interested in ushering at this show? Contact Chelsea Risser at cjoyrisser@gmail.com. **Friday October 14, 2022 at 7:30pm. Free admission.**

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The Open Fifths Concert at 8th Street Mennonite Church (Sunday, October 9 at 4:00pm). *The Open Fifths* is a choral ensemble that performs music from the Renaissance through contemporary composers as well as traditional hymns and arrangements of popular music and songs from around the world. The concert is FREE. An offering will be collected to support the [Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition’s Salary Campaign for Sarah Augustine](#). Anabaptist author, scholar and activist Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo (Tewa) woman, has been a leading voice in calling the church to dismantle structures that oppress Indigenous peoples and deprive them of their lands. Contributions to her Salary Campaign will empower her to do this prophetic work of repair full-time.

Knitting volunteer needed: Bethany 3rd grade teacher Karin Fast is looking for a volunteer to teach knitting to her class once a week for approximately 6 weeks. All materials will be provided and she will remain in the classroom to assist and for crowd control. If you are interested or have questions contact her at kfast@bethanycs.net

Volunteer mentors needed! *DRIVE* is a mentoring program provided through the Goshen School Corporation. In this program you will be able to connect with a 4th, 5th or 6th-grader to help them build a foundation and make a successful transition to junior high school! Mentors meet with their students once-a-week for 30 minutes. Mentoring occurs during the school day. If interested, email Sharon Sarber at ssarber@goshenschools.org or call 574-533-8631, ext. 12045

Mennonite Disaster Service - For the months of October - December 2022, MDS is offering financial travel assistance for anyone who serves for a week or more in McAllen, TX or Jennings, LA. Contact dfrey@mds.org for more information.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

[Everence Financial](#)® is hosting a FREE in-person educational Medicare workshop next week (Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.). An Everence Medicare Supplement Specialist will host this educational event. As you approach retirement, you may have some questions about moving to Medicare and Social Security. During Medicare Mondays, Everence discusses the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare. Click [here](#) to register.

AMBS Short Course- Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology with Jamie Pitts- Oct. 26 – Dec. 13. Learn about the birth and development of the Anabaptist movement in the 16th century, as well as various interpretations of “Anabaptism” and it’s meaning today. **Register by Oct. 5 to save \$50! Register Now.**

Central District Seminary Scholarships - Scholarships are available to persons who are members of CDC congregations or who have been active in a CDC congregation for three years. [Learn more and apply.](#)

WIDER CHURCH

Central District prayer request: As Hurricane Ian makes landfall on the Florida coast, please keep Covenant Mennonite Fellowship, Sarasota, and Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Gainesville in your prayers. Jason Kuniholm, pastor of Covenant Mennonite, reports that most members of the church are sheltering in place. Please pray for safety for all who are affected by the hurricane and for patience, courage and strength as clean up follows.

On behalf of Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, thank you for your enthusiasm and energy at **Assembly Mennonite** in collecting coins and matches for **My Coins Count**. Your congregation donated **\$944.16**, helping MyCC bring in over **\$80,000** this year and bringing the sale total to over **\$430,000!** Your MyCC contribution will help MCC partners alleviate the growing threat of extreme hunger around the world.— John Martens, MyCC Coordinator- MMRS

Camp Friedenswald Fall Getaways - October 14-16 / November 4-6. A Getaway is an opportunity to reset and retreat in the beauty of the peaceful woods. There's no obligation of group games, and you're on your own to rest and play. Register with friends or family or come on your own. [Find out more](#). Cost: \$260/cabin + meals \$60/adult \$40/child. All ages welcome.

Young Adults! Nov 6-11: Puerto Rico Peace Camp: Young adults are invited to join MCC on November 6-11 on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico as we discover new ways to live and proclaim the gospel of peace. This week-long experience will be filled with practical learning about deconstructing oppressive systems, building community, participating in spaces of healing and commitment to hospitality. This experience will be facilitated in Spanish; a minimum of conversational Spanish is expected from all participants. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now at mcc.org/campamento-de-paz. More information about peace camps: mcc.org/peace-camps.

MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's largest faith formation gathering, will be held July 3-8, 2023, in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be programming for all ages, including a one-day Climate Summit for youth and young adults. See the tentative block schedule here: mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-schedule

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer. Today, the women's leadership conference led by African American women and co-sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Mennonite Mission Network, concludes with worship in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray that all participants will receive new tools to work for diversity, equity and inclusion in the church.

The most recent Everence *Toolkit* can be read [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Bethany Christian School job openings can be found [here](#). **Goshen College** job openings can be found [here](#). **AMBS** job openings can be found [here](#). **Other jobs in Mennonite education** can be found [here](#). **Mennonite Church USA's** job postings are [here](#).

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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>.