

## WORSHIP

Oct 9 – Join us at 10:30AM Sunday at Camp Friedenswald  
 Other Sundays: Join us at 9:30AM on Sundays in Person, or [on Zoom](#)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 9</b>  <b>10:30 AM Worship at Camp Friedenswald</b>  <a href="#">15406 Watercress Way, Cassopolis, MI</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Leader:</b> Deanna Risser  <b>Sermon:</b> Stories from Camp  <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 66:1-12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 16</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship</b>          No Sunday school          2<sup>nd</sup> hour All ages hymn sing</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Leader:</b> Stephen Lowe  <b>Sermon:</b> Lora Nafziger  <b>Scripture:</b> Acts 13:1-5; 15:36-41</p>
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## SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

**10:30am Worship** will be in Cottonwood Center at Camp Friedenswald. For the location, see #10 on the [camp map](#). We will be hearing from individuals about their camp experiences. All are welcome to attend, regardless of registration. Please put pledges for the retreat in the offering basket with “Retreat” in the memo line. **We ask that you wear a mask during worship this Sunday.** There will be no live-streaming of the service. If you would like to stay for the meal & did not register, feel free to bring your own lunch and stay the afternoon.

**New Mask Policy:** Beginning Oct 16, masks are optional during worship & Sunday school, unless Elkhart County’s Community Risk Level becomes “High” (according to [covidactnow.org](https://covidactnow.org)) – in which case masks will be required indoors for everyone over age 2. We encourage everyone to stay up to date on vaccinations and booster and encourage anyone who is not feeling well to join us on Zoom. **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.**

Please follow current CDC guidelines for Elkhart County. For more information visit <https://www.assemblymennonite.org/covid-19-information/>.

## CHILDREN’S BIRTHDAYS



**Lyle Kauffman turns 4 next week!** He enjoys riding his bike, swimming at Camp and at Lake Michigan, and playing with cars and trucks. He attends Goshen Christian Montessori School and likes to play in the dirt.

## COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Oct 9 ● 10:30am Worship at Camp Friedenswald	Oct 10 ● 4:30 & 6pm Yoga ● 6:30pm Dance group on Zoom (contact <a href="#">Linda Schlabach Miller</a> for the link)		Oct 12 ● 9:30am Greencroft meet up		Oct 14 ● 9am Play group	Oct 15 ● 1-3pm Joy Buschert visitation ● 4pm Joy Buschert memorial service
Oct 16 ● 8:30am 2% committee ● 9:30am Worship No Sunday school All ages hymn sing	Oct 17 ● 4:30 & 6pm Yoga	Oct 18 ● 6:30pm Labyrinth walk				
Oct 23 ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school Electives begin ● 7pm Congregational meeting in person & <a href="#">on Zoom</a>	Oct 24 ● 4:30 & 6pm Yoga ● 6:30pm Dance group	Oct 25 ● 7:15pm Small group reps			Oct 28 ● 9am Play group	
Oct 30 ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school ● 12:30pm Surprise Luncheons		Nov 1 ● 7pm Leadership group	Nov 2 ● 1pm Women's lunch bunch ● 6pm Small group childcare		Nov 4 ● 9:30am Greencroft meet up	

## CHURCH RETREAT

**Assembly Talent show!** Come to the talent show at Camp Friedenswald this Saturday Oct 8 at 6:30pm in Cottonwood Chapel. You do not need to register to attend this event. We ask that everyone over the age of 2 wear a mask.

For a complete schedule of retreat events, visit <https://tinyurl.com/AMCRetreat> or [click here](#).

## WORSHIP AT ASSEMBLY

**Next Sunday, Oct 16 begins** our series on relationships – *Woven Together*. In our recent “Who are we now” survey, the majority of respondents ranked “relationships” as an important or very important reason they come to church. In this series we will not be focusing on romantic relationships but rather aspects of relationships that are present in all the ways that we are entangled with other people: mutuality, consent, grace, etc. Read the intro [here](#).

**Electives.** Beginning October 23, there will be three options for second hour adult electives: Biblical Responses to Patriarchy/ Oppression, Embodied Prayer, Relationship Stories. Electives will begin 10 minutes after worship ends and will run for 40 minutes.

**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.

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Becky Overholt** will be out of the office on Thursday, Oct 13.

**October Congregational Meeting** change to October 23. Due to Fall break, the meeting will occur on Oct 23 at 7pm in person. A Zoom option is available with the understanding that input into discussions will be limited for those online.

**Fall Work Days are upon us!** Twice a year, once in Fall and once in Spring, we ask AMC congregants to help out with a variety of cleaning, maintenance, and landscaping tasks. Pairs of small groups are assigned a task to complete on one of three suggested Wednesdays (unless their particular task needs to be done outside of those dates). This year we will hold Fall Work Days on Wednesdays: Oct 19, Oct 26 and Nov 2. If you are not part of a small group, or joining a new group that did not receive an assignment, please consider joining your old small group, or emailing Naomi Roots at [naomikr@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:naomikr@assemblymennonite.org) to see how you can help. Established small groups (not newly forming groups) should have received their assignments this past week; please email Naomi if your group did not receive an assignment.

**Second yoga class.** Due to interest, Alma is adding a second class on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 pm, in addition to the class from 6-7 pm. 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 are suitable for beginners. Please enter through the north doors. Suggested donation of \$10. Any questions contact Alma at [alma.boyle53@gmail.com](mailto:alma.boyle53@gmail.com) or tel, 574 238 4536.

**Sign up for Surprise Luncheons on Oct 30!** This is a great way to get to know people in the congregation. To host or to bring food to a lunch gathering with others, [sign up here](#). You will find out on the day of who will be around the table. You will receive an email the week before about how many people will be there and if there are food restrictions to be aware of.

**At the Leadership Group meeting Oct 4,** LG discussed a Doctrine of Discovery proposal, questions from the congregational discussion on Assembly's relationship with Goshen Christian Montessori School & update on the small group shuffle. Approved minutes from Leadership Group and Congregational Meetings can be read [on the church website](#).

**Lora's Sabbatical slide presentation** that was shown at last week's Lunch Bunch can be watched [here](#).

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ASSEMBLY

**Contribute Your Voice** to "Reading Scripture Together". Are you interested in interpreting scripture together with other Assembly-ites? MennoMedia (the publication agency of Mennonite Church USA) is organizing an "Anabaptist Bible" project, which will ultimately bring together marginal bible study notes in an English Bible, using contributions from 500+ small groups of 4-6 people across North American Anabaptist communities (such as MC USA, MC Canada, LMC, Church of the Brethren, Evana, and the Bruderhof). (Read more here: <https://anabaptistworld.org/planning-an-anabaptist-bible/>). We can contribute our voices to this project. Time commitment is four one-hour meetings. If you are interested in being a part of a reading scripture together group, please contact [scottc@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:scottc@assemblymennonite.org).

**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.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Indigenous Peoples Day** event. The event will run **6-8 pm on Tuesday, October 11 at the Goshen Theater**. 6-6:30 will feature information and activity tables with the main program starting at 6:30. Presenters include Matthew Bussler, Luke Gascho, Diane Hunter, Zuleyja Prieto, Nayo Ulloa. Read more [here](#).

**Join Camerata Singers** and guest instrumentalists as we present choral works featuring women's words and music in our fall concert, She Cries Out, on Friday, October 14 at 7:30 pm in Sauder Concert Hall at the Goshen College Music Center. The program includes baroque and modern settings of the Magnificat (Song of Mary); Sonja Soderberg's Ave Maria; music set to the words of the medieval Hindu mystic Mirabai; works by Ysaÿe Barnwell, Hyo Won Woo, Elaine Hagenberg, and more. Assembly participants include: Scott Hochstetler, director; Karen Graber Roth, Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, Becky Snider, Nate Osborne, Jenna Martin & Scott Janzen. Purchase tickets [here](#).

## DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**Do you have suggestions for the distribution of the 2% offering?** Our 2% offering is given in the spirit of restitutive 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](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com) with your suggestions by October 12.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** - Hurricanes Fiona and Ian brought significant damage to the residents of Florida. If you are interested in volunteering for 1-3 weeks you can sign up on the waitlist [here](#).

**In her blog, “[Mass incarceration and restorative justice](#),”** Loraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA denominational minister of Peace and Justice, writes, “Restorative justice principles hold transformation as a value — transformation of people, systems and structures that oppress.”

**Association for a Just Society (ASJ) Annual Report** – 2% Committee has given money to ASJ in the past year. If you are interested, their annual impact report can be read [here](#).

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**NEW: Doctor of Ministry in Leadership.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s new degree is the only DMin in the U.S. to be deliberately developed with an Anabaptist framework. In this competency-based program, students will develop a customized learning plan around their goals, gain expertise in five key competencies and grow in effective Anabaptist leadership. Applications for the January 2023 cohort are due Nov. 1. [ambs.edu/dmin](https://ambs.edu/dmin)

**Take a seminary course this spring!** AMBS’s distance-friendly options include Faith Formation and Spirituality: Adults and Seniors; Gender and the Bible; Global Anabaptist-Mennonite History and Theology; God’s Shalom and the Church’s Witness; Human Sexuality and Christian Ethics; Spiritual Practices: Water of Life; The Epistle to the Romans; and more. In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Courses begin Jan. 10; sign up by Jan. 2. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

## WIDER CHURCH

**Mennonite Arts Weekend** - Feb. 3-5, 2023 in Cincinnati, OH at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church. Friday night features a hymn sing, short performances, introduction of the arts and a look at the Weekend Theme. The theme for 2023 is "Between: Embracing Vulnerability". The Saturday night program will feature **A Girl Named Tom** and various artists. Register before Dec 1, 2022 to get the early bird rate! To register go to their website: [www.mennoniteartsweekend.org](http://www.mennoniteartsweekend.org)

**Mennonite Men’s Engage** newsletter can be read [here](#).

**Mennonite Central Committee’s In Touch** newsletter can be read [here](#).

**The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board** has changed how it will divide donations directed to “Mennonite Church USA” among its agencies and affiliated Racial/Ethnic Council groups. The changes to the denominational unified giving formula were implemented to address evolving ministry needs. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/giving-formula](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/giving-formula)

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer.** October 10 is Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Mennonite congregations around the world are growing in their awareness of the need for healing, both in white settler communities and in Indigenous communities. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer that this awareness will lead to action that addresses the wounds of all who live with injustice.

## 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](#).

**Assembly Mennonite Church**

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**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>.**

**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](#)