

## WORSHIP

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

<p><b>October 16</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship</b>          No Sunday school          2<sup>nd</sup> hour All ages hymn sing</p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Becky Snider  <b>Sermon:</b> Lora Nafziger  <b>Scripture:</b> Acts 13:1-5; 15:36-41</p>	<p><b>October 23</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship</b>          2<sup>nd</sup> hour Electives begin</p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Stephen Lowe  <b>Sermon:</b> Mary Lehman Yoder  <b>Scripture:</b> John 13:1-30; 21:1-24</p>
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## SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

**9:30am Worship** Today 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](#).

**2<sup>nd</sup> hour** Join us second hour this Sunday for a hymn sing. There will not be childcare or Sunday School during second hour. We'll have hymn request forms to fill out during first hour. We particularly encourage children to choose a hymn. We will only be singing out of the Voices Together hymnal. One reason we do this is to continue to gain familiarity with it. Another reason is that the other hymnals contain songs (many of which have historically been Assembly heart songs) by David Haas and we have a commitment to not singing hymns by David Haas since he was credibly accused of sexual misconduct.

### COVID-19 Information

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 boosters 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.

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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>.

## COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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 29 • 2pm Remembrance Gatherings
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	

## WORSHIP AT ASSEMBLY

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

**On Sunday, October 30th we'll have an All Saints** candle lighting time during the service to remember those who have died. If you want to include a photo of a loved one in a slide show please send it to [annays@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:annays@assemblymennonite.org). Please include their name with birth date and death date.

**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.

## OUT OF OFFICE

**Lora Nafziger** will be out of town Oct 17-22.

**Naomi Roots** will only be in the church office on Wednesday Oct 19, this coming week. (She will be out of the office Mon Oct 17 & Fri Oct 21).

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Congregational Meeting Next Sunday Oct 23 at 7pm.** Please plan to attend this *in-person* congregational meeting next Sunday evening at the meetinghouse. You are also welcome to watch/listen by Zoom, with the expectation that those on Zoom will not be able to actively participate in the meeting. Agenda will include: [the Reparations proposal](#), [a proposal to join the Repair Network](#) of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery movement, reporting on the discernment process re: sponsorship of [Goshen Christian Montessori School](#), and reporting on the [new COVID-19 policies](#).

**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](#). There are also sign-up sheets on a table in the Gathering Space. 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.

**Mailboxes!** The church mailboxes have been re-alphabetized! Please double check to make sure you are using the right box!

**Items left at Camp Friedenswald.** If you left items at Retreat last weekend, please retrieve your items from the Lost & Found cupboard outside of the kitchen.

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ASSEMBLY

**Labyrinth Walk:** Join Meribeth Shank, certified labyrinth facilitator, on Tuesday at 6:30pm 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.

**Remembrance Gatherings:** Saturday, October 29th at 2 p.m. we'll host structured Remembrance Gatherings. This is a sacred and structured opportunity to talk about and remember a loved one. Each person will have five minutes to tell stories, describe your person, and introduce us to them. Then we will respond with five minutes of questions about your person. Then we'll have a moment of silence and then the next person will go. You may want to bring a photo of a keepsake to show the group. Location to be determined at a later date. Please RSVP to [annays@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:annays@assemblymennonite.org)

**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.

## DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**Webinar on gun violence** - Everytown for Gun Safety is hosting a national webinar with faith leaders and policy makers on the importance of faith communities taking action locally, state wide, and nationally to address gun violence. This webinar will be next Wednesday, October 19, at 7pm ET for 1 hour and titled "More Than Thoughts and Prayers." Faith leaders from a wide range of backgrounds will be talking about how faith communities can be one of the difference makers on the need for urgent action. Register [here](#) for the webinar.

**The Window Annual Harvest Banquet** – Nov 12, 5:30 pm at College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we celebrate the many blessings The Window has had since our last banquet three years ago, and learn how you can help be a part of continued success and growth. Click [here](#) for more information or to purchase tickets.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Medicare Open Enrollment.** Once again, those who receive Medicare or are eligible, will experience the open enrollment period, October 15<sup>th</sup>--December 7<sup>th</sup>. This affords you the opportunity to review and change your Medicare Supplements, Part D drug coverage or your Medicare advantage plans. Everence team members are skilled and willing to assist you with this review. To schedule an appointment, call 574-533-9511.

**Building Strong Brains: Elkhart County's Early Childhood Initiative** are inviting the public to Goshen College Chapel on Nov. 1 to learn more about the initiative and hear from "Parent Nation" author Dr. Dana Suskind of the University of Chicago in a keynote speech. Click [here](#) to register for the afternoon session geared toward early childhood professionals, the evening keynote speech, or both.

**Indigenous Environmental Leaders Unite in New Film: The Territory**, from director Alex Pritz, provides an immersive on-the-ground look at the tireless fight of the Indigenous Uru-eu-wau-wau people against the encroaching deforestation brought by farmers and illegal settlers in the Brazilian Amazon. A National Geographic Documentary. This film will be shown at the Meetinghouse with Faith on Nov 9 from 7-8:30pm. Here is a [link](#) to the trailer.

**Gain peacebuilding skills at AMBS.** Do you have a burning theological question, or is there a particular ministry you'd like to pursue? Through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **MA: Theology and Peace Studies** program, you can explore and engage a topic of your choice from multiple angles and design a peacebuilding internship in your area of interest. [ambs.edu/matps](https://ambs.edu/matps)

## WIDER CHURCH

**MennoMedia is working on creating the first Anabaptist Bible** in time for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025. The project's advisory group gathered for a retreat in August to kick off the project. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/anabaptism-at-500-project](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/anabaptism-at-500-project)

**Mennonite Arts Weekend** - "Between: Embracing Vulnerability" is the theme for the sixteenth Mennonite Arts Weekend, February 3-5, 2023 in Cincinnati, Ohio. This weekend celebrates the creativity and discipline of Anabaptist Mennonite artists. Presentations and workshops by musicians, visual artists, writers, and craftspeople start on Friday evening and conclude with Sunday morning worship. Activities and workshops designed specifically for Pre-K children through high school are planned throughout the weekend. A nursery will be available. Now is the time to take advantage of the early-bird registration offer and sign-up for limited spaces in workshops. Find the list of presenters and registration, location, and lodging information at <https://mennoniteartsweekend.org/2023maw/>. Come enjoy the fun, connect with friends, and hear Girl Named Tom.

**All are invited to the Friends of Amigo Benefit Dinner** at 6pm on November 3rd at Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen, IN. Come to hear an update about what God is doing at Amigo Centre and what we're working on as we head into 2023. There will also be an opportunity to give generously to support Amigo's mission, programs and facilities. Let us know you're coming by filling out the form here - <https://forms.gle/CTXjYtZQkFXKdmEJ7> or by calling 269-651-2811. Please RSVP by October 31....seats are limited.

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer.** Deb Byler has concluded her Mennonite Mission Network ministry with the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala, where she worked since 2018. (Previously, she served with Eastern Mennonite Missions from 1984-1996.) Praise God for Deb's ministry of walking alongside the women leaders of the church. Ask God to strengthen the Kekchi women, and pray for Deb as she retires at Greencroft Communities, a retirement community in Goshen, Indiana.

## PATHWAYS RETREAT

**Advent Rest, Reflect, and Renew Retreat** at Pathways Retreat on November 19. This retreat is limited to 6 people. Read more information and register [here](#).

**Pathways Retreat** October newsletter can be read [here](#).

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The **Center for Community Justice** is looking for dedicated and empathic individuals who are passionate about helping people on their paths toward healing! Preferred candidates for the *Restorative Mediation and Facilitation Practitioner* role will be grounded in restorative justice values, have good communication skills, and be able to work collaboratively with a team. See our [website](#) for more information and apply by sending a cover letter and resume to [recruitment@centerforcommunityjustice.org](mailto:recruitment@centerforcommunityjustice.org). Persons with lived experience with the criminal justice system are encouraged to apply. Bilingual (Spanish/English) persons are especially needed.

**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](#).