



WORSHIP

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

<p>October 23 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School 2nd hour Electives begin</p> <p>Worship Leader: Stephen Lowe Sermon: Mary Lehman Yoder Scripture: John 13:1-30; 21:1-24</p>	<p>October 30 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Kimberly Glick Sermon: Scott Coulter Scripture: Ruth 1:1-22</p>
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

9:30am Worship This is the second Sunday of 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](#).

2nd hour There will be three options for second hour adult electives. Electives will begin 10 minutes after worship ends and will run for 40 minutes.

- **Dismantling Oppression and Patriarchy with the Bible:** (MP Northwest) led by Lora Nafziger.
- **Embodied Prayer:** (Worship space) Each week will explore a way to pray. This week, join us to learn about walking a labyrinth with Meribeth Shank. Meet at the entrance to our labyrinth, or in the worship space if it’s raining.
- **Relationships:** Telling our stories of Intention & Respect: (MP Northeast) hosted by Cheryl Shreiner.

The Multipurpose space will also be available for fellowship time.

7 pm Congregational meeting Please plan to attend this *in-person* congregational meeting 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. [Download the packet of handouts here](#). 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.

As of Oct 16, masks are optional during worship & Sunday school, unless Elkhart County’s Community Risk Level becomes “High” (according to [covidactnow.org](https://www.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/>.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Oct 23 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school Electives begin • 7pm Congregational meeting in person & on Zoom	Oct 24 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group	Oct 25 • 7:15pm Small group reps			Oct 28 • 9am Play group	Oct 29 • 9:30-11:30am Intro to InterPlay • 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	
Nov 6 <i>2% offering</i> Daylight Savings Time ends • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school			Nov 9 • 7pm <i>The Territory</i> movie showing			Nov 12 • 3pm Mentor/Mentee event

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Alyda Miller Avelar (3rd Waterford) turned 9 on Oct. 18! Alyda likes reading and loves horses (she wishes she could have one). She likes to play soccer and piano. You might also find her listening and writing stories or playing imaginative games. Alyda runs really fast and creates great songs. This summer on the way home from Mexico she got to fly in first class!

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Faith Mennonite Church is back in the building! Assembly shares its building with Faith Mennonite Church which meets on Sunday evenings at 5pm. After their COVID hiatus, they're back to in person gatherings at the meetinghouse. They worship and share a meal together each week. Please be mindful of their gatherings Sunday evenings, and remember that if you use the kitchen Sunday morning or early afternoon, to please put things away, or take your items home. If you forgot something personal, you'll likely find it in the lost and found cabinet located below the cabinet outside of the kitchen. Questions/concerns can be emailed to office@assemblymennonite.org.

Come Play With Us: You are invited to an **Introduction to InterPlay**. On October 29, InterPlayers from Michigan, Indiana and perhaps Chicago will gather at our Meetinghouse for a day of play. Maryellen May from Bloomington, Indiana and yours truly, Linda Schlabach Miller are designing the morning (9:30 - 11:30am) for those from our congregation (and the Goshen/Elkhart community) who would like to learn about what our Assembly Dance Group does on Monday evenings. For more information contact Linda at 574-538-8324 or lschlabachm@gmail.com. or just show up on Saturday.

Next 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. Please include their name with birth date and death date.

This is the last Sunday to 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 signup 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.

Childcare for small groups on Nov 2. Sign your children up for free childcare from 6-8:30pm at the Meetinghouse. This gives small groups an opportunity for an "adults only" gathering. Children from birth through grade 5 are welcome. Sign up can be found [here](#).

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 from Retreat at Friedenswald, please retrieve them from the Lost & Found cupboard outside of the kitchen.

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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AT ASSEMBLY

Two Percent Committee is recommending a number of disbursements to agencies around the world. If you have concerns about any of these donations, please contact [Susan Mark Landis](#), chair, by November 6. The committee will meet again in December to disburse the year's remaining funds. If you have suggestions or requests, get them to Susan Mark Landis, committee chair. Remember that we give to established organizations, not individuals. We don't begin programs. Other members on the committee are Barb Swartley, Glenn Gilbert, Barb Hassan, Joel Zwier and Marshall King. ([What is the Two Percent Fund?](#))

Local: [ADEC](#) \$1,000; [Center for Healing and Hope](#) \$1,000 for general budget and \$500 for immigrant services; [Victim Offender Reconciliation Program](#) at Center for Community Justice \$500; [Seed to Feed](#) \$500; [Cora Dale House](#) (Elkhart County Clubhouse) \$1,000; [First Light Mission](#) (GIHN) \$1,000; [Elkhart County Jail Ministry](#) \$500; [La Casa](#) general fund \$2,000; [Mosaic Health & Healing Arts](#) \$500; [Ryan's Place](#) \$1,000; [The Window](#) \$2,000; [Safety Networks](#) \$1,000; [Tolson Center for Community Excellence](#) \$1,000; and [Child And Parent Services](#), \$1,000.

World and national: [Community Peacemaker Teams](#) \$500; [Dove's Nest](#) \$500; [Jubilee Partners](#) \$500; [National Immigrant Justice Center](#) \$5,000; [MCC](#) for health and infant kits \$1,500; [SEMILLA](#) \$1,500; [Mennonite Disaster Service](#) \$3,000; and [Dismantling Doctrine of Discovery](#), \$1,000.

Assembly Student Aid: Will you or your child be learning at a Mennonite school/college/seminary next 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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ASSEMBLY

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. Please RSVP to annays@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](#) to make arrangements, and let them know you're from Assembly.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Center for Healing & Hope has a variety of volunteer opportunities now and in the new year. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Missy Schrock at mkschrock@chhclinics.org or 574-534-4744 x206, or Dr. Rose Gillin at rgillin@chhclinics.org.

Volunteer Now:

- Fall landscaping clean-up - great for a group activity! (pulling weeds, raking leaves, etc.)
- Preparing children's gift bags for an event on December 2 (also good for a group activity)
- Helping at an event on December 2 from 6 pm - 8 pm (there will be a piñata!)

Volunteer Later:

- Spanish language interpreters for the clinic and GRID
- Nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physicians to care for patients with acute needs (volunteering 48 half days per year is equivalent to a \$10,000+ contribution!)
- A physician to perform immigration physicals (certification needed, paperwork handled by staff, and equivalent to a \$100,000+ contribution!)

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

Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist Reception: As part of the Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist series, New York Times bestselling author and illustrator, John Hendrix will speak about his work during a public artist talk **Sunday, Oct. 23**, 3 p.m. in the Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Medicare Open Enrollment. Once again, those who receive Medicare or are eligible, will experience the open enrollment period, October 15th--December 7th. 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.

Movie showing at Assembly - *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.

Fully online seminary Graduate Certificate program. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's fully online Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies requires only 21 credit hours! Strengthen the biblical and theological foundation for your work by developing a customized plan of study that matches your interests. Ideal for church leaders, bivocational pastors and other professionals. ambs.edu/certificate

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level AMBS program! Journey supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with a dedicated mentor. The Spring 2023 cohort begins Feb. 22; those who apply by Dec. 7 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

WIDER CHURCH

Join us for a community hymn sing! On Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. the community is invited to join Goshen College in the College Mennonite Church Sanctuary for a hymn sing. The hymn sing will be led by Bradley Kauffman '96, SaeJin Lee '11 and Adam Tice '02. The three will lead songs and share about the convergence of visual and musical elements in the Mennonite hymnal *Voices Together* (2020).

The Constituency Leaders Council of Mennonite Church USA will be meeting online next weekend. Pray for effective churchwide decision making, as the leaders fulfill their roles as denominational elders.

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.

Aida Cuevas at Goshen College: Aida Cuevas presents "45th Anniversary — Yo Creo Que Es Tiempo" at Goshen College on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. This will be an unforgettable and emotional concert celebrating a long-lasting career as Mexico's most important female voice. The Queen of Mariachi is joined by renowned Mariachi Aztlán, along with other special guests. Learn more and get tickets at goshen.edu/tickets.

MCC Comforter Bash: Make plans to join us on November 11 and 12 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash or contact LaVera Schlabach at 574.538.9629. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

Save the date! Hope for the Future, an annual gathering of Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) leaders from across Mennonite Church USA, will be held February 3-5, 2023. Location to be announced. For the latest updates, visit: mennoniteusa.org/hopeforethefuture

The October edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn about the MDS response to Hurricane Ian in Florida: Volunteers replant trees after the Colorado wildfires; and we have information on the up-coming MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3se4Lta>

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Oscar Siwali and the SADRA (South Africa Development and Reconstruction Agency) Conflict Transformation personnel, as they do essential peacebuilding work in the South African context. Pray that churches in the United States will also be willing to engage in the ministry of strategic peacebuilding.

Learn about opportunities to serve with Mennonite Voluntary Service in projects related to environmental restoration, immigration justice, housing justice, education, and more – in Alamosa, Colorado, in Chicago, Aibonito, Puerto Rico, San Francisco, and Tucson. Also learn how you can partner in prayer and financial support with the work of MVSers.

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](https://www.centerforcommunityjustice.org) for more information and apply by sending a cover letter and resume to 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](#).

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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>.