



## WORSHIP

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

<p><b>November 13</b> 9:30 AM Worship &amp; Sunday school</p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Patricia Ebersole Zwier <b>Sermon:</b> Ben Sywulka <b>Scripture:</b> Stories of David</p>	<p><b>November 20</b> 9:30 AM Worship &amp; Sunday school</p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Ally Mast <b>Sermon:</b> Stephen Lowe <b>Scripture:</b> Luke 1:26-38</p>
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## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

**9:30am Worship** This Sunday continues our series on relationships – Woven Together. We will be exploring power dynamics through the stories of David. Alex Graber Neufeld and Steve Wolma will also be covenanting with us this morning.

The series introduction can be read [here](#). [The order of worship can be found online here](#).

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 North) Women’s bodies led by Sara Klassen.
- **Embodied Prayer:** (Worship space) Each week we will explore a way to pray. This week will be praying for the congregation led by Assembly prayer group
- **Relationships:** (main MP space) Telling our stories of power dynamics. Hosted by Cheryl Shreiner.

If you are not joining one of the three electives, please 'elect' to have coffee and conversation *in the main kitchen*

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.

While many in our faith family are thankful masks are no longer required, a fair number of us feel the need to be even more careful when at church, and some are deciding to return to joining worship by 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
Nov 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45am Breakfast for young adults (ages 18-29) in the MP Space</li> <li>9:30am Worship &amp; Sunday school</li> </ul>	Nov 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 &amp; 6pm Yoga</li> <li>6:30pm Dance group (via Zoom. Contact <a href="#">Linda Schlabach Miller</a> for the link)</li> </ul>	Nov 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Labyrinth walk</li> <li>7:15pm Reparations task force</li> </ul>			Nov 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Play group</li> </ul>	Nov 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm JYF game night at the Meetinghouse</li> </ul>
Nov 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Worship &amp; Sunday school</li> <li>2-4pm MYF drop in</li> <li>7pm Congregational meeting <a href="#">on Zoom</a></li> </ul>	Nov 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 &amp; 6pm Yoga</li> </ul>					
Nov 27 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Worship &amp; Sunday school</li> </ul>	Nov 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 &amp; 6pm Yoga</li> <li>6:30pm Dance group</li> </ul>	Nov 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm MYF live-in (thru noon 12/3)</li> <li>7:15pm Small group reps <a href="#">on Zoom</a></li> </ul>	Nov 30 & Dec 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MYF live-in</li> </ul>		Dec 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MYF live-in</li> <li>9am Play group</li> <li>9:30am Greencroft meet up</li> </ul>	Dec 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2pm MYF live-in ends</li> </ul>

## FINANCIAL GIVING

**Pledges for 2023:** An email was sent last week regarding pledging for the 2023 Spending Plan. A link to the pledge letter can also be found [here](#). Physical copies are available on the literature table. Pledges should be completed by Nov 27. Please contact [Dancy Hirschler](#) or [John Nafziger](#) with questions.

**New process for year-end disbursement of 2% funds:** The last scheduled collection of 2% funds for 2022 will be Dec 4th. Any 2% funds received later in the month will be disbursed in 2023 to make it easier to close the books for the year. This is a change in procedure to simplify the work of the treasurer. This doesn't change your accounting, only Assembly's. If you have questions or concerns, please contact any member of the 2% Committee: [Susan Mark Landis](#), [Marshall King](#), [Barb Hassan](#), [Barb Swartley](#), [Joel Zwier](#) and [Glenn Gilbert](#). Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact [SusanMarkLandis@Gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@Gmail.com) with any special requests.

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Next Congregational meeting will be Sunday, Nov 20 at 7 pm on Zoom.** Agenda items include a second reading of the [Repair Network proposal](#), a first reading of a proposal to make changes to the [elder selection process](#), and an update on the Montessori School working group. Congregational meetings are open to all Assembly participants (not just covenanted members).

**Name tags!** Those among us who are in the upper decades of their lives have requested that people wear their nametags on Sunday morning. There are name tag supplies on the table in the Gathering space. Please make a hanging one you can wear multiple times and store it in your church mailbox.

## YOUTH & MENTORS

**Mentor/Mentee Event this Saturday!** Join November's second Saturday event at the meetinghouse on Sat. Nov. 12 at 3 pm. We will play some minute-to-win-it games with prizes and bragging rights! Bring a snack to share.

**Junior Youth game night!** This month's junior youth activity will be a game night **next Saturday, November 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** in the multipurpose space at church. Bring your favorite card and/or board games to play together!

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY, cont.

**Yoga:** Yoga class will begin again on Monday, Nov 14, with 2 classes at 4:30 pm and 6 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 574 238 4536.

**Labyrinth Walk:** Join Meribeth Shank, certified labyrinth facilitator, on Tuesday Nov 15 at 6pm 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.

**Friday morning weekly Parent/Child time:** Parents and their children are invited to come to the Meetinghouse every Friday at 9am for 1 hour of play, conversation & snack. There will be no play time the Friday after Thanksgiving.

**The Assembly Library catalog** is now available on an easy-to-use website. This way you can search and browse our collection from any device. The link can be found on the Assembly website under the Ministries heading [here](#). Let Librarian [Maria Wenger](#) know if you have any questions.

**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 EVENTS

**Handel's Messiah:** The Vesper Chorale will be singing Handel's Messiah on **Sunday, November 13** at 3pm at Kern Road Mennonite Church. Jamie Lake sings with this choir as well as others known to Goshen: Susan Dengler and Jon Kauffmann-Kennel. This a great way to start off the holiday season and celebrate 30 years with us.

**The LARAMIE Project:** Bethany Christian High School is presenting The LARAMIE Project on Friday & Saturday, Nov 18 & 19 at 7:30pm and Sunday, Nov 20 at 3pm. Due to the content of this show it is recommended for 6th grade and older. [Purchase tickets here.](#)

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Queer Theology Sunday School: Trauma, Healing, and the Un/Becoming of God—Nov 13 at 6:30pm EST.** In this [event designed for queer folks and those who love them](#), we'll unpack church trauma and healing through the lens of queer theological resilience. As we enter the holiday season, past (and present) hurts may rise up. What does Queer Theology teach us about healing? How can re-imagining God help us create churches that nourish the spiritual lives of LGBTQ+ Christians? How can this be liberative and healing for the whole church? At this first of four quarterly events throughout the year, we'll open in song; welcome Annabeth Roeschley (they/she) as our guest presenter/teacher; then break into self-selected groups by discussion question, and close in prayer. We hope these events can resource inclusive congregations who want to do a better job at welcoming, celebrating, and nourishing LGBTQ+ Christians; but our primary audience will be LGBTQ+ folks ourselves! Email [pastor@communityofhopechurch.com](mailto:pastor@communityofhopechurch.com) for the Zoom links.

**Faith-based reproductive justice trainings** hosted by [Church of the Brethren Womaen's Caucus](#) + [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Justice](#). The purpose of this training is guidance in compassionate care on all pregnancy journeys and decisions. The training consists of 20-25 hours of self-guided study and then three zoom sessions with a leader from RCRC to walk through the parts that cannot be self-guided. The dates for those zoom sessions are **November 17, December 15 and January 19**. We are happy to announce that you can receive 2.6 CEU units for this. If you'd like to sign up the process is as follows; follow the path to sign up through RCRC's website and then send us an email letting us know you've done that. Please email [womaenscaucuscob@gmail.com](mailto:womaenscaucuscob@gmail.com). Here's the path to sign up: [rcrc.org](#) -> Religion & Repro Learning Center -> Start Learning Today -> Compassionate Care -> Compassionate Care 101 -> Subscribe \$25/year

## ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY

**Short Course: Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: Feb. 1 – March 14.** Join David Cramer, PhD, and Susannah Larry, PhD, to study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture — as compared with Catholics and other Protestants — and to understand those similarities and differences in light of today. Sign up by Jan. 11 for this six-week online AMBS short course and save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

**New *Vision* issue on “Spirituality and aging” available for free online.** The Fall 2022 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* is co-edited by Jane Kuepfer, PhD, and Andy Brubacher Kaethler, PhD. This issue focuses on three aspects of spirituality and aging — changes, questions and resources — and seeks to honor the experience of aging. [ambs.edu/vision](https://ambs.edu/vision)

***Anabaptist Witness* 9.2 available for free online.** This issue explores the place of healing in the church’s conception of its purpose and task. It includes essays connecting current issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic and HIV/AIDS to past and present Mennonite medical mission work, and a call for the church to be reshaped by the witness of persons with disabilities. [You can read the issue here.](#)

## ADVENT RESOURCES

**Pathways Retreat offers two opportunities to Engage Advent in a “Soul Seeing” Way: *the Advent Rest, Reflect, and Renew Retreat* on November 19, and *Visio Divina Retreat: Engage Advent through Art and Imagination* on Dec 3.** Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](https://pathwaysretreat.org).

**An Evening of Advent and Christmas Carols – Dec 4, 7pm** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount. This evening of music will feature seasonal arrangements of carols and include congregational singing. With Don Kehrberg (oboe/English horn), Shirley King (organ) and Brian Wiebe (viola/piano), the program will be approximately 90 minutes long, with an intermission. All are invited and admission is free, with donations accepted for the [Worship Arts Scholarship](#) at AMBS.

**Advent at Home 2022 worship guide** is now available. "Restoration is Near!" is the theme for this year. Written by Talashia Keim Yoder and designed by Erin Ramer, this guide offers weekly and daily Scriptures from the lectionary texts, worship rituals, prayers, activities, and background information to help individuals and households of all ages prepare for Advent through Epiphany. The worship guide can be downloaded [here](#).

## WIDER CHURCH

**Tending Healthy Pastor-Congregation Relations webinar** - The Central District Ministerial Committee is hosting a free, interactive online webinar on Saturday, November 12 from 9:30-11:00 eastern time. It is designed for pastors, moderators of congregations, members of pastor relations committees, and other congregational leaders. [Please register HERE](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**The LGBTQ+ parent support group** will be meeting on Saturday, November 19, and Saturday, December 17 from 9-11 am at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Sarah Morrison at [sjhigley@gmail.com](mailto:sjhigley@gmail.com).

**Kid’s Community Theater:** Kids Community Theater is a theater group that was started by Amy Kratzer about 10 years ago and is now led by Aimee Weishaupt from Silverwood Mennonite. Their purpose is "Helping kids grow in faith and friendships through the art of musical theater." If interested, please register your kids by the end of November so they can gauge interest. Ages: Kindergarten - 6th grade; Rehearsals: Wednesday Nights from 6-7:45 pm (January 11-March 8); Show Night: Sunday, March 12 @6pm. Use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/r9ypfim18HFV7KDt6>

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer.** Robin Gingerich serves at LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania, through Mennonite Mission Network. This year, LCC has 780 students from 58 different countries, with many of the students coming from Ukraine. Pray for Robin and all the students, faculty, and staff as they work for peace on many levels.

**Pathways Retreat’s November newsletter** can be read [here](#).

## MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

**Goshen MCC Comforter Bash on Friday & Saturday!** Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Pleasant View Church to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. For more information about the event, visit [mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash) or contact LaVera Schlabach at 574.538.9629. **Dates:** Friday, November 11 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) & Saturday, November 12 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.); **Location:** Pleasant View Church - 58529 County Road 23, Goshen IN 46528

**You're invited to a special celebration of 50 years of MCC Thrift on November 22!** This live, virtual event will celebrate the history, creativity and generosity of the MCC Thrift network, which has raised more than \$250 million over the last 50 years for the work of MCC at home and around the world. All while providing affordable secondhand goods and community connection. Let's celebrate that legacy! The virtual event will take place at 8 p.m. EST. Register online to reserve your spot today at [thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50](http://thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50)

**Free resource: Learning about generosity with MCC** Make talking about generosity with your children easy by using this free resource. The printable worksheets help kids explore the basics of generosity at an elementary school level. The resource contains downloadable worksheets, activity ideas, a story about how generosity makes a difference, make-your-own bookmark craft and alternative Christmas gift ideas. Sign up to receive this free resource at: [mcc.org/generosity](http://mcc.org/generosity). Learn more about gifts that changes lives this Christmas at: [mcc.org/Christmas](http://mcc.org/Christmas).

The most recent *In Touch* newsletter can be read [here](#).

**MCC is seeking a Human Resources Assistant:** This role is designed for someone to grow their human resources skills and assist the department in recruiting, human resources information systems, orientation, as well as a variety of administrative services. The position requires advanced proficiency in Spanish, a basic proficiency in English, and the candidate to be able to commit eight weeks a year of orientation support in Akron. This full-time position will preferably be located in Akron, PA, but can accommodate employment in any state that MCC is currently registered as an employer. Apply online for this opening by November 19 at [mcc.org/human-resources-assistant](http://mcc.org/human-resources-assistant). For more information contact Wesley Wilder at 316-836-5055 or [WesleyWilder@mcc.org](mailto:WesleyWilder@mcc.org).

**Mennonite Central Committee is seeking a Constituency Engagement Manager:** This new role is designed to help the MCC's in the U.S. plan and implement a cohesive engagement strategy for specific priority audiences including alumni, churches, congregations of color, plain communities and young adults. With a focus on convening and strategizing, this person will be part of the Communications and Donor Relations network and will work in close collaboration with other departments and regional MCC's. This full-time position will preferably be located in Akron, Pa., but location is flexible within any MCC office in the U.S. Apply online for this opening by November 18 at [mcc.org/constituency-engagement-manager](http://mcc.org/constituency-engagement-manager). For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Director of Human Resources (HR) and Payroll.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this half-time position. The person in this role will serve as the primary contact for HR/payroll-related issues. Qualifications: bachelor's degree required; prior HR/payroll experience preferred; excellent organizational skills; strong communication skills; intercultural competence. See the full job description: [ambs.edu/jobs](http://ambs.edu/jobs)

**Facilities & Land Stewardship Assistant** – Camp Friedenswald is seeking a person with experience and skills in buildings and grounds maintenance and/or land stewardship. The ideal candidate will have experience in both areas, but we're happy to work with a curious and eager learner. We're looking for someone who is excited to join our dynamic team and contribute to the life and mission of Camp. On-site housing and full benefits included. See full [job description](#) for details. [Apply online](#).

**Kitchen Assistant** - Camp Friedenswald is seeking a kitchen assistant to join their team! Possibility of on-site housing and additional camp duties to make it a full-time job. There isn't a more beautiful place to work! [Apply online](#) and help us spread the word.

**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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