



WORSHIP

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

<p>November 20 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Ally Mast Sermon: Stephen Lowe Scripture: Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p>Nov 27 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday school <i>First Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Bethany Swope Sermon: Regina Shands Stoltzfus Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44</p>
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

9:30am Worship This is our final Sunday in our series on relationships. Stephen Lowe will be preaching on Consent and the story of the Annunciation. It will touch on themes and history surrounding slavery. The series introduction can be read [here](#). [The order of worship can be found online 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 North) Jesus & women led by Patricia Ebersole Zwiier.
- **Embodied Prayer:** (Worship space) Explore contemplative prayer with Mary Lehman Yoder: will your "monkey mind" always get its way?
- **Relationships:** (main MP space) Telling our stories of trust and consent. 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*

7pm Congregational meeting [on Zoom](#). Agenda items include: Proposal to join the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Repair Network (second reading); Proposal to make changes to the elder selection process (first reading). Please [these handouts](#) before the meeting. Congregational meetings are open to all Assembly participants (not just covenanted members).

Masks are optional during worship & Sunday school, unless Elkhart County's Community Risk Level becomes "High" (according to 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	THU RS	FRI	SAT
Nov 20 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 2-4pm MYF drop in • 7pm Congregational meeting on Zoom	Nov 21 • 4:30pm Yoga				Nov 25 • 7pm Concert	
Nov 27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent Winter Qtr Sunday School begins</i> • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 7:30pm Holden evening prayer	Nov 28 • 4:30pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group	Nov 29 • 3pm MYF live-in (thru noon 12/3) • 7:15pm Small group reps on Zoom	Nov 30 & Dec 1 • MYF live-in		Dec 2 • MYF live-in • 9am Play group • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	Dec 3 • 2pm MYF live-in ends
Dec 4 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent 2% offering</i> • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 11am Messiah sing • 12pm Fellowship meal • 7:30pm Holden evening prayer	Dec 5 • 4:30pm Yoga • 6pm 2% committee	Dec 6 • 7pm Leadership group	Dec 7 • 1pm Women's lunch bunch (also on Zoom) • 6:30 & 7:30pm Candle dipping at Steve Shantz's (60728 CR 27, Goshen)		Dec 9 • 9am Play group	

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Roy Kauffman (CCYC) turned 5 on Nov. 17! Roy loves to run fast, jump high, swim and bike. He likes to listen to stories about Ralph the mouse and watch Nature Cat. Roy is good at coloring and drawing. He likes popsicles and would like to learn to cook spaghetti. He likes to play games with his siblings.



Isai Horst (4th Parkside) turns 10 on Nov. 20! Isai plays piano and enjoys reading and drawing random doodles. He likes to build with Lego and read Harry Potter. In the winter he loves to sled and is looking forward to more snow. His favorite special at school is gym and his favorite foods are cheese pizza and butterfinger chocolate!

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Out of town: Karl Shelly will be out of town Nov 21-25. Scott Coulter will be out of town Nov 21-28. Please contact Lora Nafziger or Anna Yoder Schlabach for any pastoral needs. Naomi Roots will only be in the office on Monday this week. Please check the [calendar](#) for office hours this week.

Announcements for the Assemblyline this week: Please have your announcements sent by **Tuesday evening, Nov 22.**

Volunteers for 2023: It's that time of year again! There are many tasks that happen on Sunday morning that require volunteers. We ask that each person sign up for at least **two tasks** for next year. Please fill out the form [here](#). Sign up sheets are also on the table in the Gathering space.

Concert at Assembly: Join duo Louise Bichan & Ethan Setiawan and Sadie Gustafson-Zook at their homecoming show in Goshen on Black Friday (Nov 25)! Enjoy an evening of original music, traditional tunes, and good company at the Meetinghouse, 7pm. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) or at the door.

Pledges for 2023 due next Sunday! Please complete your pledges for 2023. A link to the pledge letter can be found [here](#). Physical copies are available on the literature table. Please contact [Dancy Hirschler](#) or [John Nafziger](#) with questions.

Changes to Yoga class: There will be only one class, held from 4:30-5:30pm, from now until the new year. At that point, Alma will re-evaluate.

Starting next Sunday! Every Sunday during Advent we will join with Faith at 7:30pm for Holden evening prayer. An example of this simple 20-minute vespers service of spoken and sung prayers from Holden Village can be viewed [here](#).

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.

ADVENT THROUGH EPIPHANY AT-A-GLANCE

Advent begins Sunday Nov 27! This year's Advent theme, *Restoration is near*, reminds us that God's restorative work is ongoing. Restoration is near! Jesus has come and brought about restoration! And...we live in a world deeply in need of restoration. [Read the introduction here](#). A handout can also be found on the literature table.

Here are some opportunities to enter into the season:

- **Advent countdown candles & calendars** can be picked up from the table in the Gathering space
- **Holden Evening Prayer** (Assembly & Faith): Each Sunday of Advent, 7:30 pm at the Meetinghouse
- **Messiah sing & potluck:** Sunday December 4
- **Candle dipping at Steve Shantz's:** (K-5) Wed Dec 7, 6:30 & 7:30pm; (JYF) Wed Dec 14 6:30pm
- **Christmas cookie exchange:** Sunday December 11
- **Advent spiral:** Saturday December 17 at 5:30 and 7 pm
- **Longest Night Service:** Wednesday Dec 21, 7pm
- **Christmas Eve Service:** Saturday Dec 24, 6pm
- **Christmas Sunday Evening Service with Faith:** Sunday Dec 25, 5pm (no morning worship Dec 25)
- **New Year's Breakfast Potluck:** Sunday Jan 1, 9:30am; worship at 10:30am
- **Women's Christmas:** Saturday Jan 14, 4-7pm

DOING JUSTICE AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Housing for international student: Japhet Olima is from Tanzania and currently is enrolled at the University of Dayton, but is planning to transfer to Goshen College for next semester beginning in January. He has an aunt and her family in Elkhart who attend Hively Mennonite, but he is needing housing in Goshen. Although he expects to pay, he is hoping to live with a family or share housing because his finances are limited. He has lived in the US for a year and will be completing the fall semester in Dec. Japhet is very dedicated to his studies and achieving his life-long dream of becoming a doctor. He speaks English well. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact [Mitch Rhodes](#) or [Lora Nafziger](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) *Beyond the Project*: Are you unable to serve on an MDS project, but still want to participate in the work of MDS? These year-round service opportunities are for people of any age who would enjoy volunteering with MDS beyond MDS projects. Many of these tasks take place behind the scenes but are essential to the work of MDS volunteers who clean up, repair and rebuild homes. Read [here](#) for ways to get involved.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

A note from 2% Committee for the congregation: 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, and will not change your accounting, only Assembly's. If you have questions or concerns, you can email Naomi, Administrator, at naomikr@assemblymennonite.org or Dancy, Treasurer, at treasurer@assemblymennonite.org or ask any member of the 2% committee (Susan Mark Landis (chair), Glenn Gilbert, Barb Hassan, Marshall King, Barb Swartley, Joel Zwier).

WIDER CHURCH

Bags needed: Local MCC Thrift shops could use your extra plastic, paper or cloth reusable bags during this busy shopping season. Please drop off at the donation area at The Depot, 1013 Division Street in Goshen or Thrift At Woodland Crossing, 138 W Hively, Suite 7 in Elkhart. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of MCC Thrift shops!

World Cup Begins This Sunday - Community Peacemaker Teams' Friday bulletin this week ([which you can read here](#)) draws attention to the plight of migrant workers exploited by the labor system in Qatar, which is hosting the FIFA World Cup. "The World Cup is a money-making machine deeply entrenched in a predatory capitalistic system. ... How do we speak of labour rights when we have a system designed to exploit people? How do we critique other systems of oppression while recognizing the benefits some of our countries derive from centuries of colonization and exploitation? How do we break from the chains of the oligarchy?" You can sign up to receive CPT Bulletins by email at <https://cpt.org/>.

The November edition of *Connector* newsletter from Central District Conference can be read [here](#).

The November edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. You can read it [here](#).

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer. Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who are serving through Mennonite Mission Network, have lived among Indigenous communities in Argentina's Chaco region since 2004. Pray for them as they promote Indigenous culture and languages through Bible-study materials and educational opportunities, among other ministries of presence.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Communications Coordinator needed: Central District Conference seeks a part-time member of the conference leadership team to share stories of how CDC congregations and leaders are fulfilling our mission: Knowing Christ's Love. . . Answering God's Call. The successful candidate will be able to gather stories from across the conference and share these stories clearly and compellingly across various media platforms. Skills in content management will allow this person to work with existing staff and conference leadership to develop a strategic approach to sharing our stories. Travel to conference events expected. The position is up to half-time. Salary commensurate with experience and training. To inquire, contact Emma Hartman, office@mcusacdc.org

Oaklawn has a variety of positions open in the following areas: Administrative and support roles; case managers and recovery coaches, maintenance, housekeeping and food service; mental health techs and campus charges, nurses and CMA's; and therapists and social workers. A full list of current positions and the online application can be found at www.oaklawnjobs.org

Horizon Education Alliance is now hiring four positions and accepting proposals from service providers for project-based work. The all-new positions are: Data and Evaluation Manager, Director of Business Development, Pathways Grant Manager, and CareerWise Partnership Manager. To learn more about these opportunities, click [here](#).

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 TUES NOV 22 for inclusion in next Sunday's AssemblyLine. To receive the AssemblyLine via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.