



**Reminder: This Sunday Daylight Savings Time ends.
Please set your clocks back 1 hour.**

WORSHIP

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

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| <p>November 6 (Daylight Savings Time ends) 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday school <i>2% Offering</i> <i>Communion</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Jep Hostetler Sermon: Ted Larrison Scripture: Genesis 32:3-33:15</p> | <p>November 13 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Patricia Ebersole Zwier Sermon: Ben Sywulka</p> |
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

9:30am Worship This Sunday continues our series on relationships – Woven Together. We will be exploring ways of apologizing and offering grace in our relationships, and round out our morning together with communion. If you are joining on Zoom, you are encouraged to gather your own bread and juice.

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 Northwest) God as Parent led by Patricia Ebersole Zwier.
Embodied Prayer: (Worship space) Each week we will explore a way to pray. This week, join us to learn about embodied prayer with Linda Schlabach Miller
- **Relationships:** Telling our stories of Apologizing and Offering Grace: (main MP space) 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) – 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 |
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| Nov 6 <i>2% offering</i> Daylight Savings Time ends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship & Sunday school | | | Nov 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm <i>The Territory</i> movie showing | | Nov 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Play group | Nov 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Mentor/Mentee event |
| Nov 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship & Sunday school | Nov 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 & 6 pm Yoga 6:30pm Dance group (via Zoom. Contact Linda Schlabach Miller for the link) | Nov 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Labyrinth walk | | | Nov 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Play group | |
| Nov 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 7pm Congregational meeting on Zoom | Nov 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 & 6 pm Yoga | | | | | |

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Eliza Miller (2nd Waterford) turned 8 on Nov.5! Eliza enjoys the dual language program at Waterford. She likes to watch “funniest home videos” with her grandma and grandpa. Her favorite color is blue, and her favorite food is pupusas (something she misses about California). Eliza likes to play games like Connect four and she LOVES horses!



Atticus Beechy-King (8th St) turned 5 on Nov. 5! He really likes everything to do with outer space and likes to tell people about planets and space phenomena. He likes to inspect insects and play on the trampoline outside. He is really good at climbing monkey bars and trees! He enjoys talking with his sister Emery. His favorite Halloween treat is nerds!

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

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.

Pledges for 2023: An email was sent on Friday 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.

Our condolences to Dennis & Susan Mark Landis on the death of Susan's mother, Arlene Ruth Mark. Her memorial service will be Dec 3 at College Mennonite Church. You can [read the full obituary here](#).

Covenanting: Small Group Alpha is pleased to announce that Alex Graber Neufeld and Steve Wolma will covenant with the congregation on November 13.

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.

Leadership Group - The Leadership group met this past week. Agenda items included an Elder Selection Proposal, a proposed Assembly Aspirational Budget, and a Church Accessibility Audit. The most recent approved LG & Congregational minutes can be read [here](#).

Yoga: Yoga class will be canceled until Monday, Nov 14.

Out of office: Naomi Roots will be out of the office Friday, Nov 11.

Mentor/Mentee Event: 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.

Emergency Financial Assistance through Everence Sharing Funds. These funds may be accessed by our church members facing a financial crisis or emergency. Unexpected home repairs, high utility costs, uncovered medical or dental costs can be unsettling. Please contact one of our pastors if you are currently experiencing such difficulties. We have until December 10 to submit grant requests. Feel free to contact [Barb Hassan](#), your Everence advocate, with 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.

ASSEMBLY MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry Teams -- Consider participating in one of the following ways to live out your faith:

- **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery ministry team:** A new Assembly ministry team is forming for people interested in learning more about the history of Indigenous Peoples in this region, the oppression they have endured, and how we might stand in solidarity with them in their movement for justice.
- **Reparations Committee:** Now that we as a congregation have committed to paying on our nation's collective debt for centuries of harm committed to Black and Indigenous Peoples, we are looking for people interested in exploring with others where and how we will disburse these payments.
- **Assembly Green Team:** Brian Sauder, director of [Faith in Place](#), recently preached at Assembly, and invited us to build on our history of action focused on creation care and climate change. [Green Teams](#) are resourced by Faith in Place with programs and opportunities for Earth care in and beyond the congregation.
- **Dismantling Patriarchy ministry team:** Recent rollbacks of women's rights have highlighted ways in which men continue to hold power and domination over others in our society. In response there is renewed energy to support public policy aimed at supporting women's health, maternal health, and other women empowerment goals. This is an opportunity to join with others in informing the congregation of advocacy opportunities when they arise.

Let [Karl Shelly](#) know if you want to participate in or have questions about any of these initiatives.

JUSTICE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Make time this week for unique opportunities to learn more about justice for Indigenous Peoples:

"The Territory" – Assembly and Faith Mennonite are hosting a screening of a new National Geographic film about 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. Bring your popcorn; Wednesday, Nov 9, 7pm at the meetinghouse. Trailer [here](#).

Sarah Augustine – Anabaptist leader for Indigenous Justice and author of "The Land is Not Empty" will be making numerous public presentations in Goshen: Nov 8, 6:30pm at the public library; Nov 9, 10am at GC Church-Chapel; Nov. 10, 7pm at Waterford Mennonite Church. More information [here](#).

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.

Ten Thousand Villages - Interested in staying connected with Goshen Ten Thousand Villages? Subscribe to our monthly email list to hear about sales and events going on at our store! We'd love to stay connected with you! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/U9hVdtj3TJNwtzHb7>

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Mennonite Disaster Service: There are still ways to make a difference in the lives of disaster survivors before the end of the year! MDS has several volunteer opportunities at this time including early response work in [Southwest FL](#) and Nova Scotia, repairs in [Eastern KY](#), and long-term rebuilding and repairs in locations such as [Paradise, CA](#) and [McAllen, TX](#).

Short-term housing needed: Affordable housing needed for Pratik Bagh (AMBS alum) and his family who will move back to Elkhart near the end of November and stay through the end of June. Pratik will serve as interim co-pastor at Hively Ave. Mennonite Church. Email Jamie Pitts (jpitts@ams.edu) if you know of any available housing in the Elkhart area.

First Light Mission (formerly IHN) Annual Fundraiser Dinner – Tuesday, Nov 15, 6 pm at Bread and Chocolate. Please help support our mission and get a seat or a table before it is too late. Tickets are \$150 per person. To order your tickets call the office at 574-534-2300 or follow the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-a-place-at-the-table-tickets-424643950487>

Mennonite Central Committee Buckets of Thanks: This Thanksgiving, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies for MCC. The supplies you donate will fill a Bucket of Thanks for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world. For more information, including supply lists and a ready-to-use curriculum for children, visit: mccbuckets.org.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Erasmus Symposium at Goshen College – Nov 4-5. Mennonite institutions including Goshen College, Bethel College, Eastern Mennonite University, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Conrad Grebel University have collaborated to create a symposium titled "Old Books Made New: The Surprising Wisdom of Erasmus for Today." The symposium will feature both in-person and live streamed events in Newcomer 19 on Goshen campus. For more details, read the [flyer](#).

Hymn Lovers, This Show is Almost Over!!! The *Voices Together Hymnal Art Exhibit* in the Good Library basement at Goshen College officially ends Nov 6! While this show has made stops at Bethel College (KS), EMU, CMU and Conrad Grebel, this Goshen version is greatly enriched by additional Goshen oriented materials. This includes handwritten hymns, photos, letters and personal jottings by GC's J.D. Brunk, Walter Yoder and Mary Oyer, all musical giants in the Mennonite world!!! AND Joe Springer has carefully organized a fine survey of many Mennonite hymnals spanning nearly 500 years in just 3 display cases and a wall! **Don't miss it!!!**

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 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. Here's the path to sign up: [rcrc.org](#) -> Religion & Repro Learning Center -> Start Learning Today -> Compassionate Care -> Compassionate Care 101 -> Subscribe \$25/year

Seminary Scholarships & Grants. Scholarships are available to persons who are members of Central District Conference congregations or who have been active in a CDC congregation for three years. [Learn more and apply](#) Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match contributions that congregations, conferences and regional churches make toward a full-time graduate student's tuition cost. AMBS is committed to making theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church — tap a shoulder! ambs.edu/church-matching-grants

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.

The time is here! Join us for the Goshen MCC Comforter Bash on November 11-12! A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. 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 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

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>

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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>.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration. As one of the original writers of the “For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Justice Legal System” resolution, Eli Reimer discusses a class that they participated in Goshen College, called “Inside-Out.” Reimer’s blog is part of Mennonite Church USA’s “Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration” initiative: mennoniteusa.org/friends-on-inside

Nuclear Arms control: Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, is one of 33 leaders of churches and faith-based organizations who signed a letter to President Joe Biden, in support of his efforts to pursue negotiations on nuclear arms control. Read the full letter here: mennoniteusa.org/news/nuclear-arms-control

Roe v. Wade: Mennonite Church USA’s Women in Leadership Steering Committee wrote a statement in response to the Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade. Read their statement here: mennoniteusa.org/wil-statement-roe-wade

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](#).

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer. Josia Kaemper, Anna Millsap and unit leader Rachel Musselman make up Mennonite Mission Network’s Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi. Pray for them as they participate in the ministries of Open Door Mennonite Church, by working with people experiencing homelessness and an after-school program.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org

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

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.

Immigration Attorney - La Posada Immigrant Aid in Elkhart is seeking an Immigration attorney. [La Posada Immigrant Aid](#) is a faith-based non-profit organization, a ministry expressing the heart of Mennonite Churches in the Elkhart County area to serve new immigrants. Click [here](#) to apply.

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](#).