



# Assembly Mennonite Church

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# AssemblyLine

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## WORSHIP

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

<p><b>Jan 29</b>  <b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday school</b></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Small group Maple  <b>Sermon:</b> Joëlle Morgan  <b>Scripture:</b> Deuteronomy 1:8, 1:25</p>	<p><b>Feb 5</b>  <b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday school</b>  <i>2% Offering</i>  Fellowship meal</p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Small group Cherry  <b>Sermon:</b> Rich Meyer  <b>Scripture:</b> Luke 15</p>
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## SUNDAY JANUARY 29

**8:45am Young adult breakfast.** Those who are post-high school through age 30 are invited to a breakfast in the multipurpose space each Sunday.

**9:30am Worship.** We continue our worship series on Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Assembly recently joined [a coalition of Anabaptist groups and congregations committed to the cause of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery](#): a historic and ongoing legal/philosophical framework that gave Christian governments moral and legal rights to invade and seize Indigenous lands and dominate Indigenous Peoples. [For the complete series introduction click here](#). Our preacher this morning is Dr. Joëlle Morgan, who teaches at the University of Ottawa in education and at St. Paul University in theology and transformative leadership. Her dissertation focused on liberation theologies in Indigenous-settler relations.

**Second hour:** After a 10-minute break, return to the Worship space for continued conversation with Joëlle Morgan.

**Sunday School classes** for children and youth (infants through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) immediately follow first hour. Locations of classrooms by age/grade are posted in the Gathering Space.

**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.

### Current COVID-19 Information (Jan 27, 2023)

In Elkhart County, Indiana, the [COVID-19 Community Level](#) is **Low**.

Please join on Zoom if you are feeling sick.

Masks are optional during worship & Sunday school, unless Elkhart County's Community Risk Level becomes "High" – 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.**

For more information visit <https://assemblymennonite.org/covid-19-information/>

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



**Nora Kern (2nd Waterford) turns 8 on Jan. 31st!** Nora is good at math and enjoys reading, drawing and painting! At home she loves playing outside and having dance parties. She also likes to bake with her dad. She would like to learn how to sculpt ice with a chainsaw and play guitar. Her favorite colors are pink, yellow and teal and she loves all animals.

### COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Jan 29 • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Jan 30 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga		Feb 1 • 1pm Women's lunch bunch (in person & <a href="#">on Zoom</a> ) • 5:30pm Small group childcare		Feb 3 • 9am Play group • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	
Feb 5 <i>2% Offering</i> • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 12pm Fellowship meal	Feb 6 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga	Feb 7 • 7pm Leadership group			Feb 10 • 9am Play group	Feb 11 • 3pm Mentor/Mentee event
Feb 12 • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Feb 13 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group on Zoom (contact Linda Schlabach Miller for the link)			Feb 16 • 8:30pm Reparations committee <a href="#">on Zoom</a>		Feb 18 • 9:30am Assembly Green team

#### **Assembly Mennonite Church**

##### **Pastoral Team**

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**Elders:** Randy Roth (chair), Sandy Fribley, Eric Yordy, Leon Bauman, Sara Morris, Cheryl Shreiner, Ben Good-Elliott

**Youth Coordinators:** Erich Miller, Marlette Gomez Wengerd, Ryan Gomez Wengerd, Gretchen Krause

**Administrative Assistant:** Becky Overholt (Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-3pm) [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org); 574-534-4190

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Please email announcements to [assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org) by 11PM local time Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's AssemblyLine. To receive the AssemblyLine via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Privileges of the Child:** In our congregation, we do our best to honor children and respect their questions and development. We hope that our congregation is a place where children know they are known and loved by each person and by God. Together we try to honor The Privileges of the Child as a spiritual practice.

- **The Privileges of the Child in Assembly:** *To wander among us during worship being the responsibility of each of us.* As a community of faith, our care and support for each other extends into our corporate worship. All participants can help make worship a good place for children and families by caring for children and supporting parents. Invite a child to sit with you during worship, help a child find a song in the hymnal, or offer to hold a baby.
- **The Privileges of the Child in Assembly:** *To be called by name by each adult.* God knows and calls us each by name, and we embody God's love in respectful & caring relationships. It can be difficult to know all the children by name in a congregation of our size; feel free to ask a child their name and don't hesitate to interact with the children among us to learn more about them.

**Staff out of town:** Becky Overholt will be out of town Jan 29-Feb 4. Please contact Naomi Roots or Scott Coulter for any office needs. Lora Nafziger will be out of town Feb 2-5. Contact Scott Coulter, Anna Yoder Schlabach, or Karl Shelly for any pastoral needs.

**Small group childcare.** The next small group childcare is Wednesday, Feb 1 from 5:30-8pm. [Please RSVP here](#) by Jan 30.

**February Lunch Bunch** on Feb 1 will be in person and on Zoom and will feature the summer travels of Dana and Linda Schlabach Miller and Glenn and Mary Gilbert. Please join us.

**Fellowship meal next Sunday, Feb 5** after 2<sup>nd</sup> hour. The Hospitality Committee requests that households with names beginning with A through L bring a main dish, and M through Z bring a side or salad. Everyone should feel free to bring a dessert in addition. If you prefer to bring something different than requested that's fine; what's important is to have plenty of all types of food. **Please deliver your food to the kitchen before worship.** Remember to bring table service for your family.

**The Leader Selection process** is the way the Assembly congregation discerns who will serve in various volunteer leadership roles in the coming year. We do this discernment in small groups. **If you are not in a small group** but you want to volunteer yourself for a committee, you are invited to [complete the online Leader Selection Worksheet](#). If you have any questions about the process, please talk with your small group rep, or you may talk to one of the pastors. Worksheets are **due by Sunday Feb 19!**

**Weekly Friday morning 9am play group.** Parents are invited to bring their children to the Meetinghouse room 2A to spend an hour together. Parents are invited to bring projects like knitting, crochet, etc. while you visit with other adults. A snack will be provided. Questions? Contact [Scott Coulter](#).

## DOING JUSTICE & SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

**Helping Your Neighbors:** Some churches in Elkhart are organizing English as a Second (ESL) classes for adults. Teachers are needed for the next session of classes, March 9-May 25, 2023 meeting at Prairie Street Mennonite Church. Sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm. Volunteering once or twice a week is your choice. Materials are provided. You do not need to be a trained teacher. If desired, you may start as an assistant-in-training working with a veteran teacher. You do not need to be able to speak Spanish. Please contact Sueann VonGunten, [vonalter2@gmail.com](mailto:vonalter2@gmail.com) or 574-612-3108 with your interest or questions. Approximately 20 teachers are needed to teach all of the classes. If you have friends who might be interested, encourage them to call or write.

**LaCasa Annual Luncheon - save the date.** [LaCasa](#) is a local faith-based ministry that works at housing in Elkhart County, and financial empowerment. Their annual luncheon fundraiser is Wednesday, March 15, 12-1pm, at the Crystal Ballroom at the Lerner. For more info or to RSVP, email [andee.huxhold@lacasainc.net](mailto:andee.huxhold@lacasainc.net)

**Join a Community Peacemaker Teams delegation.** Join a 7-14 day delegation for a first-hand experience of CPT's on-the-ground experiment in non-violence. Upcoming delegations include Palestine, Colombia, & Iraqi Kurdistan. Click [here](#) for more information.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MCC and MCUSA are partnering in a new webinar series, [\*Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities\*](#). Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 7:30 pm EST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. Registration link: [mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars](https://mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars)

**Scholarships available!** Ready to pursue seminary studies? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, offers generous need-based financial aid, church matching grants and scholarships for students learning either on campus or at a distance. Complete your Admissions Application now so you can be eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships by March 15 and ministry scholarships by April 1. [ambs.edu/scholarships](https://ambs.edu/scholarships)

## CAMP FRIEDENSWALD

**Join us for the Winter Getaway!** Come on your own for a solitary retreat, or get away with family and friends. There's no pressure to do anything – just soak in the peace of the woods and lake. We'll provide the tasty meals in the Dining Hall, a comfy cabin, and trails for exploring. This is a program-free weekend. Meals are the one coordinated corporate activity. The [Getaway](#) runs the evening of Friday Feb. 3 through Sunday Feb. 5 at noon. All ages welcome. Register [here](#).

**Part-time and full-time housekeepers needed!** If interested, please check out more information [here](#).

## WIDER CHURCH

**Mennonite Arts weekend – Feb 3-5 in Cincinnati, OH.** Join other artists and art enthusiasts for presentations, workshops, performances, and worship. The exciting biennial gathering brings together artists from across the United States and Canada to provide exposure for artists working in different facets of the arts and to provide a setting for interaction and the exchange of ideas. More information about the artists, schedule and purchasing tickets can be found [here](#).

**Central District Conference Mid-year Gatherings:** Feb 11, 9:45a-3p ET at Columbus Mennonite Church in Columbus OH. Registration deadline is Feb 3. AND March 4, 9:45a-3p CT at First Mennonite Church in Urbana IL. Registration deadline is Feb 24. Both are in person or on Zoom. [Register here](#). Schedule can be seen [here](#).

**Mennonite Church USA** has released the MennoCon23 block schedule and registration rates. Learn more about MennoCon23 here: [mennoniteusa.org/mennocon23-schedule](https://mennoniteusa.org/mennocon23-schedule)

**Everence scholarships available.** College Scholarships are offered to youth of Everence members. Eligible students may be chosen to receive \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 for the upcoming academic year. Applications are accepted through February 28th. Visit : <https://www.everence.com/living-the-values/grants-and-scholarships-and-awards> for more details.

**The Mennonite Creation Care Network** Jan newsletter can be read [here](#).

**Mennonite Mission Network prayer request.** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Tucson, Arizona, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit, made up of Michaela Esau, Cade Fisher, Jessie Landis and Andrea Troyer. The MVSers help extend the ministries of their host congregation, Shalom Mennonite Fellowship, by working with the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition and adult literacy, immigration and refugee rights, and environmental protection programs.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**MCC Thrift at Woodland Crossing is seeking a full-time general manager.** Serving the south central community of Elkhart, Thrift at Woodland Crossing was successfully launched in June 2022 with the support of several staff and numerous volunteers. The general manager will provide oversight of the shop, including incoming donations and processing, outgoing merchandise, retail operations, recycling and managing staff and volunteers. For a full job description and to submit a resume, contact [glmthrift@gmail.com](mailto:glmthrift@gmail.com), attention TWC Search Committee.

**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 Mennonite Education** job postings can be found [here](#). **Mennonite Church USA's** job postings are [here](#).