

## WORSHIP

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Feb 12</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday school</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Leader:</b> Small group Clearing  <b>Sermon:</b> Karl Shelly  <b>Scripture:</b> Mark 10:17-25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Feb 19</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30AM Carnival Sunday</b>  <b>No Sunday school</b></p>
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## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12

**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.** [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) This is the last Sunday in our series on Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery.

**Second hour:** After a 10-minute break, return to the Worship space to participate in congregational reflection on the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery series, facilitated by Scott Coulter.

**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.

## COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Feb 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:45am Young adult breakfast</li> <li>● 9:30am Worship &amp; Sunday school</li> </ul>	Feb 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4:30 &amp; 6pm Yoga</li> <li>● 6:30pm Dance group on Zoom (contact Linda Schlabach Miller for the link)</li> </ul>			Feb 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:30pm Reparations committee <a href="#">on Zoom</a></li> </ul>	Feb 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9am Play group</li> </ul>	Feb 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9:30am Green team</li> <li>● 10am Visitation &amp; 11am Service</li> </ul>
Feb 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:45am Young adult breakfast</li> <li>● 9:30am Carnival Sunday (No Sunday School)</li> <li>● 7pm Congregational Meeting on Zoom</li> </ul>		Feb 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5:30pm Pancake Night</li> </ul>	Feb 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5:30pm Ash Wednesday for families: <a href="#">RSVP</a></li> <li>● 7pm Ash Wednesday retreat: <a href="#">RSVP</a></li> </ul>		Feb 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9am Play group</li> </ul>	
Feb 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:45am Young adult breakfast</li> <li>● 9:30am Worship &amp; Sunday school</li> <li>● 7pm Repair Ministry team on Zoom</li> </ul>	Feb 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6:30pm Dance group</li> </ul>	Feb 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 7:15pm Small group reps mtg</li> </ul>	March 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1pm Lunch Bunch</li> <li>● 6pm Lent Meal &amp; Evening Prayer</li> </ul>		March 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9am Play group</li> <li>● 9:30am Greencroft meet up</li> </ul>	

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



**Elias (Eli) Wells (K, Benton) turned 6 on Feb. 7th!** Eli likes dinosaurs, building and playing with Lego, and likes to jump rope! He enjoys snuggles with his mom and playing “the tickle game” with his dad (it includes a song!). At school he especially loves recess, though he likes being outside anywhere. Eli has a great imagination and likes drawing and is getting better at drawing dinosaurs.



**Kiki Smuts (5th GIS) turned 11 on Feb. 8th!** Kiki enjoys reading and playing violin. She loves art at home, school and the boys & girls club. She especially likes drawing and melting beads. Kiki likes to watch *The Simpsons* with her dad, bake with her mom and play made up games with her siblings. Someday she would love to have a pet [axolotl](#) and travel to Harry Potter World!



**Auggie Nafziger-Rhodes (1st BCS) turns 7 on Feb. 13th!** Auggie loves to play imaginative games with anyone who will join him. He likes to create his own Pokémon and to trade cards with anyone who is willing! Auggie loves to watch birds, sit by the fire, sing and dance and jump on the trampoline. He is building a treehouse with friends and is eager for summer!

## DOING JUSTICE

**The Assembly Repair Ministry team** will meet by Zoom at 7:00 pm, Sunday February 26th. Be prepared to discuss our recent series, and thoughts regarding next steps.

**Donate to help earthquake victims:** Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God’s love and compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at [mcc.org/earthquake](http://mcc.org/earthquake).

**Sign up for the LaCasa Annual Luncheon!** [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. Barb Hassan has purchased a table and has room for seven more people at no cost. Please contact her at 574-534-5438 or by [email](#) if interested in attending.

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<p>Please email announcements to <a href="mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org">assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org</a> by 11PM local time Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday’s AssemblyLine. To receive the AssemblyLine via email visit <a href="http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr">http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr</a>.</p>	

## CARNIVAL SUNDAY

**On Carnival Sunday Feb. 19th** we will bring our seeking, exploring selves—full of knowledge about the ways the world has been colonized and claimed—and begin the work of turning toward Lent. But we will ask along the way: What have we missed in our seeking, where have we been blinded, what was there all along that we missed, and what is yet to be unveiled? Carnival gives us the opportunity to use humor, care, and attention to name those things that are sometimes hard to see, to use laughter to build community, and to honestly look at the ways our seeking sometimes misses the mark.

**Come to Carnival expecting** an intergenerational Sunday morning event that is something between a circus, a party, and regular worship. Assembly's tradition at Carnival is to use laughter, humor, and play to make space for the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. We exaggerate in safe company that which we usually try to hide. Children and grown-ups are encouraged to come in costume (which could be something as simple as a small, symbolic accessory—or feel free to go all out!). [Please read the full introduction to Carnival Sunday here.](#)

## CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT

**Join a short Zoom congregational meeting at 7pm Sunday Feb 19, for a second reading of the 2023 Spending Plan.** Jodi Beyeler will facilitate. Changes to the spending plan since the first reading are: increases to Supportive Communities Network and AdNet giving, and increased budget for Utilities and Insurance. [The Draft Spending Plan is here.](#)

**The Leader Selection worksheets are due by Sunday Feb 19! 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](#)

**Leadership Group** met on Feb 7. Agenda items included finalizing 2023 Spending plan, choosing delegates for 2023 MCUSA, and planning a LG retreat. The approved minutes for the Jan. congregational meeting and LG meeting can be read [here](#).

**Elders & Gifts Discernment.** At the February Leadership Group meeting, the elders identified gifts that are needed on the Leadership Group in the coming year. In particular, they recognized a need for team members who are gifted at critical thinking, synthesizing, identifying risks, and creative thinking. Small groups are encouraged to consider this information when considering names of those who may be a good fit for the elder positions that are opening up for Fall 2023.

## LENT

**Pancake Supper Feb 21 at 5:30-6:45pm.** Celebrate the last day before Lent begins with a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at the meetinghouse hosted by the Assembly pastoral team. **Please bring your own plates and utensils.**

**Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22.** Please [RSVP](#) to participate in one of two Ash Wednesday retreats at the [College Cabin \(309 Reservoir Pl, Goshen, IN 46526\)](#): A 5:30-6:30pm service planning with children in mind (though all are welcome), or a 7-8:30pm retreat planned for adults (limited walking required). For more details on these and other events throughout Lent, the season's worship theme, and who will be preaching, **please [read the Lent intro here.](#)**

**Anabaptist Bible Project.** Sarah Augustine of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery is encouraging congregations in the Repair Network to participate in the Anabaptist Bible. This study bible project is intended to reflect the Anabaptist church in all of its diversity at this point in time, 500 years after the Radical Reformation. "We have an opportunity to contribute to that diversity by sharing what we have learned together about standing with creation and vulnerable peoples." – Sarah Augustine.

Here are two opportunities to get involved in this project:

(1) Karl Shelly will be facilitating a study group that will meet four times during Second Hour on Sundays in Lent. Please [contact Karl](#) if you are interested in joining this group.

(2) Scott Coulter is organizing a study group that would meet on four Wednesdays at 5pm: March 15, April 12, May 3, and May 24. Please [contact Scott by Feb 19](#) if you would like to join this group. (Meeting schedule for this group can be negotiated among participants).

**Lent at Pathways Retreat:** Pathways will be holding their annual Ash Wednesday service online at noon on February 22. Two new retreats will be offered during the Lenten season: Broken and New: A Lenten Journey and Rest Reflect Renew Lenten Retreat. Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](#).

**2023 Lent at Home.** "Created in the Image of God, Shaped By Jesus," is the theme for Lent at Home 2023 worship guide authored by Talashia Keim Yoder. [Download it here for free](#) in English or Spanish.

## GRIEF & PASTORAL CARE

**March Grief Group:** Join with others who have experienced grief for the four Mondays in March at 10 a.m. in the worship space or nursery. Led by Anna Yoder Schlabach and Kathleen Jones. Grief is complicated and ongoing, and many of us are carrying it. Our goal is to create a space where people at different places on their grief journey can share their experiences and learn from each other in a semi-structured setting. This group is intended for those who are grieving the particular loss of a loved one (although we recognize that people carry grief from other things as well.) Our hope is that people can commit to attending at least three out of the four weeks. Please email [annays@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:annays@assemblymennonite.org) to participate or with questions.

## 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. This is the final privilege from [The Privileges of the Child](#). If you have questions about them please feel free to contact [Lora Nafziger](#).

- **The Privileges of the Child in Assembly:** *To be an active participant in worship.* Children at Assembly are present during worship, and the worship planners attend to the needs of all participants, including children. We cultivate children's awareness of God's presence by having them participate in worship. Children are given an opportunity to learn how worship works and how to make themselves ready through children's worship Sunday school.

**Out of office:** Lora Nafziger will be in unavailable Feb 15-17. Contact Scott Coulter, Anna Yoder Schlabach, or Karl Shelly for any pastoral needs.

**Anabaptist World magazine subscription** – The group subscription price through Assembly is \$39. Please let the office know by March 1 if you would like to sign up ([office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) or 574-534-4190). Make your check out to Assembly Mennonite Church and note "AW" on the check.

**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 [Anna Yoder Schlabach](#)

**Sunday morning help needed.** While we are working with our contractor to have a cleaner parking lot than last Sunday, we recognize the need for some extra help Sunday mornings. We could use 2-3 volunteers each Sunday to come a bit early, shovel snow/ice as needed, salt as needed, and help individuals who need assistance move from their car to the entrance of the meetinghouse. Those who are able-bodied and live close to the meetinghouse are especially invited to consider helping out. If you can help, please email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org).

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

**We continue to hold Els, Karl & Michelle, and the rest of the Shelly family** as they mourn the death of Al Shelly two weeks ago on Jan 22. A memorial service will be held at Assembly on Saturday Feb 18, with visitation at 10am, and worship service at 11am followed by lunch. The service will also be streamed [on Zoom](#). [Read the full obituary for Al here](#).

## GOSHEN COLLEGE MUSIC

**The Goshen College choirs** will present their annual Winter Choral Concert on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students, available online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or by calling (574)535-7566.

**The Sherer Trio**, Goshen College's resident chamber music ensemble, is comprised of Solomia Soroka, violin; Dato

Machavariani, cello; and Matthew Hill, piano. The Trio will present a concert of chamber music in Rieth Recital Hall on Sun, Feb 12 at 4pm. [More info here](#)

**Goshen College Symphony Orchestra Presents: 63rd Annual Concerto Aria Concert** This year's Concerto Aria competition features two soloists from among the college student attendees of Assembly: [Ana Neufeld Weaver](#), playing a piano concerto; and [Hannah Lehman](#), playing a piano & violin duet with Alena Miller. Other soloists include vocalists Alexa Kennel and April Pollock, violinist Sofia Sanchez, and an original composition by Victor Vegas. The concert will be in Sauder Concert Hall at 7:30 pm on Saturday, February 18th. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 seniors/students, available online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or by calling (574) 535-7566.

**Conrad Liechty Vocal Recital** - Conrad Liechty, voice student of Scott Hochstetler, will present his 2nd year vocal recital at 12 pm on Friday, February 24th. This is a part of the required curriculum for music minors. The program includes a variety of genres, from German Lieder to contemporary show tunes. It will be held in Reith Recital Hall, in the Music Center.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Join the Movement of Christians Against Christian Nationalism (April 12-May 9).** Drew Strait, PhD shares [in this 2 min video](#) why he's excited about his online short course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on Christian Nationalism. In conversation with biblical texts, explore how ancient faith communities resisted political idolatry, and learn how congregations can resist Christian nationalism today, along with the systems of oppression that Christian nationalism amplifies. The course includes guest lectures by Lisa Schirch, Angela Denker, Pamela Cooper-White, Bradley Onishi, and Andrew Whitehead. Early registration (by March 22) is \$300. [Learn more here.](#)

**Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses** (combining online work and one week on campus) include Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose; and Preaching. **Campus courses** (also open to auditors) include Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; The Religious Other in the Bible; and The Spirit World and the Global Church. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! [amb.edu/upcoming-courses](http://amb.edu/upcoming-courses)

## MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC)

**Volunteer with SWAP this summer!** Mennonite Central Committee's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program provides short-term service and learning opportunities for churches, school and university groups, families, other groups and individuals. Now is the time to make your summer plans and sign up! More information and registration at [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or (606) 634-4418.

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**A thank you letter from Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes** can be read [here](#).

**Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC)** recent newsletter can be read [here](#).

## WIDER CHURCH

**Anabaptism at 500 and the Anabaptist Community Bible** Join this special event Thursday, February 23 at 7pm at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship in Goshen. John D. Roth, project director, will talk about the Anabaptism at 500 project and share the vision behind the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. The event will include an update on the status of the project and a time for questions and conversation. (See the "Lent" section in this week's Assemblyline for opportunities to participate in this project with other Assemblyites.)

**Registration for Summer Camps at Camp Friedenswald is open!** [Learn more here.](#)

**Mennonite Mission Network prayer request.** Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig and their three children are engaged in ministry in Chad, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for

them as they share Jesus' love in their daily lives — Peter, as he teaches at Shalom Faculty of Evangelical Theology; Christy, as she works at a hospital; and their children, as they interact with classmates and neighbors.

## 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. Read the full job description [here](#). To submit a resume before February 15, contact [glmthrift@gmail.com](mailto:glmthrift@gmail.com), attention TWC Search Committee.

**MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director:** This role is responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs and church engagement. This position is expected to connect with constituent churches, groups, and partner organizations to work together and advance the mission of MCC. The full-time position will preferably be located at one of the main Great Lakes offices, but the location is flexible within the region where MCC is an authorized employer. Bilingual fluency in Spanish and English is preferred. Apply online by March 3 at [mcc.org/gl-program-director](http://mcc.org/gl-program-director). For more information, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

**MCC is seeking a Project Coordinator for the Dismukes Project in Kimball, West Virginia:** MCC continues to work to uncover the forgotten history and honor the legacy of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician and surgeon in Appalachia in the 1930s. This full-time role is great for someone looking to put their innovation, creativity, and resourcefulness to use by collaborating with the local community and SWAP staff to build the program from the ground up. Apply online by April 6 at [mcc.org/dismukes-project-coordinator](http://mcc.org/dismukes-project-coordinator). For more information, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

**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](#).

### **Current COVID-19 Information (Feb 10, 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/>