

WORSHIP

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

Feb 19 9:30AM Carnival Sunday No Sunday school	Feb 26 9:30AM Worship & Sunday school <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Worship Leader: Becky Snider Sermon: Lora Nafziger Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Matthew 4:1-11
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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19

9:30am Carnival. [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) 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.](#)

Following first hour There will be no Sunday school this Sunday. Instead, come to the multipurpose space to celebrate with donuts & hot drinks.

7pm Congregational meeting [on Zoom.](#) Agenda includes the 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.](#)

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.

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<p>Please email announcements to 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.</p>	

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Feb 19 ● 9:30am Carnival Sunday (No Sunday School) ● 7pm Congregational Meeting on Zoom	Feb 20 ● 4:30 & 6pm Yoga	Feb 21 ● 5:30pm Pancake supper	Feb 22 ● 5:30pm Ash Wednesday for families: RSVP ● 7pm Ash Wednesday retreat: RSVP		Feb 24 ● 9am Play group	Feb 25 ● 9:30am Assembly Green team
Feb 26 ● 8:45am Young adult breakfast ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school ● 7pm Repair Ministry team on Zoom	Feb 27 ● 6:30pm Dance group	Feb 28 ● 7:15pm Small group reps mtg	Mar 1 ● 1pm Lunch Bunch ● 6pm Lent Meal & Evensong		Mar 3 ● 9am Play group ● 9:30am Greencroft meet up	
Mar 5 ● 8:45am Young adult breakfast ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Mar 6 ● 10am Grief group	Mar 7 ● 7pm Leadership group	Mar 8 ● 6pm Lent Meal & Evensong		Mar 10 ● 9am Play group	

LENT ACTIVITIES Feb 26-Apr 9

For more details on events throughout Lent, the season's worship theme, and who will be preaching, please [read the Lent intro here](#).

Feb 21 Pancake supper 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.**

Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Retreats. 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).

March 1, 8, 15, 22: Meal and Evensong service/children's worship activities 6 pm Please bring your own bowls and utensils. Bread and soup will be provided. Each week we'll use the Anabaptist prayerbook as the structure of a simple evening service of prayer, scripture, and music. Children's worship will be led by Lora for younger children

April 6 Maundy Thursday Soup and bread supper and foot washing 6 p.m. (children welcome)

April 7 Good Friday service with Faith Mennonite 7 pm. Intended for adults and older children

April 8 Family-friendly Easter Vigil More information to follow.

April 9 Easter Sunrise Service 7am, Steve Shantz's house

April 9 Easter Service with feast during service (bring Easter finger foods and flowers to share)

LENT RESOURCES

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 to participate or with questions.

DOING JUSTICE

Police Response to Mental Health Crises-Feb 18, 10am at Middlebury Church of the Brethren. Hosted by their Peace and Justice Action Group, Officer Jim Ballard will speak and answer questions about his work as Behavioral Health Response Coordinator for the Goshen City Police Department. This is free and open to the public

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.

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.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

The Leader Selection worksheets are due TODAY! 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](#)

The church office will be closed on Monday, Feb 20.

Out of office: Anna Yoder Schlabach will be on vacation from Feb 23-28. Scott Coulter will be on vacation from Feb 24-March 3. Contact Lora Nafziger 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 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 Lora Nafziger.

No Small group childcare in March. Due to the Wednesday supper and evensong, we will not be having small group childcare in March. The next childcare night will be Wednesday April 12 from 5:30-8pm.

CELEBRATING THE ARTS

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 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.

Bethany Christian Schools play: Attend Elephant & Piggie's "We Are in a Play!" presented by Bethany Christian Upper School. Showing March 3 & 4 at 7pm and March 5 at 3pm, this hour-long performance is geared specifically to young children, but it's guaranteed to earn smiles and laughter from audience members of all ages. **A special children's matinee performance will be held on Saturday March 4 at 10am, followed by a special cookie reception with the cast of the musical.** Cast members include Leah Hochstetler & Joryn Yoder. Crew members include Gaige Hochstetler, Geoffrey Hochstetler and Adam Siemens-Rhodes. For more information and to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Singers concert at East Goshen Mennonite church on March 7 at 7pm. The theme of this year's program is Local and Global: songs of peace and justice. They will feature styles and composers from the Shenandoah Valley, as well as a variety of others from around the world to look at aspects of peace and justice. Programs are free of charge, and a love offering will be taken to support the choir's travel expenses, as they are also touring Mennonite Churches in the Netherlands and Germany in May. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Yoder Public Affairs Lecture: Goshen College welcomes community members to either of two upcoming lectures related to peace-making and dialog across dividing lines. Dr. Dicky Sofjan of the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies at Gadjah Mada University will speak **Monday, Feb. 20** at 10am in the Church-Chapel Koinonia Room, "Muslim-Christian Relations in the Global South," and at 7 pm in the Music Center Reith Recital Hall, "Muslim Cosmopolitanism: A Personal History."

C. Henry Smith Oratorical Contest. Five Goshen College students will speak on themes of peace and justice during the 2023 C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest on **Tuesday, Feb. 21**. The annual event will take place at 7 p.m. in the Umble Center and will also be live-streamed to the public at goshen.edu/live.

Childhood trauma webinar – Feb 28 at 8pm ET. Anabaptist Disabilities Network is partnering with the Church of the Brethren Discipleship Ministries to bring you "A Small World: Building Resiliency and Hope after Childhood Trauma," a free webinar hosted by Jon-Eric Misz. [Register here](#).

Thinking about seminary? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and church matching grants for students learning 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/affordability

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.)

Interested in volunteering at MennoCon23, Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6? Mennonite Church USA is seeking coordinators for special events, children's and junior youth programming, and more! Fill out a form

here: mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-volunteer-form

The February edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In the current issue: read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3EboHDz>

Mennonite Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure leaders are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.

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, 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. For more information, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or 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. For more information, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or 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 17, 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/>