

WORSHIP

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

<p>Feb 5 9:30AM Worship & Sunday school <i>2% Offering</i> Fellowship meal</p> <p>Worship Leader: Small group Cherry Sermon: Rich Meyer Scripture: Luke 15</p>	<p>Feb 12 9:30AM Worship & Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Small group Clearing Sermon: Karl Shelly Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12</p>
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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

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.](#) 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, Rich Meyer, is the founding director of the Cora Dale House and a local historian. Since 2013, Rich has been navigator for the caravan that retraces [the Trail of Death](#) every five years.

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

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

A Fellowship meal will follow 2nd 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 label your food with any allergens (including gluten, dairy, nuts), and please deliver your food to the kitchen before worship.** Remember to bring table service for your family.

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 (Feb 2, 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/>

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Feb 5 <i>2% Offering</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Young adult breakfast 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 12pm Fellowship meal 	Feb 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 & 6pm Yoga 	Feb 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Leadership group 			Feb 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Play group 	Feb 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Volunteer LED Upgrade 3pm Mentor/Mentee Board Games
Feb 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Young adult breakfast 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 	Feb 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 & 6pm Yoga 6:30pm Dance group on Zoom (contact Linda Schlabach Miller for the link) 			Feb 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30pm Reparations committee on Zoom 	Feb 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Play group 	Feb 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Assembly Green team 10am Visitation 11am Memorial Service for Al Shelly
Feb 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Young adult breakfast 9:30am Carnival Sunday (No Sunday School) 7pm Congregational Meeting 	Feb 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 & 6pm Yoga 	Feb 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 Pancake Night 	Feb 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Ash Wednesday service 		Feb 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Play group 	

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Hezekiah Graham Graber Roth turns 3 on Feb 8! Hezekiah loves cuddling with his stuffed cow and blankie, trying his hand at anything his older brother is doing, playing outside, and listening to music. When an opportunity arises to go swimming Hezekiah is on it, jumping in from the side of the pool with reckless abandon. He has a great imagination and is quick to laugh and be silly. He is a very independent sort of fellow who currently is living by the motto, "Let's do this!" If he had his way, Hezekiah would eat a whole meal of ranch dressing.

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<p>Administrative Assistant: Becky Overholt (Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-3pm) office@assemblymennonite.org; 574-534-4190 Church Administrator: Naomi Roots (Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-12pm) naomikr@assemblymennonite.org</p>	
<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>	

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. In the next few weeks, we will be reading [The Privileges of the Child](#) before children's time. If you have questions about them please feel free to contact [Lora Nafziger](#).

- **The Privileges of the Child in Assembly:** *To be a valued person in the congregation.* The congregation is made up of all participants; children are not the “church of the future.” We value and encourage children to participate in all aspects of congregational life. You might see children setting up chairs, doing dishes or participating in worship. Thank them for the ways they contribute to the rich and vibrant life of this community.
- **The Privileges of the Child in Assembly:** *To be led to faith by the Christlike love, care, and model of each adult.* Notice the children around you and interact with them at church. You can also share with them the things you care about. Involve yourself in their lives.

Out of town: Lora Nafziger will be out of town Feb 2-5. Contact Scott Coulter, Anna Yoder Schlabach, or Karl Shelly for any pastoral needs.

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!**

Mentors and Mentees are invited to the meeting house next Saturday Feb. 11th at 3pm to play board games together. Bring a snack and a board game to share.

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](#).

VOLUNTEER

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.

Help with LED Lighting Upgrade: Ten or more volunteers are needed to help convert the older part of the building from fluorescent to LED lights. All that is needed is the ability to work from a 6ft or 8ft step ladder and to be comfortable using simple hand tools. All training will be provided. The work will happen this coming Sat, Feb 11, beginning at 9am. If willing and available or if you have any questions, contact Glenn Gilbert (ggilbert1301@gmail.com).

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. [Read the full obituary for Al here.](#)

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

VonGuten, 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

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

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.](#)

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. ams.edu/scholarships

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 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](#)

WIDER CHURCH

Contribute Progressive Christian Perspectives to the Anabaptist Bible Project. Scott Coulter is seeking to form an Assembly group to contribute to this study bible project which hopefully will represent our own reading of scripture along with other Anabaptist perspectives. This group will meet four times and study three passages: Jewish Bible/Old Testament, New Testament, and Psalms/Proverbs. Suggested dates: Wednesdays at 5pm on March 15, April 12, May 3, and May 24. If you are interested, please contact scottc@assemblymennonite.org by Feb 19. Meeting schedule can be negotiated among those interested in participating.

Pathways Retreat will be hosting two Lenten retreat opportunities. Rest, Reflect, Renew Lenten Retreat is a one day retreat at Pathways on March 4. Broken and New: a Lenten Journey is a six-part retreat; the first five sessions will be held on Zoom and the final gathering will be in person at Pathways. Please visit www.pathwaysretreat.org for more information and to register.

WIDER CHURCH, continued

February is Black History Month. Be sure to check out Mennonite Church USA's timeline honoring "Black History in the Mennonite Church." mennoniteusa.org/resource/black-history

Mennonite Men in partnership with Camp Friedenswald will plant 9,000 trees this spring, seeking to help mitigate global warming, promote climate justice, and sustain biodiversity. [Read more about the work of this church agency here.](#)

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

Mennonite Mission Network prayer request. Today, Hope for the Future's three-day conference concludes in Atlanta, Georgia. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Mennonite Black, Indigenous and People of Color leaders, as they return to their congregations and communities, strengthened by worship and fellowship. Pray also for White allies to work toward God's justice.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Friedenswald needs part-time and full-time housekeepers! If interested, please learn more information [here](#).

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](#).