

## WORSHIP

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

<p><b>March 26</b>  <b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>  <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Jeannette Hughes  <b>Sermon:</b> Anna Yoder Schlabach  <b>Scripture:</b> Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45</p>	<p><b>Apr 2</b>  <b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>  <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Karl Shelly  <b>Sermon:</b> Stephen Lowe  <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11</p>
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## SUNDAY MARCH 26

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

**9:30am Worship.** [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent. This year we're using a Lenten series created by A Sanctified Art. This series is founded on questions, and this week Anna will help us explore the question, "Can these bones live?" We invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God. [Read more about the series here.](#)

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

**Second hour. There are two opportunities to engage with our theme during 2<sup>nd</sup> hour:**

- Communion – Worship space
- Poetry prompts – Multipurpose space table (self-led)

**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 <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>	

## COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Mar 26 • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 1-3pm JYF event	Mar 27 • 10am Grief group • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group	Mar 28 • 7:15pm Small group reps mtg				
Apr 2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Apr 3 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga		Apr 5 • 1pm Lunch bunch at Assembly & <a href="#">on Zoom</a>	Apr 6 • 6pm Maundy Thursday service <a href="#">RSVP</a>	Apr 7 • 7pm Good Friday service	Apr 8 • 2:30 & 4pm Family friendly Easter vigil <a href="#">RSVP to Lora</a>
Apr 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> • 7am Easter Sunrise Service at Fidler pond • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Easter Service with feast No Sunday school	Apr 10 • 6:30pm Dance group	Apr 11 • 6:30pm Labyrinth walk • 7pm Leadership Group meeting	Apr 12 Spring work day • 5:30pm Small group childcare	Apr 13 • 7pm Michael Spath lecture	Apr 14 • 9am Play group • 9:30am <a href="#">Everence webinar</a> on scam awareness	Apr 15 • 9:30am Assembly Green team

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



**Kaia Kennedy (5th BCS) turned 11 on March 19!** Kaia is currently enjoying reading Anne of Green Gables. She likes art and gym at school and enjoys drawing and listening to music when she's at home. Kaia is learning to play violin, and he's looking forward to spring break -playing games and traveling to Florida with her family. Someday she would like to travel to Brazil, or Australia!

**Emi Dengler Kaufman (6th GIS) turns 12 on March 26!** Emi enjoys reading- especially realistic fiction. She plays piano and recently switched from trumpet to French horn in band. She enjoys gym at school, playing games with her family and loves to bake. Someday she would love to master fancy cooking and baking. She would also like to travel to Venice and Iceland.



# EASTERTIDE ACTIVITIES

Apr 2 - Apr 9

**April 6 Maundy Thursday** Soup and bread supper and foot washing 6 p.m. (children welcome). [RSVP here](#).

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

**April 8 Family-friendly Easter Vigil** 2:30pm & 4pm. If attending, please [RSVP to Lora](#).

**April 9 Easter Sunrise Service** 7am at Fidler pond. Led by Leon Bauman & Char Yutzzy

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

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Byrdalene Horst**, Carmen Horst's mother, died Tuesday morning. She transferred her membership to Assembly in 2014 and had been attending Walnut Hill Mennonite Church for the last several years. She and her husband Willis were missionaries in the Chaco in Argentina for many years. Our prayers are with Carmen and the rest of Byrdalene's family.

**Staff out of town:** Lora Nafziger will be out of town March 30 – Apr 5. Scott Coulter will be out of town Mar 31-Apr 5. Naomi Roots will be unavailable March 29-31 & Apr 7. Please contact Karl Shelly or Anna Yoder Schlabach for any pastoral needs during this time.

**Spring Work Days are upon us!** Twice a year we assign a cleaning or landscaping task to all small groups. This year our Spring Work Days will be done April 12, 19 and 26 (each group chooses one night to complete their task). If you are not in a small group but would like to participate, please email [naomikr@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:naomikr@assemblymennonite.org). Small groups can expect to receive their assignment via email (along with a hard copy in their small group rep's church mailbox) this coming week.

**Educate yourself about scams & fraud.** The Assembly Greencroft group invites you to join with them on April 14th at 9:30 am for a Everence zoom webinar on detecting scams followed by a time for questions. All are welcome. Join on the regular AMC zoom link (<https://zoom.us/j/9995275153>).

**Spring back into yoga** Monday, March 27 at 4:30 and 6pm. Join Alma again for a slow transition into Spring. Clearing out the dregs and heaviness of winter with a grounding practice and opening up to the energy and new life of spring; flowing along with change.

**The 2023 Elkhart County Jail Ministry 'Dessert Banquet'** is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, from 7:00-8:30 pm at Nappanee Missionary Church. Assembly Mennonite will have a table, and you are welcome to join others for pie and an opportunity to learn about an important ministry in our county. There is *no* cost to you. Let Karl Shelly know if you'd like to attend.

**Maundy Thursday- April 6, 6:00 p.m.** Join with others for a meal, love feast and foot washing as we enact the story of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Children are encouraged to participate. Sign up in the gathering space or [RSVP here](#). A light finger food supper will be provided. Please bring your own plates.

## DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**Threshold Choir** is an international organization whose mission is to "sing for those at the threshold of life". This singing ministry is typically for persons who are in hospice, suffering from a terminal illness or dementia, or who are homebound or otherwise struggling with a challenging physical situation. Local Threshold Choir groups learn a repertoire of songs that are designed to bring comfort and spiritual consolation to these persons and their caregivers. If you would be interested in forming part of this ministry here in Goshen, you can learn more about the organization at [thresholdchoir.org](http://thresholdchoir.org) or contact Ruth Kauffmann ([rakauffmann@gmail.com](mailto:rakauffmann@gmail.com)). We are hoping to hold an informational meeting in April, so please let Ruth know of your interest. This is open to any adult over the age of 18.

**Period packs.** April 17 and/or 18, we will be assembling 50 Period Packs for National Immigrant Justice Center. Please put your unscented, individually wrapped contributions in the grey bin under the mailboxes. We need overnight pads, super pads, regular pads, feminine hygiene wipes or diaper wipes and small bottles of hand sanitizer. Can you help assemble? Questions? [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com)

**IVEP Hosts Wanted:** Host home August 2023 to July (or February) 2024 for an International Visitor Exchange Program (IVEP) trainee from South Korea, a 20 yr-old woman who will be working at Cora Dale House. We'd like a home in

Goshen, with hosts able to serve as a bridge for the IVEPer to church and community activities, helping the IVEPer develop social contacts. Hosts receive \$350/month to help cover expenses. (She says she likes kids ...) Contact Brooke Strayer at MCC (574)534-4133 or Rich Meyer at Cora Dale House (574)202-3920. IVEP is a program of Mennonite Central Committee

**Please consider contributing to Safety Networks**, which was started in 2017 by some at AMC to support immigrants in our community. While much of the work of Safety Networks is volunteers helping to provide transportation, to translate or to help navigate life in the United States, there are also growing costs as these volunteers help those who are receiving services from the National Immigrant Justice Center, which has an office in Goshen. Small group Crisalida is asking you to consider a donation. A letter with more information is linked [here](#) and also a printed copy is in mailboxes.

## CAMP FRIEDENSWALD

**Family Camp:** Spots are still available to sign up for family camp, either July 10-14 or 24-28. [Register here](#).

**Job openings:** Camp Friedenswald is currently seeking an Administrative assistant and a Seasonal housekeeper. [Find out more and apply](#)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**All are invited to an upcoming family friendly drag show** next Saturday April 1st in Warsaw. Debbie Richards, who was a Goshen College intern at Assembly a few years ago, invited us. The event is at Pike Lake park in Warsaw at the fireman's building located at 1013 E. Arthur St. in Warsaw. There will be drag bingo at 2pm then a drag story time at 4:15 and then an actual family friendly show at 5:00 pm. Any questions please contact Debbie at [DebbieRichards2010@gmail.com](mailto:DebbieRichards2010@gmail.com)

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Why religion?** Where does the impulse for religion and spirituality in humans come from? Where is it taking us? Come explore these fascinating questions in three **free**, public presentations by Dr. Michael Spath (D.Min., Ph.D. in Historical Theology), Thursday evenings, **April 13, 20, 27; 7-8:30 pm**, at Greencroft's Jennings Auditorium. All are welcome! For more information, pick-up a flyer by the mailboxes, click [here](#), or talk to Karl Shelly.

**Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 28–30** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Attend in person or virtually! This conference on "Pathways through Climate Doom: Resistance and Resilience" will examine theological, biblical and pastoral care responses to climate doom. How do people of faith combine active engagement and deeply rooted hope? Keynote speakers: [Kaitlin Curtice](#); Leah Thomas, PhD; and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD. Proposals for papers and workshops are due April 30. [ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded](https://ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded)

## WIDER CHURCH

**Bethany Fish Fry:** Tickets for Fish Fry [on April 21](#) are now on sale! The fish fry raises funds for senior trip. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for 1st-6th graders. Kindergarten and under eat free. We have dine-in and carry-out options. You can get all the details and your tickets at [bethanycs.net/fishfry](https://bethanycs.net/fishfry) or get your tickets by contacting a Bethany junior. If ordering online, you designate which junior you are supporting. Assembly juniors are: Shemaya Magatti, Luke Yordy, Jessie Bontrager, Adam Siemens Rhodes, Tristan Mast. If you are unable to attend, you can still donate to the fundraiser at the link above.

**Pathways Retreat** will have Stations of the Cross and Stations of the Resurrection available in the Pathways Woods and online beginning April 2. On Good Friday there will be a short noontime service of prayer and reflection. Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](https://pathwaysretreat.org).

The link to the **April 2023 prayer requests for Mennonite education** is [here](#).

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer** for Naomi Tice. Naomi serves as the administrative assistant for volunteer placements with Christliche Dienste (German Mennonite Voluntary Service), an agency that sends German youth to participate in Mission Network service programs. Pray for Naomi as she lives in a Christian community and builds relationships with German Mennonites.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Mennonite Central Committee** seeks a full-time HR Training and Development Specialist to facilitate learning and staff development for staff in the U.S. This role will develop and implement a staff and supervisor training program, facilitate the performance review process, support staff and supervisors with individual development plans, and optimize use of available training tools. Location: any U.S. state where MCC is a registered employer; office, hybrid, and remote options available. Apply by April 10 here: [U.S. HR Training and Development Specialist](#) hiring now. MCC is committed to anti-oppression and organization culture that focuses on dismantling any barriers based on race, economic inequality, or gender-based oppression.

**Mennonite Church USA** is seeking a Director of Archives and Records Management to oversee the accessioning, arrangement, description and preservation of permanent records for MC USA as well as collections of individuals or institutions closely associated with MC USA. Degree in history, archival studies, library science or related field and/or equivalent work experience preferred. FTE: 0.75 to 1. Location: Elkhart, Indiana. View the job description [here](#). We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request an application form, contact [HR@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:HR@MennoniteUSA.org) or call 316-281-4257.

**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 (Mar 24, 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/>