



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>March 5 9:30AM Worship & Sunday school <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Communion</i> <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach Sermon: Becky Smuts Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a, John 3:1-17</p>	<p>March 12 Daylight Savings time begins 9:30AM Worship & Sunday school <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Barb Swartley Sermon: Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:5-42</p>
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SUNDAY MARCH 5

There is no young adult breakfast this week.

9:30am Worship. [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) Today is the second Sunday of Lent. This year we're using a Lenten series created by A Sanctified Art. This series is founded on questions. This week our question is "How do we begin again?" [Read more about the series here.](#)

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.

Second hour. There are three opportunities to engage in second hour:

- Anabaptist Bible Study: Multipurpose North. 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. Karl Shelly will be facilitating.
- Audio Divina: Worship Space
- Poetry prompts: Multipurpose 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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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>.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Mar 5 ● 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	Mar 11 ● Mentor/Mentee work day at Camp Friedenswald
Mar 12 ● 8:45am Young adult breakfast ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Mar 13 ● 10am Grief group ● 6:30pm Dance group on Zoom <i>(contact Linda Schlabach Miller for the link)</i>		Mar 15 ● 6pm Lent Meal & Evensong		Mar 17 ● 9am Play group ● 3pm Creative movement class	
Mar 19 ● 8:45am Young adult breakfast ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school ● 11am Cong mtg ● Noon Fellowship meal	Mar 20 ● 10am Grief group		Mar 22 ● 6pm Lent Meal & Evensong		Mar 24 ● 9am Play group	

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Spencer Glick Miller (5th, GIS) turned 11 on Feb 27! Spencer's favorite number is 2. Spencer enjoys reading and has especially enjoyed the Wings of Fire series. The Dragon Slayer book is his favorite. He enjoys ninja lessons and riding bikes with his family. He is mechanically minded and enjoys repairing and upgrading RC cars!

LENT ACTIVITIES Mar 5 - 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.](#)

March 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 and childcare for preschoolers will be provided.

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)

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Call for Volunteers! Looking for something to fill a few hours every week? Something that is fun, fulfilling and makes a difference? Ten Thousand Villages, our local fair trade store, is seeking volunteers. At Ten Thousand Villages, your work makes it possible for families to eat, children to go to school and have access to health care. To learn more about this great opportunity to help your neighbors around the world, email goshen@tenthousandvillages.com.

Join our community of volunteers at Thrift at Woodland Crossing! Elkhart's MCC thrift shop is thriving thanks to our local donors, community, staff and volunteers. As the store continues to draw new customers, we are looking for more people to join our growing team of volunteers. Volunteers come once a month up to several days a week, whatever fits your schedule. Our volunteer team has lots of fun while serving together! For more information, contact elkharthrift@gmail.com or 574-326-3674. Or stop in at Thrift at Woodland Crossing at 138 W. Hively Ave., Suite 7 in Elkhart.

Donate period products: A group of women here at Assembly have been supplying pads, tampons and cleansing cloths to Goshen public schools, NIJC and First Light Mission. If you'd like to help, please put your products in the tub beneath the mailboxes. We currently have no supplies. Please buy unscented products that are individually wrapped. Pads are used more than tampons. Thin pads, all sizes but without wings, are preferred. We also distribute personal cleansing cloths, again unscented, and new panties in school girls' sizes. If you would like products for distribution, say in your classroom or workplace, we're glad to provide to you also. Contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com with questions.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

If you attend worship on Zoom, I (Scott) am looking for volunteers to serve as **Zoom Greeters**. The Zoom greeter would join Zoom a few minutes before first hour starts, and make a point of welcoming others who are attending worship via Zoom, by name, if possible, in the chat. You can volunteer to try it once, or to do it as often as 1-2 times per month, or less often. If you're interested, please let me know: scottc@assemblymennonite.org

Children's creative movement class. Kids are invited to explore the world of dance in a free youth class on 3/17 (Friday), from 3:30-4:30pm, in the Multipurpose Space. This class is open to Assembly Mennonite families, and is for kids ages 4-8. Participants will enjoy stories, songs, and activities designed to engage with rhythm exploration and creative movement. This month's theme will be Rainbow Run, and will highlight leaps, runs, hops, and gallops through a world of color. [Sign-up](#) is required, so that we can make sure we have enough resources available for class. Contact Sara Morris with any questions.

Did you know? Assembly's pastoral team (Anna, Karl, Lora, and Scott) are collaborative and mutually supportive. But we also receive valuable support from others both within and outside of the congregation. **Gwen Gustafson-Zook**, a pastor and former Assembly member, serves as Assembly's "congregational spiritual director" (once upon a time we called this the "alongside-seer"). Gwen meets regularly with the Assembly pastoral team, and is also a resource as needed for the Leadership Group. Each pastor also meets regularly with their own spiritual director.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Goshen College Chamber Choir Home Concert, Mar 4 @ 7:30pm! The Goshen College Chamber Choir, directed by Scott Hochstetler, professor of music, will conclude their spring break tour with a home concert of their tour repertoire. For more info and tickets visit goshen.edu/tickets.

Sports and Spirituality presentation with Dan Shenk, Tues Mar 7 at 12 noon. Author Dan Shenk will discuss themes of his recent book, *You Are More Than Your Score: On Sports and Spirituality*, at the Goshen Noon Kiwanis meeting at Maplecrest Country Club. Guests are welcome to attend--visitors should see host Rich Meyer on arrival to the meeting. Dan is a former member of Assembly and founding member of Faith Mennonite. Questions about the presentation or book? Contact dan@shenkcopyproof.com.

The Addams Family Musical will be presented by Goshen High School from March 9-12. AMC cast members include Eliza Koop Herber. For more information and to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Incarceration and Paul lecture. Tues March 7 at 12:15pm at AMBS, in Lambright Dining Hall, you are invited to a lecture by Prof. Ryan Schellenberg from Methodist Theological School of Ohio. **Free lunch provided!** "Ryan is an expert in Paul and incarceration in the ancient world. His recent book with Oxford University Press, titled, *Abject Joy: Paul, Prison, and the Art of Making Do*, has been hailed by scholars as a major contribution to how we think about ancient and modern incarceration." RSVP to kstoltzfus@ambs.edu. Questions? Contact scottc@assemblymennonite.org.

Beyond Incarceration. Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA are partnering in a year-long focus on alternatives to the current prison system and mass incarceration. A four-part webinar series, "Beyond Incarceration," will be followed by learning tours across the U.S. Register for the learning tours here: mcc.org/get-involved/events/pipeline-prison-learning-tours Register for the webinar series here: mcc.org/get-involved/events/beyond-incarceration-webinar-series

Develop skills for holistic leadership! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **Master of Arts in Christian Formation** program prepares students for ministry in spiritual formation and guidance, teaching and worship in congregations and other faith-based settings. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available! ambs.edu/macf

WIDER CHURCH

Michiana Anabaptist Historians' Spring meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Townline Mennonite Church, 2165 S 1000 W, Shipshewana, Indiana. The public is invited to attend. Coffee and registration at 8:30 a.m. John D. Roth will present information about the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism, offering a unique opportunity to celebrate, dream, and engage in the future. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and then a second session, including Q & A.

Amigo Centre Men's Retreat: To all who identify as male, there is an upcoming retreat at Amigo Centre for you on April 28-30. Leon Bauman is facilitating the weekend with input from James Yoder on the theme "Creating Stories of Hope." See Leon for more details.

Pathways Retreat's most recent newsletter can be read [here](#).

Registration for MennoCon23 is now open. Mennocon23 will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6, immediately followed by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly and the new Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit. Register here: convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/

Mennonite Mission Network prayer request. Participants from three Mennonite Mission Network Service Adventure units are in Newton, Kansas, for five days of fellowship, during which they will share the importance of service with potential participants. A similar event will be held in two weeks in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray that current and future participants will grow in their commitment to active faith through these events.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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 3, 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.

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