

## WORSHIP

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

<p><b>Apr 23</b>  <b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>  <b>Worship Leader:</b> Jep Hostetler  <b>Sermon:</b> Paul Keim  <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 11</p>	<p><b>Apr 30</b>  <b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>  <b>Worship Leader:</b> Jeanette Hughes  <b>Sermon:</b> Mary Lehman Yoder  <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 16</p>
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## SUNDAY APRIL 23

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

**9:30am Worship** [Click here for Order of Worship](#). **This is the first Sunday of our Eastertide series on Praise and Lament.** The Psalms teach us the language of lament, so that when our own storms come we have the vocabulary to cry out. The Psalms give us space to voice our longings, to protest and to proclaim that “things are not as they should be.” But lament without praise withers our faith. By praising God for who God is and what God has done and is doing, we dethrone the false Gods vying for our loyalty. How might the Psalms help us as a community to re-orient ourselves after the disorienting years of the pandemic? [For the full series introduction, click 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 three options to participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> hour:

- **The Land is Not Empty book discussion—north side of MP space.** All are invited to an upcoming 2nd Hour elective class to discuss Sarah Augustine's important book, "*The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*." We will discuss chapters 1 & 2 at the first class on **April 23**.
- **Some Assembly Required—west side of MP North.** This Assembly elective is for anyone who is new(ish) to Assembly - along with anyone newly curious about how Assembly works, and its unique practices and history. This week's session is called: "How did we get here?" – We will hear about the origins, and original vision, of Assembly, and how that vision continues today. Hosted by [Scott Coulter](#). *To find the classroom in MP North: Walk past the mailboxes to the north entrance of the meetinghouse, then turn left (west) to go down the north hallway. Some Assembly Required is across from room 12.*
- **Worship Training Elective—Worship space.** Join the worship committee for a hands-on worship elective. Learn to lead worship, lead singing, and plan a worship service. Intended for beginners or experienced folks who want to get better! Contact [Anna Yoder Schlabach](#) with questions.

**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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# COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>Apr 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:45am Young adult breakfast</li> <li>• 8:45am Hospitality Committee meeting</li> <li>• 9:30am Worship</li> <li>• 11am Sunday school &amp; Electives for Adults</li> </ul>	<p>Apr 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:30 &amp; 6pm Yoga</li> <li>• 6:30pm Dance group</li> </ul>	<p>Apr 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:15pm Small group reps mtg</li> </ul>	<p>Apr 26</p> <p>Spring work day</p>	<p>Apr 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7pm Michael Spath lecture at Greencroft</li> </ul>	<p>Apr 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9am Play group</li> </ul>	
<p>Apr 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8am Graduates Recognition Breakfast (by invitation)</li> <li>• 9:30am Worship</li> <li>• 11am Sunday school &amp; Electives for Adults</li> <li>• 7pm Repair Coalition team</li> </ul>	<p>May 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Yoder Schlabach sabbatical begins (May 1-July 31)</li> <li>• 4:30 &amp; 6pm Yoga</li> </ul>	<p>May 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7pm Leadership Group</li> <li>• 7pm Gardening group</li> </ul>	<p>May 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1pm Lunch Bunch</li> <li>• 5:30-8pm Small Group Child Care Night</li> </ul>	<p>May 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30pm Reparations Committee</li> </ul>	<p>May 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9am Play group</li> <li>• 9:30am Greencroft meetup</li> </ul>	<p>May 6</p> <p>Goshen Montessori Preschool sale/fundraiser</p> <p>10am-1pm Plant sale to benefit JoinTrees</p>
<p>May 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30am Worship</li> <li>• 11am Sunday school &amp; Electives for Adults</li> <li>• Noon Spring parent meeting</li> </ul>	<p>May 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:30 &amp; 6pm Yoga</li> <li>• 6:30pm Dance group</li> </ul>	<p>May 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30pm Labyrinth walk</li> <li>• 7pm Gardening group</li> </ul>			<p>May 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9am Play group</li> </ul>	

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Sara, Chris and June Klassen on the birth of George Remi on Friday, April 14! You can sign up to bring them a meal [here](#).



**Mabel Miller Avelar (K Waterford) turns 6 on April 22!** Mabel's favorite color is Lime-blue, and she is good at scootering and learning to ride a bike. She likes to swim (and even puts her face in the water!) and run fast. She enjoys playing with her sister, snuggling with her mom and telling jokes with her dad. She likes to read intense stories and do art and math.



**Aaron Hochstetler (7th Homeschool) turns 13 on April 24!** Aaron loves biking and trick scootering. He is eager to learn more tricks. He plays piano and sings in choir.

Aaron enjoys airplanes and likes making small cardboard models and collectors cards with information about his favorite planes. He likes to play games especially Dutch Blitz and Minecraft. He is eager for the summer to go to the beach.



Please email announcements to [assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org) by 11PM local time Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's AssemblyLine. To receive the AssemblyLine via email visit <https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe>.

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Covenanting.** Small Group Hug is delighted that Chris and Jim Stump will be covenanting with Assembly on Sunday, April 23. We invite you to send them your words of welcome. Their emails are [christine.a.stump@gmail.com](mailto:christine.a.stump@gmail.com) and [james.b.stump@gmail.com](mailto:james.b.stump@gmail.com)

**Spring back into yoga** with Restorative Slow Flow through the Chakras. Please email or text Alma ([alma.boyle53@gmail.com](mailto:alma.boyle53@gmail.com), 574-238-4536) to check if there is space available in the Monday afternoon classes at the Assembly meetinghouse. Bring your yoga mat, yoga blocks if you have them, and a firm blanket.

**Pastor Sabbatical.** Anna Yoder Schlabach leaves for a three-month sabbatical on May 1. See her [plans for travel and coverage here](#). The congregation supports each of our pastors for a 3-month sabbatical every 4 years, to encourage significant growth in ministry and to provide for a regular rhythm of reflection and renewal. Pastoral sabbaticals are an investment in future ministry. They contribute to the congregation experiencing better pastoral leadership and longer service. If you have questions about our sabbatical policy, please speak with Randy Roth, chair of Leadership Group.

**Plant Sale on May 6 at Assembly** (10am-1pm in the parking lot): Spread the word! All donations will go to the [Mennonite Men JoinTrees](#) projects to help fund tree planting in Anabaptist communities in Africa challenged by deforestation. The hope is to raise several thousands of dollars and showcase our trees in the parking lot as well. **Do you have plant starts, grafting wood, baby trees, flowers, or perennials to contribute to this plant sale? Fill out the form [here](#).** Jon Zirkle will be gone until April 25, but look for more information upon his return.

**Goshen Montessori Preschool\*** is gearing up for our May 6 fundraiser yard sale and carnival from 8a-1p. Many of you helped us pull it off the last 2 years and we would be very grateful for your help again. Contact Sara Horst (574-304-6733) or email [goshenmontessori@gmail.com](mailto:goshenmontessori@gmail.com) if you can....

- Bring snacks for volunteers on Friday or Saturday
- Help construct a wood frame for a large Plexiglas Easel
- Volunteer to cheer un-picky children by applying face paint for a time period of your choice. We have good visual instructions.
- Come at 7am to help with morning set up of the yard sale
- Come at 1pm to help take down the sale
- Help a team sort items on Friday, May 5th afternoon/evening
- Pick up donation items - any time
- Donate items for a gift basket for a silent auction
- Help with the Yard sale and carnival games
- Donate more items to the sale - We are accepting things now.
- Loan us your event canopy for the day

*\*Yes, the school has an updated name. We think it better reflects who is welcome (everyone!) and who we serve (preschoolers).*

**May 7 pizza lunch:** All teachers and parents of Sunday school classes from John's class through MYF are invited for lunch and a meeting immediately following second hour on May 7. We do this twice a year as a way for families to connect with each other and talk about various aspects of Christian formation. Bring your children, who will spend time with the MYF during lunch and the meeting. Pizza and dessert provided. Please bring a finger food side to share. We will conclude by 1:15pm.

**Fraud and Scams follow up** Thanks to all who attended the conversation with Everence on fraud and scams last week. Here is a link to the webinar: <https://www.everence.com/resources/stewardship-advocates/advocate-webinars/senior-fraud-prevention>. **Watch for these Red Flags:** 1) Someone reaches out to you first and asks you to give them personal information like SS#, bank # (as opposed to you contacting the bank directly). 2) Someone asks you to send gift cards. Gift cards are untraceable. 3) Someone you have not met in person asks for money for something, even if they sound like a nice person. Con artists are great at building trust. 4) They want you to act quickly. They don't give you time to think.

## LEARN ABOUT & SUPPORT LOCAL MINISTRIES

**Stone Soup Supper.** First Light Mission (formerly Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network) is hosting a fundraising Stone Soup Supper at Silverwood Mennonite Church on **Saturday, May 6th from 4 - 8 pm**. This year bring your own bowl from past Empty Bowl suppers. A limited number of bowls will be available for sale. If you have bowls you'd like to donate back, please take them to the shelter ahead of time, 801 W Wilkinson St., Goshen, IN 46528. Please join us as we restart this wonderful community event that will help us continue to be a place of Refuge and Fresh Starts.

**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.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Kitchen volunteers needed at Camp Friedenswald!** Outdoor Education season is here and we are still in need of volunteers to help make meal times run smoothly. Volunteers are needed April 27, 28 and May 2, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, & 25. Shifts are 2-3 hours and include time to eat. If you have time and would be willing to give us a hand on any these dates, please contact [eric@friedenswald.org](mailto:eric@friedenswald.org) and I can let you know details.

**Lacasa Help-a-House day – Saturday, June 3, 8am.** Due to limited staff, Help-a-house will look differently this year. There will be limited volunteer spots available (about 40). **If interested in volunteering, RSVP by May 5** by filling out the form here: [lacasainc.net/volunteer/](https://lacasainc.net/volunteer/) or by emailing [Andee Huxhold](mailto:Andee.Huxhold)

**Mennonite Central Committee Alumni & Friends Service Nights:** Join other local MCC alumni and friends at our MCC Material Resources Center in Goshen for an evening of fun and fellowship while helping to pack much-needed kits. There is an increased demand for supplies to send to Ukraine and other countries around the world, and these kits are a tangible way to share hope with people in difficult situations. There are two chances for you to join the kit packing event: **Wednesday, May 3 or Friday, May 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** More information and registration at: [mcc.org/gl-alumni-service](https://mcc.org/gl-alumni-service).

**Volunteers needed for Ten Thousand Villages rug event:** We need help bringing some things up from the basement, setting up the rugs, and then tearing down after the end of the event. If you are available to help during the listed times below, please contact [goshen@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:goshen@tenthousandvillages.com). Pizza is included for those who help during these times.

May 6, 7, 8, or 9: 3 Hours max; Bringing up displays from the basement; moving product to the edges of the store

May 9: 12pm-5pm: Setting up the platforms and rugs

May 14: 4pm-8pm - Packing the rugs and taking displays back down to the basement

**Volunteer with Horizon Education Alliance May 10-11:** Be a part of a career awareness event for almost 3,000 Elkhart County 7th Grade Students! (May 10-11). Career Quest by [Horizon Education Alliance](https://horizoneducationalliance.org) is a two-day event to raise awareness about local career pathways for 7th graders from Elkhart County. Nearly 50 local businesses, across many industry sectors, will gather with interactive demonstrations to help almost 3,000 students learn about career pathways available to them. Volunteer Opportunities would include Student Group Guides, Hall Monitors, Lunch Set-up, and Door Monitors. Shifts available are Wednesday, May 10th from 8:15 am - 2:15 pm and/or Thursday, May 11th from 8:15 am - 2:15 pm. Lunch will be provided. Location - Orthwein Pavilion, 21565 Executive Pkwy, Elkhart, IN 46514 (RV Hall of Fame). Jane and I (Merle Baker) will be helping and hope others can join us. They need about 50 people total. [Career Quest Volunteer Sign-up](https://horizoneducationalliance.org/career-quest-volunteer-sign-up). Further info can be had by contacting Brenna Slaight at <mailto:bslaight@heaindiana.org>

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**FREE Welcoming the Stranger webinar – April 25, 6pm.** Dr. Amy Oden, author of *God's Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World* will share principles on hospitality from scripture, followed by a discussion led by Dr. David Evans. Join the conversation to explore the grace and welcoming embrace the scriptures encourage communities to both receive and give. [Register Here](https://www.goshen.edu/events/2023-04-25-welcoming-the-stranger-webinar)

**Medicare Monday workshop – May 1, 6:30pm at Everence Financial** (1110 N. Main St., Goshen, IN). This session will discuss the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare. [Register here](https://www.everencefinancial.com/events/2023-05-01-medicare-monday-workshop).

## COMMUNITY ARTS EVENTS

**Maple City Orchestra Concert:** 4:00pm Sunday afternoon, April 23, in Sauder Hall at the Goshen College Music Center. There is no charge for this event, but donations will be accepted at the door. The program – entitled “Mestizo America” – will feature music from Mexico, Peru and Argentina. The “Concierto Sinfónico Machu Picchu” will be the featured work of the program, with noted musician and Goshen resident Nayo Ulloa playing the Quena (Andean folk flute) as solo instrument for this composition.

**The Open Fifts Concert.** *Come Away: Love Songs for an Aching Planet*--Music from the French Renaissance to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mexico. April 28, 7pm, Assembly Mennonite Church and April 29, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, Goshen. Tickets are \$10 for adults (\$5 ages 5-12). Tickets available at Fables Books or you can pay at the door.

**Goshen Clay Artists Guild Spring sale – April 28, 6p-9p and Apr 29, 9a-2p.** Come join us at 212 W Washington St, Goshen (behind Goshen Farmers Market).

## WIDER CHURCH

**Bethany Christian Schools Color Fun Run – May 20 at 9AM.** Registration is open now until May 3 for the 1-mile Color Fun Run to benefit the launch of Bethany’s Bright Future Campaign. Registration is \$15. To register, [click here](#).

**Mennonite Disaster Service** The April edition of *On the Level* is now available [here](#). You can also watch their “2022 Year in Review” video [here](#).

**"Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration" series:** Conrad Moore writes about his experience with the mass incarceration system as a mechanism to enforce the caste system of the U.S. Read more about his experience here: [mennoniteusa.org/mass-incarceration-mechanism](https://mennoniteusa.org/mass-incarceration-mechanism)

**Mennonite Church USA** is seeking Menno Snapshots blogs on the topic, “I choose to be Mennonite because...” Bloggers are encouraged to reflect on how they came to Anabaptism, what attracted them to our Mennonite theology and practices, and how this has impacted their lives. This is an ideal opportunity for the recently baptized and/or those who may have joined from other faith traditions. Suggested word count: 500-900 words. Youth are also encouraged to participate (no word count requirements). Read the blog guidelines and **submit your blog here by May 22:** <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/blog-guidelines/>

**Quilt donations for the Mennonite Relief Sale quilt auction.** If you plan to donate a quilt to this year’s auction, the instructions are [here](#). [Fill out the registration form here](#).

**The Jubilee Partners** Spring newsletter can be read [here](#).

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer** for Bekah York, as she begins six weeks of North American ministry this month. Pray for inspiration, as she speaks in churches, encouraging others to join what God is doing in Colombia, as well as for rest and renewal, as she reconnects with family and friends.

## MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **High school youth/College age:** [Youth Venture](#) — Join with other young people to serve, learn, worship and build relationships in communities around the world. Ages: 15-22; 2-4-week terms
- **GAP year opportunities:**
  - [Mennonite Voluntary Service](#) — Practice your faith through placements in education, social services, health services, business, advocacy, law, and environmental and sustainability agencies. Ages: 20+; 1-2 year term
  - [Service Adventure](#) — Invest in faith formation and leadership development, through placements in childcare, community agencies and church ministries. Ages: 17-20; 10-month term
- **Adult & family opportunities:**
  - [International opportunities](#) — Join God’s work across the world, through education, leadership development, community development and discipleship. Types of assignments: special assignments, sabbaticals, internships, long-term assignments. Ages: 21+; 3-month to 3-year terms



- **Adults, families and groups:**
  - [Just Peace Pilgrimage](#) — Visit places of historical and contemporary significance. Listen to stories, and learn why our faith calls us to stand with people and stand against injustice. Pilgrimages include themes of civil rights, immigration and the U.S.-Mexico border, and connecting with Indigenous Peoples. Ages: 25+; 1-2-week trips
  - [SOOP](#) — Individuals, couples and families enjoy the flexibility of serving in a variety of placements in the United States, Canada and abroad. Ages: 25+; 2-week to 3-month terms

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Anabaptist Disabilities Network** is seeking an Office Administrator. This is a quarter-time (8-10 hours per week), hourly position at \$15-17 per hour (depending on experience) with paid vacation and holidays. Applicants will be highly organized with excellent computer skills and a strong sense of responsibility. Working in the Elkhart office building, the office administrator will provide collaborative support for ADN staff and volunteers as they work toward fulfilling ADN's vision. Interested applicants should fill out this [online form](#)

**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 (April 21, 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/>