

## WORSHIP

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

<p><b>Apr 30</b>  <b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Jeanette Hughes  <b>Sermon:</b> Mary Lehman Yoder  <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 16</p>	<p><b>May 7</b>  <b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>  <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Susan Mark Landis  <b>Sermon:</b> Anna Ressler  <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 139</p>
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## SUNDAY APRIL 30

**9:30am Worship** [Click here for Order of Worship](#). This is the second 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*." Deb Johnston will be leading a discussion on chapters 3 & 4.
- **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. In this week's session we will talk about leadership roles and decision-making in the congregation. 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!

**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="https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe">https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe</a>.</p>	

# COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<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>• 12-2:15pm JYF</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 Repairs 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>8am-1pm Goshen Montessori Preschool sale/fundraiser</p> <p>10am-1pm Plant sale to benefit JoinTrees</p>
<p>May 7</p> <p>2% Offering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30am Worship</li> <li>• 11am Sunday school &amp; Electives for Adults</li> <li>• 12pm 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>	
<p>May 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30am Worship</li> <li>• 11am Sunday school &amp; Electives for Adults</li> </ul>	<p>May 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:30 &amp; 6pm Yoga</li> </ul>	<p>May 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7pm Gardening group</li> </ul>			<p>May 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9am Play group</li> </ul>	

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Landon Glick Miller (3rd Parkside) turned 9 on April 26th. He loves playing soccer, and plays with the Goshen Stars. He likes playing Pictionary with his family, building Lego with his mom, and collecting Pokémon cards. He enjoys reading graphic novels, and is looking forward to going to Florida soon!



Hans Nafziger-Peterson (Pre-K, CCYC) turned 5 on April 26th! Hans is very strong and is learning to ride a bike. He likes to help his mom make the-best-in-the-world chocolate chip cookies, and making monster faces for his sister! At school Hans likes digging holes in the sand and learning about how bodies work!



Leo Baldanzi Schlabach (5th BCS) turns 11 on May 3rd! Leo enjoys school and is on the tech committee for his upcoming class play and presentations. He enjoys reading a wide range of books, making art, creating games and listening to podcasts. He's looking forward to summer.

Sign up to read the full version of the Assemblyline each week: <https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe>

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Small group childcare** this Wednesday, May 3 from 5:30-8pm. Parents—in order to determine how many childcare workers we need, it is imperative that you RSVP. [Please sign your children up here.](#)

**Help Assembly maintain our green spaces!** Do you love spending time outdoors and connecting with other Assembly participants? This summer we will be gathering weekly on Tues from 7-8pm to care for the gardens surrounding the meetinghouse under the guidance of a member of the landscaping committee. Many of our gardens are young and need extra TLC until the planted greenery establishes itself, and we hope these weekly gatherings will help boost the chance of survival of the plants we have so lovingly placed there. **Added bonus: the top 3 attenders to these gatherings will receive a prize at the end of the summer!**

**This upcoming Tues, May 2 at 7pm** we will be cleaning up and watering the North beds, and weeding and mulching the native beds around the perimeter of the parking lot. Email [naomikr@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:naomikr@assemblymennonite.org) with questions. We look forward to seeing you there! If it is actively raining, we will not meet; plan to join us on May 9.

**The last Lunch Bunch of the year** will be a tea at the home of Lois Kaufmann (18166 County Road 48, New Paris) on Wednesday, May 3 @1pm. We will gather in her dining area and screened porch for teas and finger foods. Please bring a finger food to share. We suggest carools to leave from the church by 12:40. Please RSVP to Amy Kauffman ([zbamygk@gmail.com](mailto:zbamygk@gmail.com)). You are welcome to explore their walking paths if weather permits.

**May 7 pizza lunch & Parent-Teacher Meeting:** 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.

**THANK YOU to all the small groups** that participated in Spring Work Days this year! In 3 evenings, we had over 20 small groups (each averaging 8-10 people) descend on the meetinghouse property to dust, clean, weed and mulch. Both the indoor and outdoor spaces are looking great! If you missed out on the fun (or just can't get enough), consider joining any Tuesday this summer at 7pm for one of our Gardening Gatherings!

**Small group reps** met Tues April 25 and talked about the recent elder selection process and the upcoming recovenanting process, among other things. To learn more, ask your small group rep.

**Leadership Group** met for a three-hour retreat on Saturday May 22, with input from Ben Sywulka. They learned about creative consensus practice, and engaged in discernment about what Leadership Group should be paying attention to in the near future. Leadership Group expressed deep care for people at Assembly knowing and being known by each other, and a desire to involve Assembly participants in decision-making and engagement in the work/activity of the church.

**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.

**New Worship Tech Request:** Do you have a tech need for Sunday morning worship like an image, a recording or a video? In order to make things easier for the tech folks, please send your content to [soundbooth@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:soundbooth@assemblymennonite.org) no later than Friday mornings at 9 a.m. Thank you.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

**Congratulations to our college and seminary graduates**, including: Evan Beasley (IU Bloomington, Communications/Marketing/Advertising), Caroline Brunk Greaser (Goshen College, Music and Graphic Design), Jonah Farran (Univ of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, Urban Planning), Greta Lapp Klassen (Goshen College, English and Art), Deanna Risser (AMBS, Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies), and Zoë Sherbit (Grand Valley State University, Psychology). [You can read more about each of them here.](#)

## GOSHEN MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL

**Goshen Montessori Preschool**, a ministry of Assembly Mennonite Church, is looking to add new members to the preschool's Board of Directors. GMP's mission is to create a loving environment that will enable students to gain independence, emotional and social skills, an appreciation of the outdoors, and a greater understanding of mathematics, language, and sensory skills. [The GMP Board Member Job Description is here](#). Nominations for board members should be sent to Caleb Morris ([morriscaleb44@gmail.com](mailto:morriscaleb44@gmail.com)).

**Joint Goshen Montessori Preschool fundraiser AND MennoniteMen JoinTrees plant sale on May 6 at Assembly** in the North parking lot. If it rains, the event will be indoors. Montessori Preschool is having a garage sale from 8a-1pm of gently used donated items: clothing, furniture, housewares, etc. Baked goods and snacks will also be for sale. There will also be carnival games, hair tinsel, face painting, kids' activities, and a silent auction with new items or local gift certificates. **Please let Sarah Horst know if you have donations or wish to volunteer on May 5th for sorting or May 6th for volunteering.** We are grateful for you and all the ways the Assembly community has helped make our moving to the church building and reopening last year the success that it has been. **The plant sale is from 10a-1pm.** All plant sale donations will go to [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. If you have plant starts, grafting wood, baby trees, flowers, or perennials to contribute, please fill out the form [here](#).

## COMMUNITY ARTS EVENTS

**The Greencroft Orchestra** will be performing at 3:00pm on Sunday afternoon, April 30, in the Jennings Auditorium on the Greencroft campus. Several Assemblyites are involved and Mary Gilbert will be the featured soloist on Mozart's Clarinet Quintet.

**Goshen Jr High play – Saturday, Apr 29 at 7pm and Sunday, Apr 30 at 3pm.** Come see "30 Reasons Not to Be in a Play" this weekend at Goshen Junior high School. Involved Assemblyites are: Jared Martin, Cora Shreiner Landes, Magdalena Horst, and Eva Lake Rittenhouse. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

**The Open Fifths 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).

## BRETHREN MENNONITE COUNCIL EVENTS

The mission of [BMC](#) is to cultivate an inclusive church and society and to care for the Mennonite and Brethren lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied community. Assembly is part of the **Supportive Communities Network (SCN)** program of the Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Interests. It is a network of Mennonite and Church of the Brethren communities who are publicly affirming of gay, lesbian, transgender, and bisexual members.

**Queer May Day bonfire – May 1, 7pm** at Prairie Wolf Collective, 1731 Prairie St, Elkhart, IN 46516. Join Annabeth Roeschley and local Brethren Mennonite Council folx at a May Day bonfire for our queer and trans community. This is intended for lgbtqia+ and gender-expansive folks only. In case of inclement weather, we'll gather indoors at this location (and identify covid mitigations if so). We'll have some chairs and blankets, snacks and bevs -- you are welcome (but not required) to bring any of these things to share as well!

**Supportive Communities Network and Allies Coffee Hour – May 1, 2-4pm** at Southside Fellowship, Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount, 3003 Benham Ave, Elkhart, IN 46517. Drop by for coffee or tea with BMC Director Annabeth Roeschley and connect with other lgbtqia-affirming pastors and members of the Supportive Communities Network (SCN). Contact Debbie at (919) 264-3068 for directions. Masks are welcome.

## 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. [Read flyer here](#).

**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

**Thrift at Woodland Crossing** recently bid farewell to manager Judy Miller. Judy launched the successful south-central Elkhart community MCC Thrift shop a year ago, and she is ready to be fully retired. We are grateful for the energy she brought to the implementation of this endeavor. New manager Haiam Gendi has assumed managerial responsibilities and welcomes new volunteers, donors and supporters. Please call 574-326-3674 to explore how you might serve!

**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 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](#) 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](#). Further info can be had by contacting Brenna Slaight at <mailto:bslaight@heaindiana.org>

## WIDER CHURCH

**Community Peacemaker Teams** latest newsletter can be read [here](#). There is also a hard copy on the literature table.

**Mennonite Education prayer requests** for May 2023 can be found [here](#).

**Mennonite World Conference** April edition of *Courier* can be read [here](#).

**Mission & Education:** The newest issue of *Anabaptist Witness* can be read for free [here](#). Guest edited by Shin Ji Kang of James Madison University and Ron Shultz of Eastern Mennonite University, these essays explore some of the opportunities and challenges that emerge when the goals of education and mission intersect.

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer** for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who serve as hosts at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, which offers temporary shelter to migrants from Africa and the Middle East. Pray for the Givens family as they work with many volunteers. May their presence encourage the sojourners they encounter.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Public Lecture: “Misunderstanding Judaism Means Misunderstanding Jesus and Paul” by Amy-Jill Levine, PhD—May 8 from 2-4.** The lecture will be held at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount, 3003 Benham Ave, Elkhart, IN. Amy-Jill Levine is Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace. She is Professor Emerita at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Amy-Jill has played a crucial role in Jewish-Christian dialogue and has contributed greatly to understanding the Jewish roots of Jesus and Christian practices. She is the author of acclaimed books such as *Entering the Passion of Jesus* and *The Difficult Words of Jesus*. For more information contact [andybk@ambs.edu](mailto:andybk@ambs.edu).

**Documentary about Elkhart Benham West:** *What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hope*, features stories of life in Elkhart’s predominantly African American Benham West neighborhood — known as “the village.” The movie will premiere on **Friday, May 19**, at the Crystal Ballroom at the Lerner Theatre in downtown Elkhart. AMBS is hosting the event to celebrate the release of the 80-minute documentary. There is no charge to attend, but space is limited to 300 participants, and registration by May 12 is recommended. [Register here](#).

**Conflict Transformation Workshops:** Register now for new conflict transformation workshops offered by Eastern Mennonite Seminary during the 2023 Summer Peacebuilding Institute. There are both on-campus and online opportunities. [Click here for more information and to register](#).

**Fully online seminary Graduate Certificate program.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s fully online Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies requires only 21 credit hours! Strengthen the biblical and theological foundation for your work by developing a customized plan of study that matches your interests. Ideal for church leaders, bivocational pastors and other professionals. [ambs.edu/certificate](https://ambs.edu/certificate)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**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. View the job description here: [mennoniteusa.org/archives-position](https://mennoniteusa.org/archives-position)

**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 28, 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/>