

WORSHIP

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

<p>June 18 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Susan Nelson Storyteller: Adam Graber Roth Scripture: Proverbs 3:27, 28</p>	<p>June 25 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Tom Kauffman Storyteller: Shannan Martin</p>
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SUNDAY JUNE 18

9:30am Worship. [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) This is the third Sunday of Summer Worship. Our theme is *What is a neighbor?* In a time when our culture has drawn lines, how might we make connections? In an age of loneliness and isolation, how might we give and receive with our neighbors? Can we learn from our many varied experiences with our neighbors? [Click this link](#) for more information.

The playground will be open for the last third of the service for school-age children this Sunday. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday, sign up for supervision [here](#).

Sharing Prayer Requests. Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays. If you have something to share with the congregation and are not able to share it on Sunday morning during sharing time, [please fill out this Google Form](#). If you wish a pastor to follow up with you, please contact a pastor directly via email or phone.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Rory Smuts (PK, 8th St.) turned 4 on June 14! Rory likes reading books and making omelets with her mom. She loves the playground at Hay Park and playing on the swing with her dad. Summer highlights include riding her strider bike and the tag along, going to the park and the library and playing with sidewalk chalk. She is learning to ride a bike with pedals!

Ella Shank Van Eenige (rising 7th Bethany) turns 12 on June 21! Ella enjoys visual art, especially working with paint and pens and she is participating in the Goshen Theater Camp this summer! She enjoys hanging out with friends, baking cookies and reading graphic novels and fantasy books. Ella enjoys swimming (when it's warm enough), playing volleyball and the color yellow!



COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
June 18 ● 9:30am Worship		June 20 ● 7pm Gardening group		June 22 ● Central District Conference Annual Meeting	June 23 ● 9am Play group on playground ● 3pm Creative Movement Class ● Central District Meeting	June 24 ● Central District Conference Annual Meeting
June 25 ● 9:30am Worship ● 2-4pm Farewell for Suko Ncube		June 27 ● 7pm Gardening group		June 29 ● 7pm Oak Flat presentation	June 30 ● 9am Play group on playground	

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Please stay on paved paths when visiting the Memorial Garden. All are welcome to spend time there and to walk the labyrinth. To show respect for the space and to avoid harming plants, please walk on the paved paths. We ask you not climb the wall or the mound of earth surrounding the garden. Thank you.

Tanzania education aid will be doing another Nelsons chicken fundraiser this coming **Saturday, June 17** from 10 AM to 2 PM or until we sell out. It will be at Tractor Supply in Goshen. We also still have frozen half chicken \$7 each. Great in soup, casserole, sandwiches, or just eating the way it is! Contact Lenora Hirschler Magatti or Katie Schramm

Come hear Tim Nafziger, active in the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery coalition, share about his time at Oak Flat in Arizona, and the effort of the Apache Stronghold to resist the U.S. government’s plan to transfer land considered sacred to the mining industry. **Thursday, June 29th, 7 pm** at the Assembly Mennonite meetinghouse. The Oak Flat struggle is a modern example of how the legacy of the **Doctrine of Discovery** continues to oppress Indigenous Peoples.

Leadership Group met June 6. Agenda items included discussing the outline of pastoral transition process. A big thank you to Sandy Fribley, Eric Yordy and Ben Good-Elliott as they end their time serving on Leadership Group. The approved May minutes for LG and congregation meeting [can be read here](#). The next LG meeting will be new elder orientation in August.

Weeding and mulching help needed! This Tuesday at 7pm there will be weeding, mulching & watering to do. Bring your favorite weeding and mulching tools along with your gardening gloves and help Assembly keep our green spaces beautiful!

GRADUATING SENIORS

Congratulations to our seniors that are graduating this year! Maya Dengler Kaufman, Aidan Ebright Zehr, Alta Good-Elliott, Geoffrey Hochstetler, Chad Kennedy, Teo Kingsley, Yabi Kurtz, and Elena Stutzman.

Open houses:

Alta Good-Elliott Saturday, June 17, 2-5 pm, Goshen College Cabin, 400 Reservoir Place, Goshen

Aidan Ebright Zehr Saturday, June 17, 4-7pm, 63950 Old CR 17, Goshen

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Suko’s Farewell – June 25 from 2-4 pm at Assembly. Ten Thousand Villages Goshen invites all who want to wish Suko Ncube well to a reception at Assembly. Suko has been volunteering at Ten Thousand Villages this year with IVEP (Mennonite Central Committee’s International Volunteer Exchange Program). There will be light refreshments and drinks as well as a space for you to provide notes or small, non-monetary gifts for Suko.

The Two Percent Committee met June 4 and agreed to make the following disbursements. If you have concerns, please contact a member of the committee: Barb Swartley, Glenn Gilbert, Joel Zwier and Marshall King. Center for Community Justice VORP \$1,000, CAPS (Child and Parent Services) \$500, Cora Dale House (Elkhart County Clubhouse) \$1,000, Mosaic Health and Healing Arts \$1,000, Safety Networks \$1,000, Bushelcraft Farm \$1,500, Association for a More Just Society \$500, Community Peacemaker Teams \$1,000, Jubilee Partners \$1,000, Mennonite Central Committee \$1,500, Tanzania Education Aid \$1,000, SEMILLA \$1,000. Maria Wenger (Parkside) was awarded a grant of \$170.75 from the public school funds for a mobile dry erase board. **Almost \$900 remains in this fund to be used before school starts.** Public school teachers are invited to [submit funding requests here](#). The Two Percent Committee places a priority on giving to agencies doing work of relief and reparations that have a direct link to people who are part of our congregation. We take specific requests and recommendations seriously.

Vacation Bible School! Join Assembly and other area churches Jul 31-Aug 3 from 5:30-8pm at Silverwood Mennonite Church as we learn to bring about change in our world today! Changemakers Lab an interactive VBS where children learn that everyone can make a difference in the world! The Bible stories in this curriculum explore examples of people who experienced and brought about change in the world around them. These people provide a model for asking hard questions, working together to solve problems, reaching across differences, and imagining a new world! Ages: Rising K - Rising 6th Graders [Register here by July 9th](#)

WIDER CHURCH

2023 Central District Conference Annual Meeting will be held June 22-24, at Goshen College, College Mennonite Church. (Assembly is a member of the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA). Read a preview of the annual meeting in [the May issue of the conference Connector newsletter](#). Find out more and register [here](#). After June 10, the registration fee increases.

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale – September 22-23. WE NEED YOU! Volunteers help make the Relief Sale happen - your help is appreciated!

- Do you love seeing happy children? We need you to help us host a carnival for kiddos at the MCC Relief Sale! Anyone 12 years or older can sign up to run a game booth. Kids under 12 are welcome to run a game with the help of an adult. Have fun in a carnival atmosphere while helping kids learn about the work MCC does around the world. If you have questions, contact Sonya Overman at preschoolsonya@gmail.com
- Volunteers are also needed to help work at booths including plants, Ten Thousand Villages and others, and with set up and tear down. Email mennonitesale@yahoo.com or call 888-503-8559 to volunteer. Just a few hours makes a big difference!

Newsletters - Read the most recent newsletters from these organizations: [Mennonite Men](#), [Anabaptist Disabilities Network](#), and [Mennonite Creation Care Network](#)

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Robin Gingerich, who has served in administrative and academic capacities at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. Pray for her as she builds relationships with students, faculty and staff from around the world.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering – June 19, 11 am in Jennings Auditorium at Greencroft. Come hear from Manjula Patnaik, MCC India sector coordinator for justice and peace. Patnaik has worked with MCC in India for more than 30 years and will share stories about MCC's program with people on the journey amidst trauma and healing. Join MCC staff and host Ron Byler, former MCC U.S. executive director, for this free event.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Children & youth: Opportunity for action – June 19 at 7pm. Location: TBD. [One Circle](#) is calling on Youth and Children of Faith in Elkhart/Goshen to stand in Solidarity with Indigenous Children to advocate in upholding the [Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\)](#). One Circle has invited Attorney General of Indiana staff to this community event. The hope is that many children and youth from faith communities around Indiana and the nation will join the meeting with One Circle to stand in solidarity with Indigenous tribes in advocating to uphold ICWA.

What Happened at Benham West screening – June 19 at 10am, 2pm & 6 pm in the Game Room at [Ruthmere](#).

Ruthmere, in cooperation with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will be screening this film for free to celebrate Juneteenth. ADA-accessible screening will be shown in Ruthmere's garage. Reservations requested:

<https://ruthmere.org/event-5287040>

Festival of Hope - Saturday June 24, 12-6pm at Goshen Brewing. Support Center for Healing & Hope and enjoy a day of community fun for free featuring live entertainment, kids' activities, a Makers Market, and non-profit partners. All donations support Center for Healing & Hope. If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up by [clicking here](#), calling Missy Schrock at 574-534-4744 ext 206, or sending an email to info@chhclinics.org. Shifts are 2 hours and include \$10 to use for lunch at Goshen Brewing, Saca Los Tacos, Diana's Dulces, and/or Tropicana.

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.

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](#).

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<p>Administrative Assistant: Becky Overholt (Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-3pm) office@assemblymennonite.org; 574-534-4190 Church Administrator: Naomi Roots (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 https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe.</p>	

Current COVID-19 Information (June 16, 2023)

In Elkhart County, Indiana, the [COVID-19 Community Risk Level](#) is **Low**.

Masks are optional. Please join on Zoom if you are feeling sick.

We encourage everyone to stay up to date on vaccinations and boosters.

For more information visit <https://assemblymennonite.org/covid-19-information/>