

WORSHIP

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

<p>June 4 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school <i>Beginning of Summer worship</i> <i>2% Offering</i> <i>Senior "Mugging"</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Steve Wolma Storyteller: Maynard Miller Scripture: Luke 10:27-29</p>	<p>June 11 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Steve Wolma Storyteller: Jerry Lapp Scripture: Romans 13:9-10</p>
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SUNDAY JUNE 4

9:30am Worship. [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) This is the first 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? Adults as well as children will be provided with Neighbor Challenges each week, inviting you to try some new way of interacting with your neighbors. This week's Neighbor Challenge is *Talk to a neighbor about trees - their trees, your trees, trees for the city of Goshen.* Not your cup of tea? Check the [handout](#) for other challenges that might suit you better. Check your mail boxes this Sunday for a summertime neighbor blessing and [click this link](#) for more information about the series. **There will also be a "mugging" of Assembly's high school seniors this morning as they move on to the next stage of life!**

During worship, activity shelves are available for children. We hope to have the playground open for the last third of the service for school-age children if we have enough adults sign up for supervision [here](#). As a reminder, there is no Sunday school or 2nd hour during the summer. Also, there will not be hot drinks provided after worship.

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.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
June 4 <i>2% Offering</i> <i>Senior "mugging"</i> • 8am 2% Committee • 9:30am Worship No Sunday School	June 5 • 4:30pm: Yoga	June 6 • 7pm Gardening group • 7pm Leadership group			June 9 • 9am Play group • 9:30am Greencroft meet up on Zoom	
June 11 • 9:30am Worship	June 12 • 4:30pm: Yoga • 6pm Dance group	June 13 • 6:30pm Labyrinth walk • 7pm Gardening group			• 9am Play group	

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Eli Kauffman (rising 7th) turned 12 on May 27! Eli enjoys all kinds of sports and this year especially enjoyed competing in track races. He enjoys soccer and swimming as well. He likes to cook and garden with his mom and play games and watch Star Wars shows with his dad. Eli loves all kinds of food, especially sushi, seafood and pizza bread. The current book series he is enjoying is Theodore Boone.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Assemblyline announcements: Because Becky will be out of the office next week, please send your announcements for the Aline by **11 pm on Wednesday, June 7** to assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org

Friday morning play group: As we transition into summer the Friday morning playgroup is moving to the playground. Parents with children of all ages are invited to gather for informal play together on the playground at church from 9am-10am. During the summer there will not be regular staffing or snacks. But fun and good conversation will continue.

Kitchen renovation volunteers needed. Assembly is slowly continuing the renovation of our kitchen. We would like to install new hinges on all the cabinet doors and new runners on all the drawers and are looking for volunteers to come learn from Dana Miller how to do the job, and then do a few doors and/or drawers on their own time. This is a great opportunity to learn how to do a household job from a professional builder! Please email Naomi at naomikr@assemblymennonite.org if you would be willing to help out in this way.

Weeding and mulching help needed! This Tuesday at 7pm Meribeth Shank will be leading the weekly gardening gathering in weeding and watering the Memorial Garden. Bring your favorite weeding and mulching tools along with your gardening gloves and help Assembly keep our green spaces beautiful!

Staff out of town: Becky Overholt will be out of town June 4-11. Naomi Roots will be in the office on Thursday, June 8 of that week instead of Friday, June 9.

Psalm 23 Resources- The children listened to many versions of the 23rd Psalm over the past weeks. Listen to those and more [here!](#)

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.

All are invited to the following open houses:

Teo Kingsley Saturday, June 3 from 4-7 pm at the Reith Interpretive Center, 410 W Plymouth, Goshen

Chad Kennedy Sunday, June 4 from 12-5pm at 502 Revere Drive, Goshen

Yabi Kurtz Friday, June 9 from 5-8pm at 201 N 22nd Street, Goshen

Maya Dengler Kaufman Saturday, June 10 from 1-3 pm at 3201 Wakefield Rd, Goshen 46528

Elena Stutzman Sunday, June 11 from 1-3pm at 707 Fair Oaks Drive, Goshen

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

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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 <https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe>.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School. Summer is finally here...which means we are gearing up for Vacation Bible School! **Join us July 31 - August 3 from 5:30 - 8:00pm at Silverwood Mennonite Church** as we learn to bring about change in our world today! Changemakers Lab is 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! [Register here by July 9th](#)

SUMMER WORSHIP

Our theme for summer worship 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? Adults as well as children will be provided with Neighbor Challenges each week, inviting you to try some new way of interacting with your neighbors. Check your mail boxes this week for a summertime neighbor blessing and [click this link](#) for more information.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Virtual Visit to the DR Congo on June 5: Learn about the impact a Mennonite Central Committee clean water project has had in the Democratic Republic of the Congo—and how you can help bring it to more communities. In this virtual visit, we will hear from Jacob Yoder, country representative, and Gracia Faló, program assistant, about the need in DR Congo, and their hope for its future. Linda Espenshade and Christy Kauffman will share stories and photos from a recent trip. Join us for this free webinar on **Monday, June 5 at 12 p.m. EDT / 11 a.m. CDT.** Register for the Zoom link at mcc.org/dr-congo-webinar.

Pumpkinvine Trail story. The public is invited to a free presentation of how this wonderful trail went from dream to reality from those who made it happen -- including Assembly's Chet Peachey and Norm Kauffmann. **June 7 at 10 am** in the Koinonia Room (College Mennonite Church). You can also watch via this [Link](#).

Webinar - “Delegate Assembly 2023: Know Before You Go, Part II” - Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m. ET. Leaders from MC USA, Everence and MHS Association will discuss the proposed organizational resolutions for the upcoming Delegate Assembly in Kansas City. Delegates and nondelegates are welcome to attend. Register and submit your questions here: mennoniteusa.org/da23-webinar

WIDER CHURCH

2023 Central District Conference Annual Meeting – June 22-24, Goshen College, College Mennonite Church. In person or on Zoom. Find out more and register [here](#). Deadline to register is June 10. After June 10, registration fee increases.

The beauty of a pastoral transition: “Pastoral transitions are a natural part of congregational life. At some point, your pastor will leave. They will leave for all sorts of reasons, and the majority of reasons have nothing to do with the congregation,” writes Rachel Ringenberg Miller, denominational minister for ministerial leadership for Mennonite Church USA, in her helpful blog about next steps: mennoniteusa.org/pastoral-transition-beauty

Mennonite Disaster Service Family Program Opportunities – June 18-24. Are you looking for a way for the whole family to serve with MDS? We want that too! The MDS Family Program is running in June at the gorgeous Camp Palisades in Idaho! Volunteers will stay in A-Frame cabins, work all together on projects there at the Camp, and have free time to romp around the trails nearby. It's the perfect way to work hard and play hard together, no age restrictions. There is still space for families the week of Jun 18-24! Call or email Alicia Hurst (800-241-8111 or ahurst@mds.org) to get signed up!

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayers for all participants in Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure, as they bring closure to their assignments in the coming weeks. Pray for these young adults as they discern God’s leadings and as they integrate what they have learned and experienced into the next seasons of their lives.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Indiana LGBTQ legislation: Assembly and other local congregations are supporting Mosaic Health & Healing Arts in the wake of anti-LGBTQ legislation passed in Indiana. Pick up a flyer at the meetinghouse which describes the new laws and ways to support Mosaic or [read it here](#). Talk to Karl Shelly for more information.

Summer camps at Goshen College. Check out the broad array for camps for 1st -12th grade children and youth. Each camp lasts one week, and includes meals and transportation. \$50 for each week of camp; scholarships available. See the many options at <https://www.goshen.edu/register/summer-camps/> or the poster on the bulletin board.

Jason Potsander Living Celebration of Life Backyard Deck Concert – June 17, 6-9pm

Where: Behind 1013 Wilson Ave, Goshen, IN 46526 (Google Maps does not find me). Potsander House is pumpkin orange, but not visible from Wilson. Only the Potsander's large Iowa Hawkeye mailbox is visible from Wilson Ave.

Parking: Please park at Reith Interpretive Center South Lot. Not Shanklin Lot. Walk 1/4 mile across the historic Red Bridge to my house. **Or better yet, bike if you're local.** I expect several hundred people, but there is room to spread out and come and go as you please.

Seating: bring a blanket for main audience seating or a chair for peripheral seating

Food: Bring finger food if you can. Plates, water, and lemonade provided.

Festivities: chaperoned trampoline, 5 kayaks and 1 canoe on the Millrace for daring, small wall climbing area, make a 5x8 sharpie colored flag station. Family friendly.

The Band: <https://shinyshinyblack.com/>

Playing mostly originals with some requested U2 covers!

If you're really into Shiny Shiny Black also check them out June 4 at GBCO.

Fair Warning: A donation jar will be set out for those who feel led to help offset expenses, but ultimately Jason just wants people to come celebrate this moment with him and his family.

What to expect: Lots of good music and people enjoying life along with a few limited reflections from Jason between a few songs. It will be a good night!

Email questions or if you want to volunteer to help set up (jason.potsander@gmail.com). I would not turn down help for last minute details on June 17 and especially helping people park at Reith and walk and find my house from the Millrace.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director: This role is responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs and church engagement. This position is expected to connect with constituent churches, groups, and partner organizations to work together and advance the mission of MCC. The full-time position will preferably be located at one of the main Great Lakes offices, but the location is flexible within the region where MCC is an authorized employer. Bilingual fluency in Spanish and English is preferred. Apply online by June 25 at mcc.org/gl-program-director. For more information, contact Wesley Wilder at WesleyWilder@mcc.org.

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 (June 2, 2023)

In Elkhart County, Indiana, the [COVID-19 Community Risk 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.

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