

WORSHIP

Join us on Sundays in Person, or [on Zoom](#)

<p>July 16 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Gretchen Krause Storytellers: MYF & sponsors Scripture: TBD</p>	<p>July 23 10AM Worship at Camp Friedenswald No meal</p> <p>Worship Leader: TBD Storyteller: Jenna Liechty Martin Scripture: TBD</p>
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SUNDAY JULY 16

9:30am Worship. [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) This is the seventh Sunday of Summer Worship. The MYF (High School Youth Group) will be sharing stories from MennoCon23 (Mennonite Church USA Convention). Our theme for this summer's worship is *What is a neighbor?* [Click this link](#) for more information on our Summer Worship series. Have you participated in a neighbor challenge this week?

Covenanting: This morning we have 6 individuals covenanting: Bre & Trevor Daugherty (small group Auklet), Carol & Verne Schirch (small group Clearing), and Ben Sywulka & Mari Martinez (small groups Crisalida & Cherry). We invite you to share words of welcome to each of them!

Playground Volunteers. We need **one more adult** for playground supervision this Sunday. If you would like to volunteer for July 30th, 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.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
July 16 • 9:30am Worship No Sunday school		July 18 • 7pm Gardening gathering			July 21 • 9am Play group	
July 23 • 10am Worship at Camp Friedenswald		July 25 • 7pm Gardening gathering			July 28 • 9am Play group	

<p>Assembly Mennonite Church Pastoral Team Karl Shelly karlss@assemblymennonite.org 574-621-1037 Anna Yoder Schlabach (<i>on sabbatical</i>) Scott Coulter scottc@assemblymennonite.org 419-535-2918 Lora Nafziger loracn@assemblymennonite.org 574-312-0732 Pastor Emeritae: Lois Johns Kaufmann, Mary Lehman Yoder</p>	<p>Elders: Randy Roth (chair), Sandy Fribley, Eric Yordy, Leon Bauman, Sara Morris, Cheryl Shreiner, Ben Good-Elliott Youth Coordinators: Erich Miller, Marlette Gomez Wengerd, Ryan Gomez Wengerd, Gretchen Krause</p>
<p>Administrative Assistant: Becky Overholt (Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-3pm) office@assemblymennonite.org; 574-534-4190</p>	
<p>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>	

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Ben Smuts (rising K) turned 6 on July 9th! Ben loves to climb - trees, play structures and anything else! He was delighted to have his dad teach art at preschool last year and enjoys a good nerf fight, or bike ride with the whole family! Ben likes supreme pizza and apples. He would love to help more with cooking. Ben enjoys doing art projects, playing lego and watching shows with his sisters.

Luisa Kingsley (rising 5th) turned 10 on July 12th! Luisa has been enjoying swimming with friends, listening to music and audio books this summer! She particularly likes fantasy stories. She enjoys climbing trees, playing with action figures with her brother and convincing her mom to play an early morning game! She is working on her tumbling skills and sampled (with surprising results) various brands of mint chip ice cream for her birthday!



Robin Lily Nafziger Marsh turned 1 on July 13th! Robin likes rolling balls back and forth and climbing up and down stairs. She loves her older brother, Francis, her cousins, Hans and Heidi, and flopping down on her belly like a seal on every flat surface. Her favorite foods are strawberries and bananas.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Pastoral Team Availability next week. Karl Shelly & Lora Nafziger are unavailable through July 19, please contact Scott Coulter during this time for any pastoral needs. Scott Coulter is unavailable July 20-23, please contact Karl Shelly or Lora Nafziger during this time for any pastoral needs.

Gardeners: Do you have Resurrection lilies (aka, Naked Ladies, aka Magic lilies) you would like to divide? Those tending the Memorial Garden would like to add some of these pink August beauties to our space. This is NOT the time to dig them, but we'd like to know if you have them available to dig after their August bloom. Please speak to Meribeth Shank, Julia Gautsche, or Mary Lehman Yoder.

Gardening gathering next week: This Tuesday at 7pm Erich Miller will be leading the group in removing invasive species from our native beds around the perimeter of the parking lot. Bring your favorite weeding tools along with your gardening gloves and help Assembly keep our green spaces beautiful!

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at Camp Friedenswald – July 23 at 10AM. Mark your calendars for worship Sunday morning at Camp Friedenswald. Jenna Liechty Martin will be our storyteller and we will be celebrating several baptisms. There will not be a meal afterwards due to campers arriving that afternoon.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The Assembly Green Team invites everyone to participate in an Open House to see examples of “rewilding” our yards. This Open House will be on **Sunday, August 6** from 6:00 - 8:30pm, and will feature four properties owned by Assembly members. Visit as many as you like. Information is available on the literature table, or you can find it posted [here](#). Rewilding is an idea championed by Doug Tallamy to use our private property to promote biodiversity and provide habitat for insects, birds and mammals. For those interested in learning even more, this concept will also be explored in our Second Hour option (August 13, 20, 27) on “Rewilding: Nature’s Best Hope.”

Neighbors' needs: Months ago I convinced small group Well Seasoned to join me in stuffing the Little Pantry at Center for Healing & Hope in September. Turns out this is a HUGE task. Perhaps you'll join us? Begin stockpiling now with sales and coupons! More information: <https://chhclinics.org/donate/> (scroll down) – Susan Mark Landis

DOING JUSTICE AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY

TOMORROW! Pride Ride – 11am: The Goshen LGBTQ community invites your family to celebrate PRIDE on July 15th! Come decorate your bikes for a short PRIDE RIDE which will end at a FAMILY FUN FAIR with free music, games, balloon animals and snacks. Goshen Pride Ride, 11-12pm starting @ Goshen Brewing Company; Family Fun Fair, 12-3pm @ Goshen College Cabin. Organize a group of Allies to ride with us! The larger the group, the safer we all feel.

Volunteers needed! Do you love seeing happy children? Then 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. Sign up at [2023 children's activity sign up](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a829a2fbc61-2023#/) - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a829a2fbc61-2023#/> If you have questions, contact Sonya Overman at preschoolsonya@gmail.com.

WIDER CHURCH

The Queer Constituency Council (QCC) of Mennonite Church USA is an emerging representative body on the denominational level, comprised of LGBTQIA+ persons and committed accomplices across MC USA. The QCC (working title) is coordinated at this time by LGBTQIA+ leaders and allies within the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests, the Inclusive Mennonite Pastors, and Pink Menno. QCC is in its early phases. This includes dreaming and discernment around: a title/name, a model for representation and accountability, and how best to support LGBTQIA+ Mennonites across MC USA. Are you curious about shaping this process? About representation that honors the fullness and complexity of our LGBTQIA+ Mennonite people and movements? We need your voice and want to hear from you! Contact Randy Spaulding (randy@queermennonite.org) to receive updates and to get involved. More information is online at <https://queermennonite.org/what-is-qcc>

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Youth Venture teams that are spending two weeks in Benin and Indonesia. Pray for the seven participants at each location, their group leaders and their hosts. Pray that this experience will help build the global body of Christ.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Take a seminary course this fall! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include Faith Formation and Spirituality: Children; The Hebrew Bible and Its Contexts; History of Christianity in Africa; Luke-Acts: Gospeling Peace Amid Empire; Reading Cultural Contexts; Somatic Spiritual Practices; and more. Campus courses are also available. Some courses may be audited. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Classes begin Aug. 29; sign up by Aug. 21. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

Spiritual Direction: Foundations. Strengthen your skills in offering spiritual direction through the first level of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's supervised spiritual direction program. This course — which can be done either in person or online — will help you grow in confidence and competence as a spiritual director as you learn from Scripture, theology, Christian tradition, ethics, psychology, human development and, of course, practice! The seminar begins Aug. 29; apply by Aug. 1 to save \$200. ambs.edu/seminars

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 (July 14, 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/>