

WORSHIP

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

<p>July 2 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Mary Lehman Yoder Storyteller: Johanna Sutter Scripture: Proverbs 27; Romans 14-15</p>	<p>July 9 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Kathleen Jones Storytellers: Isaya & Tobias Magatti Scripture: TBD</p>
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SUNDAY JULY 2

9:30am Worship. [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) This is the fifth Sunday of Summer Worship. Our theme for this summer 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? Share food? Wave sparklers? Said “hello?”

The playground **will NOT be open** for the last third of the service for school-age children this Sunday because we do not have any adult volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday this summer, sign up for supervision [here](#).

Celebrate! Carol and Verne Schirch celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last week. Please help mark this milestone by joining us for coffee and cake right after worship in the multipurpose space. --Michelle Shelly, Doug Schirch, and Lisa Schirch

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 2 <i>2% Offering</i> • 9:30am Worship No Sunday school	July 3 • MC USA in Kansas City	July 4 <i>Office closed</i> • MC USA in Kansas City	July 5 MCUSA	July 6 • MC USA in Kansas City	July 7 • MC USA • 9am Play group	July 8 • MC USA
July 9 • 9:30am Worship No Sunday school		July 11 • 6:30pm Labyrinth walk • 7pm Gardening gathering			July 14 • 9am Play group • 3:30pm Kids Creative movement class	

Assembly Mennonite Church

Pastoral Team

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Church Administrator: Naomi Roots (Fri 9am-12pm) naomikr@assemblymennonite.org

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>.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Pastoral Team Availability in July. Lora and Scott will be away at MC USA Convention in Kansas City, MO July 3-8. Karl will be available for pastoral needs through Wed July 5. In case of pastoral emergency between July 6-July 9 please contact [pastor emerita Lois Kaufmann](#) (574-536-8956). Lora will be gone much of July, but will check email occasionally. Karl will be less available July 6-19. Scott will be traveling with family July 21-31. The Assemblyline each week of July will let you know which pastor is available that week.

Bertha Beachy's birthday: It's not too late to visit Bertha this weekend for her birthday. Her niece Rose Shetler is out of town and is hopeful church friends and family will visit, especially on her birthday, this Sunday, July 2. If you arrive and someone else is there, that's fine. Bertha is a people person. She may need you to remind her of your name, but she will recognize your face. No need for a gift, but she appreciates cut flowers if you have some growing in your yard. Cards are good too, even if they arrive after Sunday.

FREE June Creative Movement Class Kids ages 4-8 are invited to join us on Friday, 7/14, from 3:30-4:30pm. This month's theme is Expression Extravaganza, celebrating our bodies and self-expression. We will highlight the many ways we can use movement and dance to express our feelings, emotions, ideas, creativity, and uniqueness! Please [register](#) before 7/6 to reserve a spot. Contact Sara Morris with any questions.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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](#)

DOING JUSTICE AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Goshen Pride: Sunday July 9 is the start of LGBTQIA+ Pride Celebration Week in Goshen. You may want to show your support by wearing rainbow clothes to worship on that Sunday, by participating in events organized in the city that week, or by letting folks you know who are LGBTQIA+ that you appreciate them as wonderful creations of God. Click [here](#) for details on how to get involved and [here](#) for the events happening all week.

Host families needed:

- La Posada Immigrant Aid urgently needs a host family for an MCC IVEP intern, Andres Felipe, who will be arriving from Colombia in August. Host families provide room, board and a supportive family environment. A monthly stipend to cover costs is available. Contact the La Posada office (office@LaPosadaAid.com) if interested. Thank you.
- Bethany Christian is hosting an IVEPer next school year. His name is Guy (pronounced gee) from Chad. Do you, or someone you know, come to mind for possible interest in hosting Guy from August 23 through June? There are a couple of weeks during this time that Guy would be gone with other IVEPers. Guy is 30 years old and has a large extended family. He teaches English and speaks French, English, Spanish and a little local Arabic. Guy enjoys reading, spending time with family and friends, cinema, and soccer. His references describe him as a people person, energetic, and curious. MCC gives each host family a monthly stipend of \$350 to help offset various costs. Please contact brookestrayer@mcc.org if interested.

Blood drive: Middlebury Church of the Brethren and Versiti Blood Center of Indiana are hosting a blood drive on **July 12, 2:30-7pm**. Versiti provides 70% of the blood and blood products in the state of Indiana. Right now the need is great! Sign up online to donate: <https://bit.ly/MiddleburyChurchoftheBrethren-BloodDrive-7-12>.

CAPS Annual Dinner & Auction – August 18 at Wellfield Botanic Gardens. To celebrate 40 years of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), the theme of the auction is CASA-Blanca. Enjoy an exciting night supporting CAPS' programs within a vibrant Moroccan atmosphere. For ticket and sponsorship information, contact Troy Smith by email at tsmith@capselkhart.org or by phone at 574-295-2277, ext. 245 or submit the information in the form [linked here](#). Read more about CAPS [here](#).

WIDER CHURCH

Mennonite Church USA convention July 3-8: Follow along with the day-to-day excitement of MennoCon23, the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit and the Delegate Assembly by subscribing to MC USA's daily email convention newsletter, the KC Sauce, here: mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce View the online version here: www.mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce/

Living that Matters for Men: A half-day retreat. Men, what kind of man do you want to be and how can you live a life that matters? In this half day retreat, men will examine the scripts we've been given, explore the traits of healthy masculinity, and reconsider their purpose and roles in life. This retreat will be led by Steve Thomas, director of Mennonite Men and author of *Living that Matters* (Herald Press, 2023), at Pathways Retreat in Goshen 8:30-12:00 Saturday, August 19. See more information or to register at <https://www.pathwaysretreat.org/living-that-matters-for-men.html>. [Read the flyer here.](#)

New Resource from Anabaptist Disabilities Network: Anabaptist Disabilities Network has published "Believing and Belonging: An Accessible Anabaptist Membership Curriculum" for youth and adults with intellectual disabilities. With captivating illustrations, activity-based learning, and an Anabaptist perspective, this is an important new tool for communities working towards full inclusion. "Believing and Belonging" is available for purchase at BrethrenPress.com.

Read the latest Central District Conference *Connector* [here](#). For a summary of the annual meeting held June 22-24 at College Mennonite Church, [click here](#).

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all those traveling to MennoCon, the four-day MC USA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, that begins tomorrow. Pray for Mission Network staff and partners as they present youth service opportunities and talk about the church's response to immigrants and displaced people, violence in South Africa, and global climate change.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Spanish Camp for 3rd & 4th graders: Terry Martin and Luisa Dutchersmith will be leading a Spanish camp (Somos Amigos) for rising 3rd and 4th graders from 8:30-12:30 July 10-14 on campus at Goshen College. During this week-long camp students will be learning in Spanish how to introduce themselves to friends, talk about themselves, and ask questions while also participating in cultural activities, singing, dancing, cooking, and playing. For more information, follow [this link](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Thrift at Woodland Crossing in Elkhart is hiring a Warehouse Processor to join their MCC Thrift shop team. This position requires physical labor with the ability to lift 50 pounds. For a detailed job description and application, contact manager Haiam Gendi at 574-326-3674 or Elkhartthrift@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted until Friday, July 14.

Seeking an Admissions Counselor. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 0.5 FTE position. The person in this role will serve as a member of the AMBS Admissions Team, recruiting and working with prospective students from the U.S., Canada and across the world and connecting with church leaders and alumni about AMBS programs and offerings. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

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 30, 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/>