

WORSHIP

No Zoom option available this Sunday, July 23

<p style="text-align: center;">July 23 10AM Worship at Camp Friedenswald No meal Map</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Leader: Bethany Swope Storyteller: Jenna Liechty Martin Scripture: Mark 12:28-24 and Proverbs 3:29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 30 9:30AM Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Leader: Barb Swartley & Wilma Harder Storyteller: Jenna Reyanne Martin Scripture: Luke 10:25-37</p>
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SUNDAY JULY 23

10am Worship at Camp Friedenswald. This is the eighth Sunday of Summer Worship. Our theme for this summer's worship is *What is a neighbor?* Our storyteller is Jenna Liechty Martin, executive director of Camp Friedenswald. *Did you participate in a neighbor challenge this week?* [Click this link](#) for more information on our Summer Worship series. **There will be no Zoom option this Sunday.**

Baptism: This morning we will celebrate the baptisms of Isaac & Jesse Bontrager, sons of Ben & Jen Bontrager.

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 23 • 10am Worship at Camp Friedenswald		July 25 • 7pm Gardening gathering			July 28 • 9am Play group	
July 30 • 9:30am Worship • 11am infant – PreK SS volunteer meeting		Aug 1 • 7pm Gardening gathering			Aug 4 • 9am Play group • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	

<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 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>	

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

THIS SUNDAY: Worship at Camp Friedenswald – July 23 at 10AM. Plan to attend worship Sunday morning at Camp Friedenswald. Jenna Liechty Martin, executive director of Camp Friedenswald, will be our storyteller and we will be celebrating two baptisms. We will be worshipping on the lower flat (weather permitting) so please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. There will not be a meal afterwards and we need to vacate camp by noon for campers arriving that afternoon. Click [here](#) for a map to Camp Friedenswald.

Pastoral Team Availability. Scott Coulter is unavailable July 21-July 31. Please contact Lora Nafziger or Karl Shelly for pastoral needs July 21-23. Lora Nafziger is unavailable July 24-31. Please contact Karl Shelly for any pastoral needs July 24-31.

Complimentary Ice Cream at 4H Fair. Are you going to the Elkhart County Fair July 21-29? Everence has gifted the Assembly congregation with 10 coupons for free ice cream. You can take one or two from the lit table by the mailboxes. First come first (soft) serve! You can visit Everence at the Family Entertainment Center at the Fair inside Gate E, daily from 11am-7pm, and come see daily shows of Wolves of the World at 12, 4, and 6pm.

Gardening gathering next week: On Tuesday at 7pm Mary Roth will lead the group in weeding & watering. Bring your favorite weeding tools along with your gardening gloves and help Assembly keep our green spaces beautiful!

School Kits Challenge! Assembly's school kit project is in full swing. Mennonite Central Committee has a goal of gathering 10,000 kits in August. By donating money for a kit, you can help kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. I have purchased many supplies already. If you want to help a child go to school, please consider donating money. One kit costs \$4. You can write a check to Assembly and put it in the offering with "MCC school kit" written in the memo line, or cash with a note. You can also give money directly to me. Join this effort to share a tangible message of God's love with children around the world. Learn more about this challenge and download a free activity resource at mcc.org/school-kit-challenge. Thanks! Johanna Sutter

All 2023-2024 Sunday school volunteers for the preschool class and younger, please plan to stay for a 20-minute meeting in Multipurpose North **next Sunday, July 30** immediately following worship to go over dates, dismissal plans, and other details for the year ahead. If you are unable to attend, contact Bethany Swope. Volunteers for grades 3-8 will meet Aug. 27 after worship.

Surprise Luncheons happening on Aug 20! This is a great way to get to know people in the congregation. If you would like to host or to be a guest that brings food to a lunch gathering with others, [sign up here](#). There are also sign-up sheets on a table in the Gathering space. You will find out that Sunday morning who will be around the table. You will receive an email the week before detailing how many people will be there and if there are food restrictions to be aware of.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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.

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>

Newsletters: [Mennonite Men](#), [Mennonite Disaster Service](#), [Mennonite World Conference](#)

The Relief Sale Online Silent Auction welcomes your donations of unique experiences, gift certificates, art works, and new/gently used items with a value of \$50 or more. Call/text 574-849-0053 or email Kauffman.mmrs@gmail.com.

Mennonite Mission Network rejoices with the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso for the peacebuilding ministries of Calixte Bananzaro and Siaka Traoré, who helped negotiate an agreement through which Mennonites will provide care for internally displaced people and provide trauma healing, instead of paying war taxes. Pray for an end to violence.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2023 Elkhart County Children's Summit – Friday, August 25, 8:30am-3:30pm at Maple City Chapel. Join us for our vendor fair, Data Dashboard, client testimonies, and hear from Comedic Thought Leader and Author, Michael Jr. as he presents his famous "Know Your Why" seminar. This event is co-sponsored by Oaklawn, The SOURCE, Elkhart County Juvenile Court, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, Department of Child Services, and Bashor Children's Home. Registration is \$15. Please register [here](#) by August 11.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Thrift at Woodland Crossing, Elkhart, IN is seeking to hire an assistant manager to work 25-40 hours per week. For information please contact Thrift at Woodland Crossing at elkhartthrift@gmail.com or (574) 326-3674.

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 21, 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/>