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AssemblyLine
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WORSHIP

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

<p>July 9 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Kathleen Jones Storytellers: Isaya & Tobias Magatti Scripture: Luke 19:1-10; Revelation 3:20</p>	<p>July 16 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Gretchen Krause Storytellers: MYF Scripture: TBD</p>
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SUNDAY JULY 9

9:30am Worship. [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) This is the sixth 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?” Today is also the start of LGBTQIA+ Pride week in Goshen. **You may want to show your support by wearing rainbow clothes to worship!**

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](#).

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 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	
July 16 • 9:30am Worship No Sunday school		July 18 • 7pm Gardening gathering			July 21 • 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 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



Elias Magatti (rising 7th BCS) turned 13 on June 29th! Elías loves choir and music at school. He plays cello and enjoys swimming and jumping on the trampoline. His favorite kinds of books are fantasy and mystery. He's a good cook and likes to make up recipes. There are many places he would like to travel in his life.



Emery Beechy-King (rising 5th) turned 11 on July 6th! Emery enjoyed going to Camp Friedenswald for the first time this summer, and is looking forward to traveling to Oregon. She's a fan of Harry Potter and Taylor Swift, graphic novels and fairies! She loves to get lost in a book, ride her bike, go swimming, or jump on the trampoline with her brother.



Ira Siemens-Rhodes (rising 8th, BCS) is turning 13 on July 9th! Ira had a fun week at Camp Friedenswald recently (in part because of a great counselor - Conrad Dickens Liechty), and is looking forward to his family's move to Nepal in 2024. He's especially anticipating going on mountain treks. At home he enjoys the Super Mario Odyssey video game and reading books by John Green.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Pastoral Team Availability next week. Karl is unavailable July 10-19, Lora is unavailable July 11-19. Please contact Scott Coulter for any pastoral needs next week.

Labyrinth Walk: Join Meribeth Shank, certified labyrinth facilitator, on Tuesday at 6:30pm on the labyrinth in Assembly's memorial garden. We'll walk together after a brief introduction to the labyrinth as a meditation tool and conclude with a chance to reflect together after the walk. If it rains, we'll walk indoors using a small canvas labyrinth, in Assembly's multipurpose space. Contact Meribeth Shank with any questions.

Gardening gathering this week: This Tuesday at 7pm Jonathon Schramm will be leading the group in removing invasive species from our native beds around the perimeter of the parking lot, and laying mulch to prevent more unwanted growth. Bring your favorite weeding and mulching tools along with your gardening gloves and help Assembly keep our green spaces beautiful!

You are invited to a Celebration of Life for Byrdalene Wyse Horst, AMC member and mother of Carmen Horst, next **Saturday, July 15** at 11:30 a.m. at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, 909 N 6th St. Several AMCs are part of an ensemble singing Bobby McFerrin's setting of Psalm 23. Volunteers are needed to provide sheet cakes & fresh fruit for the meal. If you can help provide food for the meal, contact Scott Coulter. Per Byrdalene's frequent, life-long request, please don't wear black!

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.

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.”

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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](#).

DOING JUSTICE AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Pride Ride – July 15: 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. Check out our [Facebook page](#) for more PRIDE events July 8-15.

Support local students at the 4th annual [Muchas Mochilas](#) giveaway on July 29. Center for Healing & Hope's Muchas Mochilas has helped alleviate back-to-school costs by placing backpacks, school supplies, resource folders, and grocery gift cards into the hands of hundreds of families over the past 3 years. Will you join us this year in giving back to the community in this unique way? A donation of \$25 will fill a backpack or provide a Meijer gift card for a family or a donation of \$50 will provide a family with one backpack filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and a gift card to Meijer. Donations can be made [here](#).

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

Invitation to help support the Center for Community Justice. This year the Center for Community Justice is celebrating the 45th anniversary of VORP-the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program that brings willing victims together with their offenders in a mediated setting as a way to address the harm done and reparations. CCJ also provides Transitional Recovery Coaching for those who have been incarcerated and are becoming reintegrated into the Goshen/Elkhart community, Restorative Justice work in the community and in Elkhart Schools to help break the school-to-prison pipeline (Becky Snider works with this program), and Catalyst for Community--a program that brings together people in the community with varying viewpoints to hear each other. CCJ is an important asset to Goshen and Elkhart for conflict reduction and is at a time of shifting in funding and could use any support we can give them financially. To donate: 121 South Third Street, Elkhart, IN 46516, info@centerforcommunityjustice.org, Tel. - 574-295-6149 - Kathy Meyer Reimer, Board member

WIDER CHURCH

Pathways Retreat is offering three new retreats in August & September: Living that Matters for Men, Shake off Stress, and Renewing Your Spirit in Nature, as well as weekly yoga. Daily prayers resume August 15. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org. Read their most recent newsletter [here](#).

Newsletters: [Mennonite Central Committee](#), [Ten Thousand Villages](#), [Church Community Services](#)

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill's ministry at the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Pray for them as they work with others to launch a master's degree program in conflict transformation that will be housed at Abidjan University of the Christian Missionary Alliance in Ivory Coast.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Practical Leadership Training modules: AMBS offerings this fall include Practices and Principles for Effective Boards (online workshop); Guide Your Congregation through Polarization (webinar); Intercultural Inclusion: From Symbolic to Shared Power (online workshop); Leading Congregations in Transition (online synchronous short course); Liderazgo que edifica (online workshop in Spanish); Peacemaking through Curious Dialogue (webinar); and more! CEUs available. Register for any or all modules: ambs.edu/plt

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 (July 7, 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/>