

## WORSHIP

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 17</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>          2<sup>nd</sup> hour Congregational meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Leader:</b> Ally Mast  <b>Sermon:</b> Lora Nafziger  <b>Scripture:</b> Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 24</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>          2<sup>nd</sup> hour: Presentation by Cyneatha Millsaps</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Leader:</b> Philipp Gollner  <b>Sermon:</b> Cyneatha Millsaps  <b>Scripture:</b> Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30</p>
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## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

**8:45am Young adult breakfast** Those who are post-high school through age 30 are invited to a breakfast in the multipurpose space. Hosted this week by Anna Yoder Schlabach.

**9:30am Worship.** [The Order of Worship can be read here.](#) Our Fall worship series: Origin Stories, continues this Sunday. We will continue to hear stories from the Bible using the narrative lectionary - this time the promise of Isaac's birth to Abraham and Sarah. And, we will reflect on our own origin stories here at Assembly. How are we being shaped into a people of authentic and deeply grounded faith? What are the new ideas or ways of being that we are wrestling with? [Click here](#) to read the introduction and see the schedule or pick up a copy from the literature table.

**Sunday school:** After worship all children & youth (infants thru 12th grade) are invited to participate in Sunday school. Classroom locations are posted in the Gathering Space.

**Congregational Meeting 2nd Hour:** All adults are invited to come back to the worship space for a congregational meeting. Agenda includes a first reading of a [revised pastoral team job description](#), and announcement of the pastoral search committee!!

**2-4pm JYF Kick-off event.** Junior Youth (grades 6-8) are invited to gather at the church for a homemade ice cream sundae bar, hangout, and junior youth activity brainstorming session.

**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.

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<p>Please email announcements to <a href="mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org">assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org</a> by 11PM local time Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's AssemblyLine. To receive the AssemblyLine via email visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe">https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe</a>.</p>	

# COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Sept 17 • 8:45am Young adult bkfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour Congregational meeting • 2-4pm JYF kick-off	Sept 18 • 10am & 6pm Yoga	Sept 19 • 7pm Gardening				
Sept 24 • 8:45am Young adult bkfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • Noon Mentor/Mentee event at Fidler pond	Sept 25 • 10am & 6pm Yoga	Sept 26 • 7:15pm Small group Reps mtg			Sept 29 • 4pm Creative Movement class	
Oct 1 • 8:45am Young adult bkfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • Fellowship meal • 1-3pm MYF event	Oct 2 • 10am & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group	Oct 3 • 7pm LG meeting	Oct 4 • 11:30am Lunch bunch • 5:30-8pm Small group childcare		Oct 6 • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



**Graham Ebricht Zehr (7th, GJHS) turned 13 on Sept. 1st!** Graham loves all kinds of sports, though basketball is his favorite. He is currently playing football, and enjoys the competition and being with his friends. He enjoys school, especially social studies, Spanish and math. A highlight this summer was travelling with his family to Korea!



**Julian Quintana (1st, Waterford) turned 7 on Sept. 11th!** Julian likes to play soccer, eat pizza and climb trees. He is a great swimmer, likes to listen to audio books (like Ivy and Bean) and he likes to tell jokes. At home he likes to build Lego, and play soccer and board games with his family. Julian loves big, tough and fast land animals (like the cheetah and the buffalo).



**Alice Kauffman (3rd, Waterford) turns 9 on Sept. 19th!** Alice enjoys listening to audio books, playing on the trampoline with her brother Roy and spending creative time at her art table. Alice is learning to play piano and knot different kinds of friendship bracelets. She enjoys taking care of flowers, laughing and going out to eat with her family (especially at the Soda Shop!)

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Our prayers are with** Julia Gautsche and family on the death of her mother, Joyce Graber, who died Monday evening. There will be a memorial service Oct 14 at Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker, Ohio.

**Moving Assistance needed.** Jane and Merle Baker are bringing a final load of their belongings from Maywood, Illinois to Goshen **this Saturday**. They are looking for a few people to help unload a U-haul truck around 4:00 pm Saturday afternoon at the Mini Storage Depot at 2908 W. Wilden Ave. Most of it is 20 to 30 pound boxes. Please let Merle know as soon as possible if you can help (708-945-2617).

**Gardening & Weeding:** Tuesday, September 19 is the last gardening gathering at 7pm. It will be led by Meribeth and they'll be weeding and watering the memorial garden.

**Mentor Mentee Kick off** is NEXT Sunday September 24th. Please RSVP [here](#) by September 20th to say you are coming and sign up to bring food to share.

**The MYF Sponsor search committee** (Nadia Shank, Lenora Hirschler, Leah Hostetler, Lora Nafziger) is delighted to share that Stephen Lowe has been hired to join the MYF team for the year. If you have questions about Stephen's role or the hiring process please talk with Lora Nafziger

**Offerings** at the end of August were about \$9600 behind actual spending. The congregation's **spending** has been higher than usual this year, due to higher than expected inflation, travel costs for the MCUSA Convention in July, and maintenance issues. We need about \$50,000 in offering over Sept-Dec 2023 to meet the 2023 Spending Plan. - Leadership Group

**2024 AMC Volunteer Tasks:** It's that time of year again to sign up for tasks for next year. As part of our congregational life together, we need individuals on Sundays to provide childcare, make coffee, clean up, take a head count, count offering, close up the building, and help with fellowship meals. This past year we did not have enough volunteers. It takes many hands to make light work! Please fill out the volunteer form [here](#) by Oct 1.

**Birthday cards:** For several years, Naomi Chapman has been making and sending birthday cards on behalf of the congregation. She is ready for someone else to take this on. We are wondering if anyone would feel called to continue this ministry of care or volunteer for a month at a time. Assembly provides the stamps and cards if needed. Please contact Naomi with questions. And THANK YOU, Naomi for sharing your time and creativity in this way.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

**Youth Creative Movement Class:** Kids ages 4-8 are invited to explore the world of dance in a free youth class on 9/29 (Friday), from 4:00-5:00pm. Participants will enjoy stories, songs, and activities designed to engage with imaginative play, rhythm exploration, and creative movement. This month's theme is Disco Dinosaurs! Please [register](#) before 9/18 to reserve a spot. Contact Sara Morris with any questions.

**September is "Small Group Shuffle" time** – that time of year when we form new small groups and help people find their way into Assembly small groups. Small groups are a key feature of congregational life here at “the Assembly of small groups.” If you're interested in joining or changing small groups, please let Pastor Karl Shelly know by filling out the online form [here](#), or by filling out the flyer on the literature table. Ask any pastor if you have questions about small groups.

## DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**Volunteers needed.** Wondering how creative Catholics and Mennonites share in a love feast? Want to have a free meal? Participating in the "Rooted and Grounded Conference" at AMBS the end of September? If you answered Yes! to any of those questions please consider being a **server at the Bridgefolk Love Feast Saturday evening September 30, 5-6:30 PM at AMBS**. Contact Mary Lehman Yoder 574-238-9676 if you can help out in this way or have questions.

**First memorial signage of Bodéwadmi-Myaamia (Potawatomi-Miami) Trail to be unveiled Sept. 29.** The [Potawatomi and Miami Trail Marker Group](#) — in partnership with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes and Mennonite Mission Network — will unveil the first memorial signage of the **Bodéwadmi-Myaamia (Potawatomi-Miami) Trail** at AMBS on **Friday, Sept. 29**, from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. The event is free and open to the public.

**The National Immigrant Justice Center** is deeply grateful for the support AMC provides through the 2% fund. We are thankful for resources to work towards justice for immigrants in our community. We warmly invite you to join us for our Community for Immigrant Justice 5k run/walk on the Goshen Millrace on October 28 (or during the virtual race week that follows). The link to register is [here](https://runsignup.com/nijc5kforimmigrantjustice) (<https://runsignup.com/nijc5kforimmigrantjustice>). After the race, we will gather at Goshen Brewing Company, where those who partake can enjoy a special NIJC beer! Talk to Lisa Koop or Andrea Moya if you have questions. We hope to see you there!

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** Volunteers are needed this fall! You can be a part of bringing hope to communities affected by disaster by volunteering for a week or more. We love having you on board with us! Click [here](#) to see all the ways to volunteer with MDS. For the months of October and November 2023, MDS is offering financial travel assistance for US volunteers that serve for a week or more in **Jennings, LA** and **Arcadia, FL**. Contact [kmillier@mds.org](mailto:kmillier@mds.org) (US) for more information.

**Period supplies:** Angel Hostetler, Goshen High School nurse, emailed this week: “thank you for the work you and the ladies from your church have done to provide feminine hygiene products for our schools! We have all truly appreciated this assistance and can't thank you enough.” The high school and intermediate school need supplies. All styles of pads are used, especially thinner ones with wings. All sizes of tampons from regular to super plus also get used. Please place your donations in the bin under the mailboxes. Contact Susan Mark Landis with questions.

**My Coins Count:** Sunday, the 17th, is the last opportunity to donate to My Coins Count! A table will be in the gathering space before worship, laden with home canned jellies, jams and vegetables. If you are a home canner, you are invited to bring 2 or 3 items for the table. A \$5 donation to My Coins Count is suggested for each item, which will add to our final My Coins Count total. So far, we have collected \$323 toward the Two Percent Committee's \$1000 matching grant. Donations of your food items or dollars are appreciated. Susan Mark Landis & Barb Hassan

**Stocking the Little Pantry at Center for Healing and Hope for September:** Your donations are appreciated by your neighbors. For a list of needed items see <https://chhclinics.org/donate/> or pick up a sheet on the literature table. You can place your donations in the CHH pantry at 400 Lincoln Ave, in the grey plastic box at church or give cash to Susan Mark Landis who will shop for you.

## MENNONITE RELIEF SALE – SEPT 22 & 23

The Relief Sale will be here soon! How can you support the Sale?

- Bake something to donate. Gather extra quilting supplies. Thin out your plants. Then drop them off on Friday 9/22 near the front gate of the fairgrounds.
- Bid at one of the two major auctions, each with over 200 items!
  - Bidding is live for the Online Silent Auction. There are lots of great items including many beautiful handcrafted items, gift certificates to area businesses, artwork, and much more. You can view items and place bids at <https://charityauction.bid/MCCSale2023>.
  - You can view items for the Quilt Auction on the Brolyn Auctions website [brolynauctions.com](http://brolynauctions.com) and register to bid. The auction starts live at 8 a.m. Saturday in the largest building on the fairgrounds. Bidding will be possible in person and online.
- Come to the sale and enjoy good food, bid on auction items, enjoy children's activities, run in the Run for Relief, and find wonderful things to buy!

Check out the website: [www.mennonitesale.org](http://www.mennonitesale.org) for volunteer opportunities and more information.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Goshen College faculty recital – Sat., Sept 16 at 7:30pm, Goshen College Music Center, Reith Recital Hall.** Goshen College voice professors Scott Hochstetler, a baritone, and H. Roz Woll, a mezzo-soprano, will present a joint faculty recital in the Music Center's Reith Recital Hall. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students, free for GC employees/students, at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or at the Box Office, (574) 535-7566.

**The Greencroft Goshen Orchestra** will be presenting a program at **3:00pm Sunday afternoon, September 17th**, in Jennings Auditorium. The music of Stravinsky, Vivaldi, Bartok, and Vaughan Williams will be featured. Several Assemblyites are involved.

## WIDER CHURCH

**The Support Group** for parents with children of all ages who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community will resume meeting on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00-11:00am in the library at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship. Feel free to invite anyone you know who might benefit from this gathering. Please contact Sarah Higley Morrison at [shigley@gmail.com](mailto:shigley@gmail.com) with additional questions.

**Webinar: “Envisioning the future of MC USA climate justice initiatives” – Sept 19, 7pm on Zoom.** Join Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, denominational minister for Peace and Justice, as she discusses transitioning the work of Mennonite Creation Care Network (MCCN) and the Energy and Spirit Challenge with Jennifer Halteman Schrock, former director of MCCN, and meet Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, MC USA's new Climate Justice Coordinator. Together, they will envision the future of MC USA's climate justice work. [Register here.](#)

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer.** Praise God for Kate Widmer, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite congregation in France, as they build relationships with immigrants in their neighborhood. Kate’s sewing classes have become popular. Pray that Kate will be able to share God’s love as she helps women make clothes for their families.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Upcoming Medicare education session:** Everence Financial, 1110 N Main St, Goshen on Sept 25 at 6:30pm in person. We will discuss the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare. [Register here.](#)

**Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 28–30** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Attend in person or online! This conference on “Pathways through Climate Doom: Resistance and Resilience” will examine theological, biblical and pastoral care responses to climate doom. Keynote speakers: Kaitlin Curtice; Leah Thomas, PhD; and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD. Register by Sept. 20 if meals are desired; final registration deadline is Sept. 26. [ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded](https://ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded)

**Bridgefolk:** Curious about the grassroots movement that has brought Mennonites and Roman Catholics together over common concerns for 20 years? [Bridgefolk](#) is meeting alongside the *Rooted and Grounded Conference* this year, following their focus last year on First Nations Peoples and the need for both groups to learn, engage, repent. Samantha Lioi (former Assembly member and intern) is helping plan the Bridgefolk dimensions of the larger conference.

## 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 (Sept 15, 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/>