

WORSHIP

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

<p>November 12 9:30AM Worship Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Leader: Marshall King Sermon: Stephen Lowe Scripture: Hosea 11:1-9</p>	<p>November 19 9:30AM Worship Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Leader: Jodi Beyeler Sermon: Nekeshia Alayna Alexis Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5</p>
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

8:45am Young adult breakfast Those who are post-high school through age 30 are invited to a breakfast in the Multipurpose space.

9:30am Worship. [The Order of Worship can be read here.](#) This is the fourth Sunday in part 2 of our fall series using the [Narrative Lectionary](#).

Who is Sovereign? Our next set of texts include stories from throughout the history of Israel and Judah. These stories wrestle with the politics of living together and the brokenness of human society. Throughout all of these stories, we are called to wonder: Where is God in this? Who is Sovereign? Is it the God of Abraham, Isaac and Judah, or is the real Lord some other power?

In this series, we will wrestle with some of the same questions in our own lives: who is Lord and Sovereign of our world today? We'll explore where God's *hesed* (steadfast love) shows up, how she works actively in human history, and how we, like the children of Israel, respond to her in sometimes surprising ways. [Read the full introduction here.](#)

Covenanting: There will be several people covenanting over the next few weeks. This Sunday, Ted & Darlene Larrison (Group Bees) will be covenanting. On Nov 19, Bob & Lorna Mynsberge (Group Well Seasoned) will be covenanting. We invite you to send them your words of welcome.

Second hour. During this series we will meet three times in "ABC groups" during second hour. These are groups divided alphabetically by first names. Each week your group will be given a discussion prompt. Our hope is that this is a chance to learn to get to know each other better. This week, we will continue sharing origin stories.

1:30pm Walking Tour of South Central Elkhart. This tour begins at Prairie Street Mennonite church (1316 Prairie St, Elkhart). Those interested in carpooling from the meeting house should meet at 1pm. (It's not too late to [sign up!](#))

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 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>	

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Nov 12 • 8:45am Young adult bkfast • 8:45am Hospitality Committee mtg • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 1:30pm Tour of South Central Elkhart	Nov 13 • 10am & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group	Nov 14 • 6pm Labyrinth walk				
Nov 19 • 8:45am Young adult bkfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 7pm Congregational mtg	Nov 20 • 6:30pm Dance group			Nov 23 Office closed		
Nov 26 • 8:45am Young adult bkfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Nov 27 • 6:30pm Dance group	Nov 28 • 7:15pm Small group reps • 8:30pm Reparations mtg		Nov 30 • 5pm MYF Live In begins	Dec 1 MYF Live In • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	Dec 2 • 12pm MYF Live In ends
Dec 3 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> <i>2nd hour Messiah Sing</i> • 8:45am Young adult bkfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 12pm: Fellowship meal	Dec 4 • 6:30pm Dance group	Dec 5 • 7pm Leadership group	Dec 6 • 11:30am Women's lunch bunch • 5:30pm Small group childcare			Dec 9 • 5:30 & 7pm Advent Spiral

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Atticus Beechy-King (K, Parkside) turned 6 on Nov. 4th! Atticus is really good at playing all kinds of imaginative games and running really fast. He enjoys climbing, learning to read and laughing with his sister Emery. He helps his parents to clean and was a skeleton-vampire for Halloween. Blue is Atticus's favorite color!

Eliza Miller (3rd, Waterford) turned 9 on Nov. 5th! Eliza really likes cooking and baking. She has the recipe down for roasted sweet potatoes and loves to bake a layer cake. She is working on improving her multiplication tables and her knitting. She loves to ride horses, read "I Survived" books, sing in choir and eat sushi. Some day she would like to learn to speak Chinese and German.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Pastors Traveling. Lora Nafziger will be traveling with the [Wabash Pastoral Leadership program](#) from Nov. 11-18 to Northern Ireland. This is the capstone trip from the two-year ecumenical program on pastoral/congregational civic engagement that she participated in in 2019-2020. If you would like to follow her trip you can find her itinerary [here](#). She will be delighted to tell you about what she learned when she returns. Also, **Karl Shelly** will be on vacation Nov 9-12. Please contact Scott Coulter or Anna Yoder Schlabach for any pastoral needs during this time.

Dance project for AMC 50th celebration. As promised, here is the first dance project that we would invite anyone to learn and dance with us. It is set to "Changes" by Jim Croegaert. It will take at least 4 dancers and preferably 6-8. To be danced for worship sometime in March. Rehearsals are scheduled 6:30 - 8:00pm on November 20, December 4, January 29, February 19 and March 4. Let [Linda Schlabach Miller](#) (574-538-8324) know if you are interested.

The pastoral search committee invites the congregation to suggest names for our future 0.6 FTE Pastor of Child, Youth, and Adult Faith Formation. Please send names to [Bethany Swope](#) or [Tom Kauffman](#) by Nov. 12 with a sentence or two about the person's gifts for the role and contact information. The [job description](#) can be found on the Assembly website. Read important [Guidance for Internal Candidates](#), and other info for the congregation about the search process [here](#).

LG & Congregational meeting minutes: Approved October LG & Congregational meeting minutes can be [read here](#).

Year-end disbursement of 2% funds: The last scheduled collection of 2% funds for 2023 will be Dec 3rd. Any 2% funds received later in the month will be disbursed in 2024 to ease closing the books for the year. [All Two Percent offerings received between now and December 3 will go towards Reparations](#). If you have questions or concerns, please contact any member of the 2% Committee: [Susan Mark Landis](#), [Marshall King](#), [Barb Hassan](#), [Barb Swartley](#), [Joel Zwier](#) and [Glenn Gilbert](#).

EVENTS AT AMC

Tanzania Education Aid will host a Tanzanian meal at Assembly on November 11 at 530pm. We are raising money for programs in the Shirati, Tanzania region of East Africa. Come enjoy some ugali, rice pilau, chai, and other food typical to this region. The meal is \$20 for 12 and older, \$10 for 5-11, under 5 are free. Dinner will be served at 530pm, and a program update will be given at 630pm.

Nov 12 Assembly tour of South Central Elkhart. It's not too late to sign up for the walking tour of South Central Elkhart (also known as the Benham West Neighborhood) **this Sunday afternoon, November 12th**. The tour will begin at Prairie Street Mennonite Church at 1:30pm and will be led by Cyneatha Millsaps and Jason Shenk. This will be an excellent opportunity to better understand the harm caused to the local African American community through "urban renewal" in the '60s through today. Those who are interested in carpooling from the meeting house should meet at 1pm. Please let Glenn Gilbert (ggilbert1301@gmail.com) know if you are able to attend and if you plan on carpooling or driving separately.

Labyrinth Walk. Join Meribeth Shank, certified labyrinth facilitator, on Tuesday at 6:00pm 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.

The next congregational meeting will be at [7pm Sunday November 19](#), in-person in the worship space. All are invited to come hear about the work of the Welcome Statement Committee, and to participate in a facilitated discussion about the work the congregation dreams a revised welcome statement will do. The committee is: Stephen Lowe & Regina Shands-Stoltzfus (co-chairs), Jenna Martin, Kate Kennedy, Sara Morris, Scott Coulter.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

AMC 50th Celebration: The committee planning Assembly's 50-year Celebration would like to have all church participants fill out [this brief survey](#). Your participation will help us in our planning. There will also be hard copies available on Sunday morning.

Pledges for 2024: Another email was sent out this week with a reminder to fill out your pledges [here](#). You can also email John Nafziger at offering@assemblymennonite.org The Finance Committee needs these pledges soon in order to develop next year's spending plan.

Prayer shawls: Naomi Chapman knit shawls to comfort folks at Assembly. Anna loves giving them to people she visits. Do you knit or crochet and want to continue the tradition? Contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com for information.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Help spread holiday cheer to Elkhart families. Heart of the Holidays is an annual tradition at [CAPS](#) (Child and Parent Services) that provides families with holiday gifts they may not receive otherwise. CAPS connects supporters – churches, groups, individuals or families - with families in its programs and their holiday wish lists. These wish lists typically include requests for necessities such as personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies, as well as toys and books for children. Sign up [here](#) by Nov 17 to be a Heart of the Holidays supporter. All gifts to be dropped off to CAPS by Dec 8.

WIDER CHURCH

Donate to an Anabaptist Transition Surgery Fund. Jess, a church member within BMC's Supportive Communities Network ([SCN](#)) is raising necessary funds for her gender transition surgery, denied by insurance after many attempts. [Read Jess's story and donate here!](#) In addition to raising funds, Jess and her wife are using their own savings and a reasonable amount of loan for this surgery. Jess's congregation and pastors are active in SCN. **Note:** BMC is not disclosing the name of the church on the internet due to safety concerns.

Palestine Action Hour recording – Community Peacemaker Teams had such a huge turnout that some of you were unable to join the call due to Zoom restrictions; we're so sorry we couldn't let you in! Please do take the time to watch the recording [here](#). Our action does not stop here. The world over is calling for an immediate ceasefire and our governments are feeling the pressure. Please continue to reach out to your representatives, join protests, and share CPT-Palestine content. You can access our Action Hour resources [here](#).

Church Peace Tax Fund: War tax redirection. Bearing witness to the good news of Jesus Christ, amid a world involved in endless war in pursuit of imperial control, the MC USA Church Peace Tax Fund channels these funds toward meeting human needs and helping save the planet, while providing a faithful testimony of reconciliation to the world through Jesus' way of nonviolence and peace. [LEARN MORE](#)

Newsletter: [Mennonite Central Committee](#), [Mennonite World Conference](#)

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill, as they prepare to move from the Paris Mennonite Center (France) to The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana, to continue their work and ministry. Pray for them as they collaborate with partners in the Francophone Mennonite Network, who are launching a French-language theological training program.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Webinar on Gaza. Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN) is sponsoring a webinar featuring Tareq Abuhailima of Gaza City and a graduate assistant at Bluffton University's The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center on Sat., Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. ET. [Register here.](#)

Climate Pollinators webinar on Nov. 14 at 9 a.m. ET. Join Mennonite World Conference for this second webinar. Nindyo Sasongko will focus on Asia. Register [here](#).

"Israel and Gaza: History and Context" with Dr. Michael Spath on Monday, November 20, 2pm. You are invited to this community presentation in the Greencroft Community Center. Dr. Spath is the founder and executive director of the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace, holds a Ph.D. in Historical Theology, and is interim pastor at Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship in Berne, IN. He has led frequent tours to Israel-Palestine, and will speak on the history and hope for peace in this part of the world. For more information, contact Don Blosser (574-536-3497), David Janzen, or Mark Rosenbury.

Shalom Academy 2024 – Jan 8-10 at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Make plans to start your 2024 ministry inspired and renewed! Cultivating unity within faith communities can be difficult when cultural pressures are divisive. As the next

iteration of the former School for Leadership Training, Shalom Academy 2024 offers a place to learn and reflect on the practices that move congregations past divisiveness and toward peace. Keynote speakers and workshops give fresh perspectives on justice-inspired shalom, and new-this-year excursions provide for relaxation and recreation with friends both old and new. For more information or to register for Shalom Academy 2024 visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/>.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Vesper Chorale will be presenting "Considering Matthew Shepard" to commemorate 25 years since the terrible hate crime attack that ultimately led to Shepard's death. This powerful work is for everyone, exploring the humanity in all of us. Jamie Lake sings with the Chorale as well as a few others you may know: Lee and Susan Naus Dengler and Jon Kauffmann-Kennel. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors on Sunday, November 12, at 3 pm at Kern Road Mennonite Church in South Bend. Tickets are available at the door or discounted online at www.musicalartsindiana.org.

GCS Junior High Musical – Frozen Jr. Come see some of our AMC youth in Frozen Jr., the musical, at Goshen Junior High School - November 17 @ 7pm, November 18th (2 shows) @ 3pm & 7pm, November 19th @ 3pm. The show runs one hour and is kid friendly. \$10 adults, \$5 for students, GCS staff(w/id) and age 55+. Students involved: Magdalena Horst, Emi Dengler Kaufman, Eva Lake Rittenhouse. Help support this self-funded public school theater club! Tickets can be purchased online [here](#).

The Goshen Community Chorale is joining the Maple City Community Orchestra to present a concert in Sauder Hall of the Goshen College Music Center Sunday afternoon, November 19. Open Fifths will also be participating. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. and is free to all. Donations will be welcomed at the close of the concert as an opportunity to help defray expenses of the ensembles. The program will feature two of Gabriel Faure's most beautiful pieces as the voices of the Chorale join the Orchestra in his Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine (sung in English). Members of AMC in the Chorale include Mary Gilbert, Ruth Kauffmann, Katie Schramm, and Wil Beachy. Join these music makers in a concert of music that will touch your soul.

The **Goshen College Community School of the Arts Rejoice Children's Choir {grades 3 through 5}** is accepting new members. If your child loves to sing, would like the opportunity to meet and sing with other area children, perform in the world class Sauder Concert Hall, and sing alongside a professional choir this Spring, this may be for them! Our semester begins January 11th and runs through Saturday, May 11th. **Auditions** will take place on **Monday, November 20th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Goshen College Music Center in room 100. No preparation is needed, and auditions are short and simple! Please contact Rejoice Director Kristin Kauffman with additional questions at krisandtrav@gmail.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Mennonite Central Committee is looking for an Executive Assistant to aid our International Program Department. If you have administrative gifts to support the global relief, development and peace efforts of MCC, apply by November 13. More information at mcc.org/ip-executive-assistant.

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 (Nov 10, 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 current vaccination recommendations see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

For more information visit <https://assemblymennonite.org/covid-19-information/>