

WORSHIP

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

<p>November 19 9:30AM Worship Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Leader: Jodi Beyeler Sermon: Nekeisha Alayna Alexis Scripture: John 5:1-9; Matthew 19:16-22</p>	<p>November 26 9:30AM Worship Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Leader: Jeannette Hughes Sermon: Lora Nafziger Scripture: 2 Kings 22:1-10 [11-20]; 23:1-3</p>
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

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 fifth Sunday in part 2 of our fall series using the [Narrative Lectionary](#). [Read the full introduction here.](#)

This morning our preacher is Nekeisha Alayna Alexis. As an external consultant with the Church Leadership Center of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Nekeisha collaborates with individuals, groups, churches and organizations as they pursue growth in intercultural competence and/or seek to be more effective in their antiracism and other anti-oppression efforts. Nekeisha will also be leading our second hour.

Covenanting: This Sunday, Bob & Lorna Mynsberge (Group Well Seasoned) will be covenanting. We invite you to send them your words of welcome.

7pm Congregational meeting in-person in the worship space. All are invited to come hear about the work of the Welcome Statement Committee ([see this document](#)), and to participate in a facilitated discussion about the work the congregation dreams a revised welcome statement will do. There will also be a brief update from the Search Committee. To review the discussion about the need and purpose for a revised welcome statement from our March 2023 congregational meeting, you can find the [minutes](#), [handout](#), and [summary of responses](#) on the church website here: <https://www.assemblymennonite.org/minutiae/meeting-minutes/>.

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 Tuesday 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 19 • 8:45am Young adult bkfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 7pm Congregational mtg	Nov 20 • 6:30pm Dance group	Nov 21 • 7pm Discussion on sermon from 11/5		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 • 1 & 2pm K-5 candle dipping • 3pm JYF candle dipping
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



Roy Kauffman (K, Waterford) turned 6 on Nov. 17th! Roy is so excited to be learning to read and to speak Spanish. He likes to play outside and watch TV with his sister Alice and play soccer with his brother Eli. Roy loves snuggles and cooking and building Lego. He has sooo many favorite colors.



Isai Horst (5th, GIS) turns 11 on Nov. 20th! Isai loves to play soccer and his classmates say he is an excellent artist. He does like to draw and improve his skill, and is also learning to play viola. He enjoys reading "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," playing Zelda, building with Lego and seeing his friends at school.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Pastors Traveling. Anna Yoder Schlabach will be out of town Nov 17-19. Karl Shelly will be out of town Nov 20-24. Scott Coulter will be out of town Nov 22-27.

Office hours next week (Nov 20-24): Naomi Roots will be in the office Monday until noon. Becky Overholt will be in the office Tuesday & Wednesday from 9am-3pm. The office will be closed Thursday & Friday.

Announcements for Assemblyline next week: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, please have your announcements sent to assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org by 11pm on Tuesday, Nov 21.

Home needed for quail. Hello! I am looking for a temporary home (or permanent, if you're interested) for my pet quail over winter break. There are four of them. They are small and fairly low maintenance, but will require a warm place to stay, like a garage or basement. I will provide all resources needed to take care of them (food, cages, etc.), and am willing to discuss extra compensation. Please email me at mirayoder@gmail.com if you are interested!

Drop box: Assembly Mennonite Church has a new check drop box installed at the North entrance. Feel free to use it if you need to drop off a check when the building is closed.

Worship during Advent. Our narrative lectionary texts for this season are all related to God's promises, promises that God makes to people during times of uncertainty. Can God's promises be trusted? Are new beginnings coming? The prophets remind us that especially in uncertain and disorienting times, God promises to rebuild, restore, and redeem. [Read the introduction and calendar here.](#)

EVENTS AT AMC

Sermon discussion. All those interested are invited to come to the meetinghouse on **Tuesday, November 21 at 7pm** to discuss with Ben Sywulka his sermon of November 5 ([listen here](#)). It addressed the ramifications of thinking of faith as a belief system versus faith as practices that we engage. For more questions, contact [Norm Kauffmann](#) (574-238-7464).

An InterPlay invitation. The local Goshen and Elkhart InterPlayers would like to invite Assembly folks to a special InterPlay evening. **On November 27th**, Masankho Banda, an InterPlay Master Teacher from Malawi, and friend of ours will be leading us. More about Masankho at <https://pathwaystopeace.org/team/masankho-kamsisi-banda/> Some of you may remember when he led an all day workshop here about 5 years ago. We will gather at 6:00pm in the multipurpose space. See Linda Schlabach Miller or Michael Miller for more information.

Christmas Eve Play: Will your family be around for Christmas Eve? I am looking for stable girls, sheep, magi and donkeys etc for the Christmas Eve play. All skill sets welcome. Please email me and let me know if your child would like a speaking part, a non-speaking part or a one-line kind of part. annays@assemblymennonite.org. We'll rehearse after church on December 17th and 24th.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Needed: Gardeners, Spanish Speakers, Bakers & Campfire Keepers. **This Sat Nov 18th** from 9-11:30am, Bushelcraft Farm is looking for folks who want to support a volunteer event. Over 60 Hispanic youth from American Dream Project are coming to the farm. Looking for folks willing to buy, donate, or make snacks for volunteers (finger food, breakfast stuff, hot drinks). Volunteers can also come to the farm to staff the sign-in and snacks table or tend a campfire. Or help with physical tasks like ripping out plastic and garden stakes, moving woodchips, sorting seeds, pulling dead plants, straightening tool shed, and sowing cover crops. A great way to meet youth and families, converse in English or Spanish, and get some fresh air. Call Jon Zirkle (574-612-5063) or email bushelcraftfarm@gmail.com by Friday night if interested in helping on Saturday.

Our neighbors are hungry. This month everything you place in the grey bin goes to [First Light Mission](#). They need liquid body wash, body towels, hand towels and washcloths, Lysol wipes, deodorant (Men's and Women's) and urinal blocks and screens. Here is their Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/.../2Q8TGG461MBRZ/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex...

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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.

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.

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.

WIDER CHURCH

Thank you for making the 2023 Goshen Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Bash a great success! We knotted a total of 412 comforters thanks to the help of 457 volunteers on Friday and Saturday. MCC is grateful for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world.

Newsletters: Mennonite Disaster Service, Mennonite Men

Advent at Home 2023 now available. The 2023 Advent at Home worship guide is now available from Mennonite Education Agency (MEA). Taken from Leader magazine's theme, "How will we know?" the worship guide accompanies individuals and families through the days and weeks of Advent through Epiphany with scriptures, prayers, worship rituals, suggested activities, and contextual information. It is intended for all ages and life stages to deepen the experience of the season. The guide is available for free download in English and Spanish from the MEA website: <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/advent-at-home/>.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer. On Nov 20, Barb Thuma will complete a seven-week Mennonite Mission Network assignment at La Casa Grande, a children's home in Benin. Pray that the love she shared with the children, through teaching English and working with them on the agricultural program, will bear fruit in the lives of each person she learned to know.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

"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.

Journey program: When God calls someone to leadership, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Central District Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for winter 2024 is December 6, 2023, with the final registration deadline on January 10, 2024. Gayle Gerber Koontz and Lois Kaufmann are on the Journey Board and would be glad to answer questions about the program. Lois is currently chair of the Board as well as a mentor. For more information visit www.ambse.edu/journey

CAMP FRIEDENSWALD 2024 WINTER PROGRAMS

This year at our winter camps, we'll explore the theme of "Only in Darkness the Light." There is deep wisdom in recognizing the ways that the earth teaches us about interdependence and movement away from binaries. It is not Dark OR Light or Dark VS Light but rather Darkness AND Light. When we are able to see and acknowledge that winter, darkness, decay, and rest are all a part of God's good creation, we have a richer and deeper vocabulary to respond to those seasons of growth and change in ourselves and in the world.

- **High School Winter Camp - January 5-7**
- **Junior High Winter Camp - January 12-14**
- **Winter Family Camp - February 16-18** Winter Family Camp promises a weekend for rest, intergenerational play, and child-accessible worship. The weekend runs Friday evening through Sunday noon, and is open to all who consider themselves "family" – no matter how you define it. Weather-permitting, we'll have fabulously fun winter activities like snow tubing, sledding, cross country skiing, and broomball on the ice. We just might convince you that winter is your favorite season at camp! More information can be found on our [website](#). Registration opens Saturday, November 11 and can be accessed [here](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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](#).

Opening reception this Sunday evening! "The Art of Teaching and Creating" -- An Exhibit of Art by GC Art Faculty. Hershberger Gallery - GC Music Center, Sunday, Nov 19 @ 6-8 pm, Artists' talk @ 7:30 pm. Current and retired art faculty are displaying some of their past and recent work in the Hershberger Gallery from November 19-January 14, 2024. Please join us in celebrating these faculty members who have given themselves to student mentoring and the pursuit of art and creativity. Faculty involved in this exhibit include: Marvin Bartel, John Blosser (from AMC), Abner Hershberger, Randy Horst, Merrill Krabill, Sara Method, John Mishler and Judy Wenig-Horswell.

Documentary screening: *What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hope* will be shown in the evening on **Wednesday, Nov. 29**, at the Goshen Theater, 216 South Main Street, Goshen, Indiana (specific time to be announced). The film features stories of life in Elkhart's predominantly African American Benham West neighborhood and documents the process of the city's eventual clearing of the neighborhood. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Goshen College are hosting the event. The public is invited, and there is no charge to attend. benhamwestproject.com

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 (Nov 17, 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/>