



Assembly Mennonite Church

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AssemblyLine

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WORSHIP

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

<p>Jan 15 9:30AM Worship & Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Small Group Zed Sermon: Luke Gascho Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-19</p>	<p>Jan 22 9:30AM Worship & Sunday school</p> <p>Worship Leader: Barb Hassan Sermon: Diane Hunter Scripture: Genesis 26:1-33</p>
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SUNDAY JANUARY 15

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

9:30am Worship. This Sunday marks the beginning of our worship series on Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Assembly recently joined [a coalition of Anabaptist groups and congregations committed to the cause of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery](#): a historic and ongoing legal/philosophical framework that gave Christian governments moral and legal rights to invade and seize Indigenous lands and dominate Indigenous Peoples. [For the complete series introduction click here.](#) Our preacher this morning, Luke Gascho, is involved locally & nationally with organizations addressing injustices toward Indigenous Peoples. Worship leaders this Sunday are from Small Group Zed, which is: Dominique Burgunder-Johnson & Patrick Coonan, Scott & Ana Yoder Coulter, Ellen Kennel, Jenna Martin, and Becky Snider.

Due to COVID-19, Luke will be preaching and presenting via Zoom. You are encouraged to find a seat in the worship space where you can view the projector screens.

Second hour: After a 10-minute break, return to the Worship space for continued conversation with Luke Gascho.

Sunday School classes for children and youth (infants through 12th grade) immediately follow first hour. Locations of classrooms by age/grade are posted in the Gathering Space. There will be no JYF Sunday School this Sunday due to winter camp.

7pm Congregational meeting. We will meet in the Worship Space in person; there will be an option to watch/listen to the meeting live via Zoom. Agenda items include: first reading of the [proposed 2023 Spending Plan](#), second reading of the [Montessori Preschool proposal](#), and second reading of the [Elder Selection Process proposal](#).

Prayer Requests. Please share prayer requests by contacting one of the pastors via email or phone. Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays.

Current COVID-19 Information (Jan 13, 2023)

In Elkhart County, Indiana, the [COVID-19 Community Level](#) is **Medium**.

Please join on Zoom if you are feeling sick.

You are invited to consider wearing a mask in worship to help protect high-risk individuals worshipping with us. Masks are optional during worship & Sunday school, unless Elkhart County's Community Risk Level becomes "High" – in which case masks will be required indoors for everyone over age 2. We encourage everyone to stay up to date on vaccinations and boosters, and encourage anyone who is not feeling well to join us on Zoom.

Parents should contact Sunday school teachers directly if they are sending kids to Sunday school during days 6 through 10 after a positive COVID test. During this time children are asked to wear a mask during Sunday school and sit apart from the group during snack.

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



CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Lena Osborne (5th BCS) turned 11 on January 10! Lena likes animals especially her dog and class bunny! She likes all of school but especially writing and art. In the fall she went to an alligator rescue farm and got to feed and hold an alligator! She enjoys going on a picnic and running errands with her family! Lena loves to pack and also enjoys traveling. She would like to learn more cursive writing.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	TH	FRI	SAT
Jan 15 • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 12:15pm Reparations group • 7pm Congregational meeting (in person)	Jan 16 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga	Jan 17 • 7:15pm Small group Reps meeting			Jan 20 • 9am Play group	
Jan 22 • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Jan 23 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group				Jan 27 • 9am Play group	
Jan 29 • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Jan 30 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga		Feb 1 • 1pm Women's lunch bunch • 5:30pm Small group childcare		Feb 3 • 9am Play group • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Hospitality Tasks Calendar. Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with Sunday morning tasks in 2023. [Calendars listing volunteers for each Sunday can be found here.](#) (Thank Becky Overholt for her work coordinating these volunteers!)

Craft Plants Wanted for Assembly Library. Maria Wenger, chair of the library committee, is looking for people to make some plants for our own Assembly Library. Instead of keeping live plants in there or buying plastic artificial ones, she'd like to warm up the space with some craft-made plants. They could be made of felt, fabric, paper, etc. They'll 'live' primarily above the shelves, near the ceiling. No previous crafting experience necessary, all plants accepted. Might be a great family or mentor/mentee project. Please let Maria know if you're interested: Maria Wenger 404-435-1536.

Transgender and Christian Training Webinar: Thanks for your participation in second hour last Sunday. If you want to watch the entire webinar, "A Name Greater: A Transgender and Christian training," [you can watch it here.](#) Please know there is some swearing in the second module. The book that was referenced is "In the Margins, A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture," by Shannon TL Kearns.

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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 http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr.</p>	

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY, continued

Yoga Classes. Both classes are now full. Please contact Alma Boyle if you haven't already registered and would like to join one of the classes and she will put your name on a waiting list.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Open Fifths Concert. Join the Open Fifths for *Winter Illuminations*, a concert that contemplates the darkness and light of a journey through Winter. The performance is at 2pm on **Sunday, January 15** at Assembly Mennonite Church. Assembly-ites Adam Graber Roth and Jason Kauffman sing in the Open Fifths. The repertoire features mostly 20th century through present-day American (USA) composers, both sacred and secular. The Open Fifths is an auditioned 17-member male vocal ensemble. An offering will be taken and donations will be accepted at the door. No ticket purchase necessary.

Center for Community Justice (CCJ) is hosting [Tim Cunningham](#), a well-known jazz musician, in a benefit concert on February 7 at 6 p.m. at the 112 Club, 112 South 2nd St, Elkhart. The proceeds from the Tim Cunningham concert will be a contribution toward a capital campaign that will allow CCJ to purchase a new building in downtown Elkhart providing space that will give us room to grow and thrive. Tickets are \$40 if purchased by Jan 23; \$45 after that date. Purchase tickets [here](#).

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Mennonite Disaster Service. Weekly Volunteers are needed to assist in remodeling of a Volunteer Center in **Red Lake, MN**. Work will include framing, drywall, flooring installation, etc. We will need crews (3-5 people or larger) from **late January through late March**. All work is indoors, out of the cold Minnesota winter! Lodging and meals provided. Contact Jeff Koller (717-823-7415 or jkoller@mds.org) for details.

PATHWAYS RETREAT

The January newsletter *Rhythms* can be read [here](#).

Candlemas Service Online – Feb 2 at 7pm [on Zoom](#). You are invited to an online service of light and blessing as the candles to be used this year at Pathways Retreat will be blessed. Gather your own candles in your home or work for an online blessing as well.

Broken and New: A Lenten Journey. Using nature and our personal narratives as inspiration, join this weekly Lenten journey and explore where you may have an emerging sense of belonging and of offering yourself and your gifts to God's beloved world. More details can be found [here](#).

Rest, Reflect, Renew Lenten Retreat—March 4, 9:30am-2:30pm. [Read more information here](#).

WIDER CHURCH

Everence scholarships available. College Scholarships are offered to youth of Everence members. Eligible students may be chosen to receive \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 for the upcoming academic year. Applications are accepted through February 28th. Visit : <https://www.everence.com/living-the-values/grants-and-scholarships-and-awards> for more details.

The Everence toolkit for Dec 2022 [can be read here](#).

Register for Grand Camp at Camp Friedenswald! [Grand Camp](#) (March 31-April 1) provides a weekend filled with quality time for grandparents (or grand-friends) and grandchildren to make memories together at Friedenswald. This one-night camp will include times of storytelling, guided conversations, art projects and time in nature. Lisa Weaver will be sharing stories from her co-authored book *Let the Children Come to Me*. The theme this year is "Walking with Jesus."

Mennonite Mission Network prayer request. For Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer, and their son, Jordan, who are spending the next several months renewing relationships in Ecuador. Due to complications from the pandemic, deaths of loved ones and illness, the Ross Richers had not been able to return to Ecuador for more than two years. Pray that God's Spirit will guide and bless their ministry.

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY

Online Short Course: Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: Feb. 1 – March 14. Join David Cramer, PhD, and Susannah Larry, PhD, to study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture — as compared with Catholics and other Protestants — and to understand those similarities and differences in light of today. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

Seminary Preview Webinar. Thinking about seminary? Or do you know someone who might be? Join us online on **Wednesday, Jan. 18, 8–8:45 p.m. EST**, and get a glimpse of what Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has to offer — whether you want to study at a distance or on our campus in Elkhart, Indiana. Areas of study at AMBS include pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, Christian formation, peacebuilding, Anabaptist theology, environmental sustainability leadership and more. Register online (no cost): ambs.edu/preview

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Goshen Public Library is seeking a committed customer service representative to work as a part-time (20-25 hrs/week) Library Assistant in our Circulation Department. The ideal candidate commits to serving Goshen's diverse populations and views the library as a place where information transforms lives. We are particularly looking for a candidate who can enrich our service to the Spanish speaking community. Spanish language fluency is required. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to apply.

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](#).