

WORSHIP

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

<p>Apr 16 9:30AM Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Leader: Lora Nafziger Sermon: Fr Shannon TL Kearns Scripture: John 20:19-31</p>	<p>Apr 23 9:30AM Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Leader: Jep Hostetler Sermon: Paul Keim Scripture: Psalm 116</p>
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SUNDAY APRIL 16

8:45am Young adult breakfast Those who are post-high school through age 30 are invited to a breakfast in the multipurpose space. The last young adult breakfast for the semester is next week, April 23.

9:30am Worship [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) We are delighted to have co-founders of the organization, Queer Theology, Brian G. Murphy and Fr. Shannon TL Kearns with us for worship. Fr Shay will be preaching and Fr Shay and Brian will be leading second hour about Queer Theology. Both Brian and Fr Shay are working at the intersections of LGBTQ lives and Christianity — focusing on the inherent goodness and the unique gifts and blessings of queerness. You can learn [more about their organization, Queer Theology here.](#)

Sunday School classes for children and youth (infants through 8th grade) immediately following first hour. Locations of classrooms by age/grade are posted in the Gathering Space. **MYF (grades 9-12) will not meet separately.** The MYF will be participating with the congregation in second hour with Fr. Shay.

No Congregational meeting this evening! The next congregational meeting is scheduled for May 21.

Praise and Lament. The Psalms teach us the language of lament, so that when our own storms come we have the vocabulary to cry out. The Psalms give us space to voice our longings, to protest and to proclaim that “things are not as they should be.” But lament without praise withers our faith. By praising God for who God is and what God has done and is doing, we dethrone the false Gods vying for our loyalty. How might the Psalms help us as a community to re-orient ourselves after the disorienting years of the pandemic? We invite you to join us in our Eastertide worship series as we hear psalms of lament and praise. During this five week series we will also have electives for adults in second hour (see below). [For the full series introduction, click here.](#)

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.

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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
Apr 16 • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Apr 17 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga		Apr 19 Spring work day	Apr 20 •7pm Michael Spath lecture at Greencroft	Apr 21 • 9am Play group • 3:30pm Kids Creative Movement Class	Apr 22 • 8a-3p Children in Worship training • 3pm Leadership group retreat
Apr 23 • 8:45am Young adult breakfast •8:45am Hospitality Committee meeting • 9:30am Worship •11am Sunday school & Electives for Adults	Apr 24 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group	Apr 25 • 7:15pm Small group reps mtg	Apr 26 Spring work day	Apr 27 •7pm Michael Spath lecture at Greencroft	Apr 28 • 9am Play group	
Apr 30 • 8am Graduates Recognition Breakfast (by invitation) • 9:30am Worship •11am Sunday school & Electives for Adults •7pm Repair Coalition team	May 1 • Anna Yoder Schlabach sabbatical begins (May 1-July 31) • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga	May 2 • 7pm Leadership Group	May 3 •1pm Lunch Bunch •5:30-8pm Small Group Child Care Night	May 4 • 8:30pm Reparations Committee	May 5 • 9am Play group • 9:30am Greencroft meetup	Apr 23 Goshen Montessori Preschool sale/fundraiser 10am-1pm Plant sale

UPCOMING SECOND HOURS

Spring Electives begin April 23!

The Land is Not Empty book discussion. All are invited to an upcoming 2nd Hour elective class to discuss Sarah Augustine's important book, "*The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery.*" We will discuss chapters 1 & 2 at the first class on **April 23**. Order your book now from [Menno Media](#) or wherever you buy books. [Contact Karl Shelly](#) for more information.

Some Assembly Required. Are you new to Assembly? Have you been attending for a while but find yourself confused, or curious, about how things work around here? You are invited to attend "Some Assembly Required", our second-hour elective class beginning April 23 for all newish attendees and anyone newly curious about how Assembly works, and about Assembly's unique practices and history. Contact [Scott Coulter](#) with questions.

Worship Training Elective. Join the worship committee for a hands-on worship elective. Learn to lead worship, lead singing, and plan a worship service. Intended for beginners or experienced folks who want to get better! Contact Anna Yoder Schlabach with questions.

STAFF OUT OF TOWN

Staff out of town: Karl Shelly will be out of town through Apr 21. Naomi Roots will be out of the office Friday April 21. Please contact Scott Coulter, Lora Nafziger, or Anna Yoder Schlabach for any pastoral needs during this time.

Sign up to read the full version of the Assemblyline each week: <https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe>

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Pastor Sabbatical. Anna Yoder Schlabach leaves for a three-month sabbatical on May 1. See her [plans for travel and coverage here](#). The congregation supports each of our pastors for a 3-month sabbatical every 4 years, to encourage significant growth in ministry and to provide for a regular rhythm of reflection and renewal. Pastoral sabbaticals are an investment in future ministry. They contribute to the congregation experiencing better pastoral leadership and longer service. If you have questions about our sabbatical policy, please speak with Randy Roth, chair of Leadership Group.

Curious about Children and Worship Sunday school? Adults interested in learning about Assembly's use of the Young Children and Worship approach in faith formation are invited to the meetinghouse on Saturday, April 22, starting at 9am. There will be an opportunity to Experience the model, and talk about how parents can use this at home and how you can get more involved. **Please RSVP to Lora Nafziger by April 17th** to have lunch from Maple Indian. A schedule is attached [here](#).

Kids Creative Movement class: Kids ages 4-8 are invited to explore the world of dance in a free youth class on Apr 21 (Friday), from 3:30-4:30pm. This class is open to Assembly Mennonite families, and is for kids ages 4-8. Participants will enjoy stories, songs, and activities designed to engage with rhythm exploration and creative movement. This month's theme is Woodland Wiggle. Please [register](#) before 4/19 to reserve a spot. Contact Sara Morris with any questions.

Plant Sale on May 6 at Assembly (10am-1pm in the parking lot): Spread the word! All donations will go to the Mennonite Men JoinTrees projects to help fund tree planting in Anabaptist communities in Africa challenged by deforestation. The hope is to raise several thousands of dollars and showcase our trees in the parking lot as well. Do you have plant starts, grafting wood, baby trees, flowers, or perennials to contribute to this plant sale? Fill out the form [here](#). Jon Zirkle will be gone until April 25, but look for more information upon his return.

Leadership Group met Tues Apr 11. Agenda items included the [2022 State of the Congregation report](#), plans for 50th Anniversary and Scott's ordination. The approved LG and Congregational meeting minutes for March can be read [here](#).

MYFers are still looking for service hours they can provide in supporting members of Assembly and the community. If you have or know of opportunities to earn hours that go towards funding their trip to the Mennonite Convention this summer, please contact Erich Miller at kerichmiller@gmail.com.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Supporting Transgender Persons – Saturday Apr 15. Silverwood Mennonite Church pastor and [Brethren Mennonite Council](#) board member, **Clayton Gladish**, is going to speak on Saturday April 15 at 10am at the Middlebury Church of the Brethren on “**Supporting the Transgender Persons in Our Lives.**” This is sponsored by MCB's Peace and Justice Action Group and is free and open to the public.

Period packs. Donate period products by **April 16!** This includes overnight pads, super pads, regular pads, feminine hygiene wipes or diaper wipes and small bottles of hand sanitizer. Please place them in the grey tub under the mailboxes. April 18 we'll be assembling packs at 7:00pm at Susan Mark Landis' home (820 Steury Ave, Goshen) for National Immigration Justice Center. You may give cash or checks to Susan. Many thanks!

Volunteer Opportunities at Center for Healing & Hope. There are a variety of opportunities to volunteer at CHH. Some require Spanish fluency and others do not. Full and half days are available - weekly or biweekly commitments are preferred except for events. Check out these options to find out if one or more is a good fit for you or someone you know! Email us at info@chhclinics.org or fill out the form on our website at www.chhclinics.org/volunteer.

Apply for the 2023-2024 Mujerista cohort program. A *mujerista* (defined in full [here](#)) is someone who makes a preferential option for Latina women, for their struggle for liberation. Mujeristas struggle to liberate themselves not as individuals but as members of a Latino community. They work to build bridges among Latinas/os while denouncing sectarianism and divisionary tactics. Mujeristas understand that their task is to gather the hopes and expectations of the people about justice and peace. The Mujerista Program is a [Faith in Action](#) program and is a year-long process. We are inviting folks who identify as Latina women and who fit most of the criteria listed [here](#), to apply for our 2023-24 cohort. If you fit some of them but not all, I encourage you to still apply! Apply [here](#) by April 28.

The **AMC Repair Coalition Team** will meet Sunday April 30, 7:00 pm, in person at the Meetinghouse. Ministry team members, please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Anyone interested in learning more about the work of this ministry team should [contact Karl Shelly](#).

Stone Soup Supper. First Light Mission (formerly Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network) is hosting a fundraising Stone Soup Supper at Silverwood Mennonite Church on Saturday, May 6th from 4 - 8 pm. This year bring your own bowl from past Empty Bowl suppers. A limited number of bowls will be available for sale. If you have bowls you'd like to donate back, please take them to the shelter ahead of time, 801 W Wilkinson St., Goshen, IN 46528. Please join us as we restart this wonderful community event that will help us continue to be a place of Refuge and Fresh Starts.

Safety Networks has seen a significant uptick in activity in recent weeks. We've provided several thousand dollars for a variety of needs of [National Immigrant Justice Center](#) clients. Recently we learned of a large influx of Haitian immigrants (about 50 families) to the Goshen area, and are anticipating a lot of transportation requests to medical and legal appointments. Please consider volunteering to provide rides (sign up here <http://bit.ly/safety-net-start>) or making a financial contribution (tax deductible when donated to Assembly with "Safety Networks" in the memo). See Michelle Shelly with questions or for more information.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Building Relationships and Collaborating with Faith Communities: a webinar from [RespectAbility](#)--Wednesday, April 19 at 2pm ET. [Register here](#). In the Intellectual and Developmental Disability provider world we often see faith communities as merely the places our clients go for religious services. Faith communities have so much to offer, both to the people we support and to our own organizations. In collaborating with faith communities, our organizations have engaged in mutually beneficial and enriching opportunities to better serve individuals' spiritual needs. We will discuss multiple methods of engagement and provide examples of service, volunteer, employment, and social opportunities.

Medicare Monday workshop – May 1, 6:30pm at Everence Financial (1110 N. Main St., Goshen, IN). This session will discuss the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare. [Register here](#).

Social Determinants of Health: Intersecting Factors in Ethical Service Delivery (in-person) --Tuesday May 2, 8:00-11:30 a.m. OR 1-4:30 p.m. at the Kroc Center, South Bend. Using an ethics lens, this training will examine school, community, and treatment considerations for serving culturally diverse individuals who have historically been marginalized. Cost: \$75; CEUs available. For more information and to register: [Register here for morning session](#); [Register here for afternoon session](#)

Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 28–30 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Attend in person or virtually! This conference on “Pathways through Climate Doom: Resistance and Resilience” will examine theological, biblical and pastoral care responses to climate doom. How do people of faith combine active engagement and deeply rooted hope? Keynote speakers: Kaitlin Curtice; Leah Thomas, PhD; and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD. Proposals for papers and workshops are due April 30. ams.edu/rooted-and-grounded

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hymn sing to Celebrate Mary Oyer's 100th Birthday: Mary Oyer turned 100 on Wednesday, April 5. To celebrate this milestone in her life, Rebecca Slough and Shirley Sprunger King are holding a hymn sing on Sunday, April 16, from 2:30-4:00 PM at College Mennonite Church. Come sing some of Mary's favorite hymns and perhaps some of your own.

The Goshen Community Chorale, a fifty-voice ensemble directed by Bradley Kauffman, M.Mus., will be presenting *Broken and Blessed, a Concert of Sacred Music from Bach to Brazil*, Sunday, April 23, 7pm at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church on South Main St. in Goshen. Chorale singers include Assembly members Mary Gilbert, Mari Martinez-Sywulka, Wil Beachy, Anne Horst Hanby, and Jim Kaufmann. Rebecca Dengler Kaufman is a featured soloist. The concert is free; an offering will be taken to defray the expenses of the concert. The concert will be performed the evening before, Saturday, April 22 at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Beardsley Ave in Elkhart. Read the flyer [here](#).

Goshen Clay Artists Guild Spring sale – April 28, 6p-9p and Apr 29, 9a-2p. Come join us at 212 W Washington St, Goshen (behind Goshen Farmers Market).

WIDER CHURCH

Bethany Christian Schools Color Fun Run – May 20 at 9AM. Registration is open now until May 3 for the 1-mile Color Fun Run to benefit the launch of Bethany’s Bright Future Campaign. Registration is \$15. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Conference & Festival – June 15-18, 2023. Join us! The 3rd Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Conference and Festival brings together Mennonite practitioners, artists and theologians from around the world to learn, share and discuss their work for peace. We are excited to invite people to Eastern Mennonite University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA, to participate and share in this global journey. [See schedule and learn more.](#)

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Martine Audéoud, who is currently teaching a 10-day seminar for doctoral students in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Pray for her and her students as they contextualize the biblical message to the African context and present their academic work to God as an act of worship.

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 (April 14, 2023)

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

Please join on Zoom if you are feeling sick.

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/>