

WORSHIP

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

<p>Apr 2 9:30AM Worship & Sunday School <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Karl Shelly Sermon: Stephen Lowe Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11</p>	<p>Apr 9 9:30AM Worship No Sunday School <i>Easter Sunday</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach Sermon: Scott Coulter Scripture: John 20:1-18</p>
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SUNDAY APRIL 2

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. [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) Today is Palm Sunday, the sixth Sunday of Lent. This year we're using a Lenten series created by A Sanctified Art. This series is founded on questions, and this week Stephen will help us explore the question, "Where are you headed?" We invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God. [Read more about the series here.](#)

Sunday School classes for children and youth (infants through 12th grade) immediately following first hour. Locations of classrooms by age/grade are posted in the Gathering Space.

Second hour. There are three opportunities to engage with our theme during 2nd hour:

- Hymn sing – Worship space. Exploring new hymns in Voices Together.
- Poetry prompts – Multipurpose space table (self-led)
- Anabaptist Bible Study project – Multipurpose North. Two Anabaptist Bible studies are happening in multipurpose north for those who have signed up for them. This study bible project is intended to reflect the Anabaptist church in all of its diversity at this point in time, 500 years after the Radical Reformation.

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

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Apr 2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Apr 3 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga		Apr 5 • 1pm Lunch bunch at Assembly & on Zoom	Apr 6 • 6pm Maundy Thursday service RSVP	Apr 7 • 7pm Good Friday service	Apr 8 • 2:30 & 4pm Family friendly Easter vigil RSVP to Lora
Apr 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> • 7am Easter Sunrise Service at Fidler pond • 9:30am Easter Service with feast No Sunday school	Apr 10 • 6:30pm Dance group	Apr 11 • 6:30pm Labyrinth walk • 7pm Leadership Group meeting	Apr 12 Spring work day • 5:30pm Small group childcare	Apr 13 • 7pm Michael Spath lecture at Greencroft	Apr 14 • 9am Play group • 9:30am Everence webinar on scam awareness	Apr 15 • 9:30am Assembly Green team
Apr 16 • 8:45am Young adult breakfast • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 7pm Cong. mtg	Apr 17 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga		Apr 19 Spring work day	Apr 20 • 7pm Michael Spath lecture at Greencroft	Apr 21 • 9am Play group	Apr 22 • 8a-3p Children in Worship training

HOLY WEEK & EASTER ACTIVITIES Apr 2 - Apr 9

April 6 Maundy Thursday Soup and bread supper and foot washing 6 p.m. (children welcome). [RSVP here.](#)

April 7 Good Friday service with Faith Mennonite 7 pm. Intended for adults and older children

April 8 Family-friendly Easter Vigil 2:30pm & 4pm. If attending, please [RSVP to Lora.](#)

April 9 Easter Sunrise Service 7am at Fidler pond. Led by Leon Bauman & Char Yutzzy

April 9 Easter Service with feast during service. 9:10am singing, 9:30am worship (bring Easter finger foods and flowers to share)

Pathways Retreat Stations of the Cross will be available in the woods during Holy Week (April 2-8). Stations can be walked in the woods anytime from dawn until dusk. We will also have virtual stations available on our [website](#) for those who cannot visit our woods in person. Pathways staff will be on site Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (April 6,7,8). If you plan to bring a group to walk the Stations of the Cross, please let us know using the form on the bottom of [this page](#) so that a staff member can greet you.

Pathways Retreat Good Friday service – April 6 at noon. Join us in person at Pathways Retreat for this reflective 25 min service. Seven lit candles will be extinguished with readings, silence and meditation upon the last moments of Jesus' life.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Staff out of town: Lora Nafziger will be out of town March 30 – Apr 5. Scott Coulter will be out of town Mar 31-Apr 5. Naomi Roots will be unavailable March 29-31 & Apr 7. Please contact Karl Shelly or Anna Yoder Schlabach for any pastoral needs during this time.

We are delighted to have so many children in our worship services! In order for all to be able to fully participate, please help your children to use a whisper voice so that all can hear the service. (Adults can help model this too!)

Bushelcraft Farm invites you and your contacts to a Spring Kick-Off event and fundraiser **this Monday April 3rd** from 4-6:30pm. Dates were changed from Saturday due to weather. Family friendly, no charge. Looking to sign up garden volunteers this season. See Jon Zirkle or Alex McIntyre to learn more, or see event description on Facebook. Location is on County Road 26, farm entrance is west of CR 7 about 0.5 mile on the north side of road, and just east of Southgate Crossing.

April Lunch Bunch is **Wednesday April 5** @1pm at Assembly and [on Zoom](#) with Helen Glick telling quilt stories.

Maundy Thursday- April 6, 6:00 p.m. Join with others for a meal, love feast and foot washing as we enact the story of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Children are encouraged to participate. Sign up in the Gathering space or [RSVP here](#). A light finger food supper will be provided. Please bring your own plates.

Easter Vigil – April 8, 2:30pm or 4pm. An Easter Vigil will be held in the meetinghouse Saturday afternoon. This is planned with children and families in mind but all ages are welcome to participate. You may attend either the 2:30pm or the 4pm vigil. Please RSVP to [Lora Nafziger](#) or sign up in the Gathering space if you plan to attend.

Small group childcare – Apr 12, 5:30-8pm. RSVP is required so we know how many caregivers are needed. Please sign up [here](#).

At the recent small group rep meeting, reps discussed the slate of elder nominees and how small groups can help choose our new elders. They also discussed the Spring work days and how that task might be done better. To hear more, ask your small group rep.

Help Plan VBS 2024. For the last few years, Assembly has partnered with Silverwood Mennonite and a handful of other Mennonite congregations in offering a Vacation Bible School program in the summer. Leader Selection Committee is looking for volunteers to help with this. If you would be willing to help coordinate VBS *next year* (in 2024), please contact Lora Nafziger or Scott Coulter. (Watch for more information about VBS in 2023 and how to get involved in the coming months.)

Educate yourself about scams & fraud. The Assembly Greencroft group invites you to join with them on **April 14th** at 9:30 am for a Everence zoom webinar on detecting scams followed by a time for questions. All are welcome. Join on the regular AMC zoom link (<https://zoom.us/j/9995275153>).

The 2023 Elkhart County Jail Ministry 'Dessert Banquet' is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, from 7:00-8:30 pm at Nappanee Missionary Church. Assembly Mennonite will have a table, and you are welcome to join others for pie and an opportunity to learn about an important ministry in our county. There is *no* cost to you. Let Karl Shelly know if you'd like to attend.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Justice for LGBTQ youth in Indiana. You are invited to sign a letter to Gov. Holcomb urging him to veto two anti-LGBTQ bills approved by the Indiana legislature. The letter will be available for signatures before and after worship this Sunday. For more information, contact Karl Shelly.

Safety Networks continues to support a wide variety of immigrants in our community with the generous resources of time and money that have been donated. Funds were recently provided for an immigrant who needed help affording mental health services to deal with past trauma. From his therapist: "Thank you so much to Safety Networks for supporting my client in this way. I really can't put into words how grateful my client, his family, me, and NIJC is for your kind and generous support!!"

Volunteers needed! [The Window, Inc](#) needs volunteers to help with two upcoming fundraisers. One is a Nelson's fundraiser for their pantry on Apr 8 and the other is their Haystack dinner on Apr 15. If interested, please read the flyers [here](#) and [here](#) to sign up.

Period packs. Providing period products to folks in Goshen is a small step on the journey toward dignity and justice. This week the GCS junior high nurse requested more. April 18 we'll be assembling packs at 7:00pm at Susan Mark Landis' home (820 Steury Ave, Goshen) for National Immigration Justice Center. We need overnight pads, super pads, regular pads, feminine hygiene wipes or diaper wipes and small bottles of hand sanitizer. Please place it in the grey tub under the mailboxes **by April 16** so we know what to buy. You may give cash or checks to Susan. Many thanks!

CAMP FRIEDENSWALD

Family Camp: Spots are still available to sign up for family camp, either July 10-14 or 24-28. [Register here.](#)

Job openings: Camp Friedenswald is currently seeking an Administrative assistant and a Seasonal housekeeper. [Find out more and apply](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

All are invited to an upcoming family friendly drag show next Saturday April 1st in Warsaw. The event is at Pike Lake park at the fireman's building located at 1013 E. Arthur St. in Warsaw. There will be drag bingo at 2pm then a drag story time at 4:15 pm and then a show at 5:00 pm. All are suitable for families. For safety reasons, the planners have created a code to get in. You must email DebbieRichards2010@gmail.com to get the code.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Free financial classes. LaCasa is again providing free financial classes April thru June. Read the flyer [here.](#)

Why religion? Where does the impulse for religion and spirituality in humans come from? Where is it taking us? Come explore these fascinating questions in three **free**, public presentations by Dr. Michael Spath (D.Min., Ph.D. in Historical Theology), Thursday evenings, **April 13, 20, 27; 7-8:30 pm**, at Greencroft's Jennings Auditorium. All are welcome! For more information, pick-up a flyer by the mailboxes, click [here](#), or talk to Karl Shelly.

WIDER CHURCH

JoinHands church building program. Assembly designated a portion of project funds to [JoinHands](#). Our \$30,000 contribution funded a grant to Mara Christian Church in Charlotte, NC. This is a growing Mennonite congregation, composed mostly of recent immigrants from Myanmar (formerly Burma) who fled their country to escape persecution. This grant helped this church to purchase their first meeting place.

New *Vision* issue on "Uncertainty" available for free online. The Spring 2023 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* — edited by Karl Koop, PhD, of Canadian Mennonite University — looks at uncertainty from personal, ecological, biblical and societal angles. Writers explore how to move away from self-centered conceptions of certainty and control and move toward notions of trust and mystery. ambs.edu/vision

Pathways Retreat April newsletter can be found [here](#).

Bethany Fish Fry: Tickets for Fish Fry [on April 21](#) are now on sale! The fish fry raises funds for senior trip. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for 1st-6th graders. Kindergarten and under eat free. We have dine-in and carry-out options. You can get all the details and your tickets at bethanycs.net/fishfry or get your tickets by contacting a Bethany junior. If ordering online, you designate which junior you are supporting. Assembly juniors are: Shemaya Magatti, Luke Yordy, Jessie Bontrager, Adam Siemens Rhodes, Tristan Mast. If you are unable to attend, you can still donate to the fundraiser at the link above.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer. With only a month left to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture programs, pray for the young people in your community who might deepen their faith through participating in an encounter with Christians in Benin, West Africa; a trip to the Mexico-United States border; or a learning tour that brings insight into the realities of the struggle for civil rights.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Seeking a Digital Marketing Manager. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 0.75 FTE position to start in April 2023 or as soon as possible. The person in this role will serve as a member of the AMBS Marketing and Communications Team, contributing to the concept, development and production of marketing and communications projects. Primary responsibilities include managing the seminary's website and overseeing social media strategy and implementation, digital marketing and database management, and video production. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

Mennonite Central Committee seeks a full-time HR Training and Development Specialist to facilitate learning and staff development for staff in the U.S. This role will develop and implement a staff and supervisor training program, facilitate the performance review process, support staff and supervisors with individual development plans, and optimize use of available training tools. Location: any U.S. state where MCC is a registered employer; office, hybrid, and remote options available. Apply by April 10 here: [U.S. HR Training and Development Specialist](#) hiring now. MCC is committed to anti-oppression and organization culture that focuses on dismantling any barriers based on race, economic inequality, or gender-based oppression.

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a Director of Archives and Records Management to oversee the accessioning, arrangement, description and preservation of permanent records for MC USA as well as collections of individuals or institutions closely associated with MC USA. Degree in history, archival studies, library science or related field and/or equivalent work experience preferred. FTE: 0.75 to 1. Location: Elkhart, Indiana. View the job description [here](#). We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257.

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 (Mar 31, 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/>