

WORSHIP

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

<p>Apr 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:10AM Singing 9:30AM Worship & Feast No Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach Sermon: Scott Coulter Scripture: John 20:1-18</p>	<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>
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EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9

7am Easter Sunrise service at Fidler pond (1424 East Lincolnway). Welcome the sunrise and celebrate the resurrection with a short outdoor service. Gather by the barn.

9:10am Gathering singing

9:30am Easter Morning Worship & Feast [Click here for Order of Worship](#). **Bring a festive finger food and flowers** to share for the feast which will happen during the worship service. Please drop your food and flowers off in the Multipurpose space before worship. **There will be no Sunday School.**

6:30-8pm MYF Easter drop-in at Erich Miller's home (24156 County Road 42, Goshen). Snacks will be provided by sponsors, so no need for MYFers to bring anything except themselves.

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.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Reuben Graber Roth (K, Waterford) turned 6 on April 1. Reuben likes Kit Kats & cinnamon rolls. He likes to play basketball inside and outside and with anyone in his family who is willing! He is learning how to read, and especially likes the Jack and Annie books. He likes to go for bike rides with his whole family and build with Legos!

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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>.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Apr 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am Easter Sunrise Service at Fidler pond 9:10am Gathering singing 9:30am Easter Service with feast No Sunday school 	Apr 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Dance group 	Apr 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Labyrinth walk 7pm Leadership Group meeting 	Apr 12 Spring work day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Small group childcare 	Apr 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Michael Spath lecture at Greencroft 	Apr 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Play group 9:30am Everence webinar on scam awareness 	Apr 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Assembly Green team
Apr 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Young adult breakfast 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 7pm Cong. mtg 	Apr 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 & 6pm Yoga 		Apr 19 Spring work day	Apr 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Michael Spath lecture at Greencroft 	Apr 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Play group 3:30pm Kids Creative Movement Class 	Apr 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8a-3p Children in Worship training 3pm Leadership group retreat
Apr 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 	Apr 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 & 6pm Yoga 6:30pm Dance group 	Apr 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:15pm Small group reps mtg 	Apr 26 Spring work day	Apr 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Michael Spath lecture at Greencroft 	Apr 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Play group 	

UPCOMING SECOND HOURS

Next Sunday, Apr 16, 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.](#)

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 Apr 10-21. 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

Small group childcare – Apr 12, 5:30-8pm. RSVP is required so we know how many caregivers are needed. Please sign up [here](#) by Monday, Apr 10.

Labyrinth walk. Join Meribeth Shank, certified labyrinth facilitator, on Tuesday April 11 at 6:30pm 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.

Webinar about scams & fraud. The Assembly Greencroft group invites adults of all ages to join with them on **April 14th** at 9:30 am for an Everence 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>).

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.

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.

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.)

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

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](#).

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.

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 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!

Are you a volunteer somewhere? Ten Thousand Villages Goshen would like to invite all volunteers to their store on Saturday, April 22, from 10am-5pm for a thank you event. We will be providing refreshments and drinks courtesy of the store, the board of directors, and local businesses. We want to thank all volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the missions they support. When mentioned at checkout where you volunteer or who you volunteer for - you'll receive \$5 off your purchase of \$20 or more! Come visit us and let us thank you for your hard work and support of organizations.

April is national child abuse prevention month. This month you will see blue pinwheels in front of our church, a national symbol for child abuse prevention month, and our commitment to providing loving, supportive, and safe environments for the children in our lives.

The **Center for Community Justice** March newsletter can be read [here](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Recording of Resiliency and Trauma webinar. The recording of "A Small World: Building Resiliency and Hope after Childhood Trauma," a free webinar by Jon-Erik Misz, from Anabaptist Disabilities Network is now available [here](#).

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

Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus) include Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose; and Preaching. **Campus courses** (also open to auditors) include Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; The Religious Other in the Bible; and The Spirit World and the Global Church (also available via live videoconference). Non-admitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Register by May 1. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

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 COLLEGE EVENTS

Vox Profundi, Goshen College's low voice choir, will welcome invited low voice ensembles from area high schools and the community for a day of rehearsals, culminating in an evening concert at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, April 11. The event is free and open to the public.

Academic Symposium – Wednesday, April 12, all day. In an all-day event across campus, Goshen College will present its annual academic symposium with sessions featuring the work of nearly 40 students and faculty. For more info on speakers and topics visit goshen.edu/symposium.

EARTHTONES Choral concert – Saturday, April 15, 7:30pm. The Goshen College Choirs — Chamber Choir, Vox Profundi, and Voices of the Earth ensembles — will present their annual spring concert of world choral music, from various cultures and countries. There will also be a time to celebrate Professor Emerita of Music Mary Oyer's 100th birthday. The performance is at 7:30 p.m. Learn more and purchase tickets at goshen.edu/tickets.

WIDER CHURCH

Pathways Retreat Stations of the Resurrection will be up in the woods for the duration of Eastertide (Apr 9 – May 28). Stations can be walked in the woods anytime from dawn until dusk. They also have virtual stations available on the [website](#) for those who cannot visit the woods in person.

The Central District Conference April issue of the *Connector* can be read [here](#).

Mennonite Central Committee's most recent newsletter, *In Touch*, can be read [here](#).

The Mennonite Men newsletter can be read [here](#).

2023 Men's Retreat at Amigo Centre on April 28-30. This retreat will be led by James Yoder (a retired clinical social worker who spent his career working with marginalized people and traumatized children) and Leon Bauman (a retired schoolteacher and school counselor who spent his career asking "How can painful experiences be transformed and reframed?") and will focus on creating stories of hope, and finding healing in the male journey. At this retreat you will explore the ways that our interpretations of life events impact the stories we create. Individually, in small groups, and in larger groups we will hear ancient stories and emerging stories. As we tell our stories, we will contemplate questions common to the male journey. Saturday-only option available. [Sign up here](#).

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendar now for the **2023 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale**, Sept. 22-23, at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. Start thinking about ways you can support the sale such as donating an item for the online auction, the quilt auction, or the plant sale. It's not too early to start collecting coins for MyCoinsCount! Check out the website (www.mennonitesale.org) and follow the Relief Sale on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for updates.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer. Celebrate Easter by sharing the good news of Jesus' victory over the grip of evil in our world. Join Mennonite Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 49 countries around the world in proclaiming this message to those whom you encounter today and every day.

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: amb.edu/jobs

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 7, 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/>