

WORSHIP

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

<p>May 21 9:30AM Worship & Sunday School <i>Bicycle Blessing</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Jonathon Schramm Sermon: Lisa Koop Scripture: Psalm 66 & 146</p>	<p>May 28 9:30AM Worship & Sunday School <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Recovenanting</i> <i>Fellowship Meal</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: TBD Sermon: Lora Nafziger Scripture: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, John 20:19-23</p>
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SUNDAY MAY 21

9:30am Worship. We encourage you to ride your bike to church this week if you can, and join the blessing of the bicycles after second hour! [Click here for Order of Worship](#). **This is the fifth Sunday of our Eastertide series on Praise and Lament.** [For the full series introduction, click 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.

Second hour There are three options to participate in 2nd hour:

- **The Land is Not Empty book discussion—north side of MP space.** All are invited to discuss Sarah Augustine's important book, "*The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*." Judith Davis will be leading the discussion this week.
- **Some Assembly Required—west side of MP North.** This Assembly elective is for anyone who is new(ish) to Assembly - along with anyone newly curious about how Assembly works, and its unique practices and history. In this week's session we will talk about Assembly Ministry Teams (we will hear from the Green Team, Safety Networks, and the Prayer Ministry Team). Hosted by Scott Coulter. *To find the classroom in MP North: Walk past the mailboxes to the north entrance of the meetinghouse, then turn left (west) to go down the north hallway. Some Assembly Required is across from room 12.*
- **Worship Training Elective—Worship space.** 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!

Blessing of the Bicycles will follow second hour. See more information below.

7pm Congregational Meeting Plan to join this month's congregational meeting in person at the meetinghouse. Please find agenda items and documents [here](#). You may also observe the meeting live via Zoom.

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
May 21 •9:30am Worship •11am Sunday school & Electives for Adults •12pm Bicycle blessing & ride •7pm Congregational meeting	May 22 • 4:30 & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group	May 23 • 7pm Gardening group • 7:15pm Small group reps mtg			May 26 • 9am Play group • 3:30pm Creative Movement class	
May 28 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> •9:30am Worship •11am Sunday school & Second hour •12pm Fellowship meal	May 29 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office closed</i>	May 30 • 7pm Gardening group			June 2 • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Elona Daugherty (Pre-K, Montessori) turns 5 on May 20th! Elona likes to work in the studio, read books and do math work at school. Outside she enjoys playing hide and seek, scootering and jumping on the trampoline with friends. She is learning to hula hoop and loves to give kisses to her little sister, have snuggles with her daddy and go to work with her mom. She thinks crunchy carrots are the best!

BICYCLE BLESSING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

The annual MYF end of season Bike Ride will be this Sunday, May 21st. Meet at the church with your bikes at 9:30am. We will be biking to Oxbow and back ending with brunch at GBCo with the aim to be back by 1:00. Bring helmets, water, snacks, sunscreen and money for brunch.

Bicycle Blessing. Our annual bike blessing ritual is this Sunday, and all are invited to participate. If able, ride your bike to church that day. And if interested, join others for a post-blessing bike ride – young families to Reith Park for a cook-out (see below); or a bit longer ride (10 miles one-way) via the Pumpkinvine bike path to Wedgewood Brewing for food and beverages.

JYF bike ride: After 2nd hour, the group will ride to Fidler pond and around the pond a time or two before biking to Mitch & Lora's for lunch and an end-of-year celebration.

Reith Park meet up: People with playground-age kids are invited to gather after the bike blessing this Sunday at the Reith park pavilion. We will provide plates, hot dogs, buns and condiments. Bring a bag of chips, cookies, or carrots to share. (Or other finger food sides that you can easily bike with). The splash pad will not be open yet. We have reserved the Pavilion but there will likely be plenty of other kids around. Please let Lora know if you plan to come so that we have enough hot dogs.

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

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Lost & Found: All of the items from Lost & Found are in the Multipurpose space on top of the chair cabinets. Please claim your items. After May 21, all remaining items will be donated to The Depot.

Meal Train for the Graber Roth's: There are still dates available to provide a meal for the family. [Sign up here.](#)

Sunday morning tasks: Not enough AMCCers signed up for tasks last August, so in order to get through to the end of the year we need more volunteers for coffee prep starting **mid-June** thru the rest of the year ([sign up here](#)). We also need child care volunteers from Sept-Dec ([sign up here](#)), coffee clean up volunteers Sept-Dec ([sign up here](#)) and people to lock up the building Oct-Dec ([sign up here](#)). There will also be sign up sheets in the Gathering space on Sunday.

Creative Movement Class May 26: Kids ages 4-8 are invited to join us for our May Creative Movement Class on Friday, 5/26, from 3:30-4:30pm. Participants will explore the world of dance through creative storytelling, movement activities, rhythm exploration and more! This month's theme is Garden Get-Up. **Please [register](#) before 5/22 to reserve a spot.** Contact Sara Morris with any questions.

Weeding help needed! This Tuesday at 7pm Mary Roth will be leading the gardening gathering in weeding around newer plantings. Bring your weeding tools along with your gardening gloves and help keep our green spaces beautiful!

Staff out of town: Scott Coulter will be out of town visiting family in Michigan May 26-June 1. Please contact Lora Nafziger or Karl Shelly for any pastoral needs.

Two percent committee will meet June 4 at 8:00 am at the Meeting House. Please contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com with suggestions or requests, including for [public school funds](#). Remember that we give to established organizations, not individuals. We don't begin programs. Other members on the committee are Barb Swartley, Glenn Gilbert, Barb Hassan, Joel Zwier and Marshall King. ([What is the Two Percent Fund?](#))

Thank you. I would like to thank Assembly for the use of the multi-purpose space and everyone who donated to my Mini Yoga Retreat on Monday evening. The total amount donated was \$450. I was able to write a check for this amount and drop it round to First Light Mission who were very grateful for this incredible amount. Thanks again to all who supported me in this event.—Alma Boyle

FELLOWSHIP MEAL, SUNDAY MAY 28

Fellowship Meal next Sunday, May 28! The Hospitality Committee requests that households with names beginning with A through L bring a main dish, and M through Z bring a side or salad. Everyone should feel free to bring a dessert in addition. If you prefer to bring something different than requested that's fine; what's important is to have plenty of all types of food. **Please label your food with any allergens (including gluten, dairy, nuts), and please deliver your food to the kitchen before worship.** Remember to bring table service for your family.

Composting at Assembly: The Assembly Green Team will be providing compost buckets for the fellowship meal on May 28th. There will be 5-gallon buckets near the trash area that are marked for compost. All food products (including meat) and paper napkins may go into the compost. The Green Team will take the compost offsite after the meal. Thank you for helping us reduce waste at our fellowship meals!

GRADUATING SENIORS

Congratulations to our seniors that are graduating this year! Maya Dengler Kaufman, Aidan Ebright Zehr, Alta Good-Elliott, Geoffrey Hochstetler, Chad Kennedy, Terran Kingsley, Yabi Kurtz, and Elena Stutzman.

Open houses:

Geoffrey Hochstetler Wednesday, May 31, 6-9pm at the farm (8794 N Harper Rd, Leesburg)

Chad Kennedy Sunday, June 4 from 12-5 at 502 Revere Drive, Goshen

Yabi Kurtz Friday, June 9 from 5-8pm at 201 N 22nd Street, Goshen

Maya Dengler Kaufman Saturday, June 10 from 1-3 pm at 3201 Wakefield Rd, Goshen 46528

Elena Stutzman Sunday, June 11 from 1-3pm at 707 Fair Oaks Drive, Goshen

Alta Good-Elliott Saturday, June 17, 2-5 pm, Goshen College Cabin, 400 Reservoir Place, Goshen

Aidan Ebright Zehr Saturday, June 17, 4-7pm, 63950 Old CR 17, Goshen

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Men's group(s): one Saturday per month, there's an opportunity for those identifying as male to have breakfast and conversation with a small group of other men from Assembly. The aim is to intentionally get to know and support one another, fellowship, explore healthy masculinity from an Anabaptist lens, and discuss and dismantle patriarchy. Interested? Contact Leon Bauman, Sean Smuts, and Jon Zirkle to learn more.

Board Members needed: Goshen Montessori Preschool is looking for up to 4 individuals to join their board of directors. You don't need previous board or education experience to apply, but both of those are a plus. You will get a chance to help GMP to continue to deliver a high-quality preschool education to many families in our community! See the job description [here](#). Reach out to Caleb Morris if interested.

Christian Berambaye, who was an IVEPer from Chad working in IT at Goshen College last year and hosted by Lora Nafziger and Mitch Rhodes and family, has been accepted for full-ride tuition scholarship at AMBS for a Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies. He writes this letter:

Family of Assembly Mennonite Church, I believe you are well and enjoying the great Easter season. I am happy to inform you that I have been admitted to AMBS for a Master of Arts in Peace and theology. I also received 100% scholarships, however, I still have to pay the cost of attendance fee (cost of living). I hereby come, to you my Assembly family, requesting for your financial support in order to cover the costs of attendance (~\$5,000). --Non tax deductible Donations can be made directly to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary designated to Christian Berambaye. He needs to have half the money in his account by the end of May.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

From Pacifist to Police Officer – May 20, 10am, Middlebury Church of the Brethren. Nicolas Kauffman, Goshen City police lieutenant, and adjunct professor of criminal and restorative justice at Goshen College, will speak on his journey “From Pacifist to Police Officer.” He hails from the Goshen City congregation and is a Manchester University graduate. [Read the flyer here.](#)

Webinar: Queer Justice/Racial Justice: Fractures and Intersections in MCUSA – May 24 at 7pm ET. Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsce6uqj8jHNJZHIREQKdYJLFB_R26NJ_s

WIDER CHURCH

Camp Friedenswald needs new double and queen size knotted comforters. If you are interested in sharing your gifts in this way, please contact Jess at Camp@Friedenswald.org. The comforters are provided on each bed in camp lodges, providing comfort, warmth and color! Thank you for helping us share hospitality with all who come to Camp Friedenswald.

Central District Mennonite Conference's May newsletter *Connector* can be read [here](#).

Anabaptist Climate Collaborative's May newsletter can be read [here](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service's most recent newsletter *On the Level* can be read [here](#).

Anabaptist Witness 10.1, “Mission and Education.” This issue — guest edited by Shin Ji Kang and Ron Shultz — explores opportunities and challenges that emerge when the goals of education and mission intersect. Authors reflect on themes such as interculturality, peace, the embodied gospel, and imperialism in relation to educational experiences in Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, England, Indonesia, Iraq and the U.S. Read it online for free: anabaptistwitness.org

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer. Marisa Smucker assumed the responsibilities of interim executive director of Mennonite Mission Network in March. Pray for God's wisdom and strength as she leads the agency.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Saturday Concert at Greencroft: Joyce and Jep Hostetler invite you to attend a concert at **3 p.m., May 20 at the Greencroft Community Center**. Singer, songwriter, and storyteller Phil Hart and his bass playing friend, Steve Rolfe, have given concerts to appreciative audiences in the Columbus, Ohio area for many years. Their original music includes songs like “Jesus was a Migrant” and “Dumpster Diving.” There will be a freewill offering.

LaCasa Help-a-House still needs volunteers to work on Saturday, June 4. Fill out the [volunteer form here](#).

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 (May 19, 2023)

In Elkhart County, Indiana, the [COVID-19 Community Risk 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/>