

Find COVID-19 Information Here

AssemblyLine June 25, 2023

Volume XLII, Number 26

WORSHIP

Join us on Sundays at 9:30 AM in Person, or on Zoom

June 25 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school

Worship Leader: Tom Kauffman Storyteller: Shannan Martin Scripture: Luke 19:1-10 July 2 9:30AM Worship No Sunday school 2% Offering

Worship Leader: Mary Lehman Yoder Storyteller: Johanna Sutter

SUNDAY JUNE 25

9:30am Worship. Click here for Order of Worship. This is the fourth Sunday of Summer Worship. Our storyteller this Sunday is <u>Shannan Martin</u>. Shannan is a mom, wife and neighbor living in Goshen. Her most recent book, *Start with Hello*, is a guidebook for your journey in living as a neighbor. <u>Click this link</u> for more information on our Summer Worship series.

The playground will be open for the last third of the service for school-age children this Sunday. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday this summer, sign up for supervision here.

Please consider signing a card for Mosaic Health & Healing Arts, an openly inclusive and welcoming medical facility to people who identify as LGBTQ2IA+ in Goshen. Mosaic has been under attack by political conservatives who control the government in Indiana. Assembly is joining other local congregations in offering support to Mosaic's staff during this stressful time. The card will be delivered to staff, along with other treats, this week. The card will be in the Gathering Space; see Scott Coulter with questions Sunday, or speak with Karl Shelly after this weekend if you want to know more about how local congregations are supporting Mosaic.

Sharing Prayer Requests. Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays. If you have something to share with the congregation and are not able to share it on Sunday morning during sharing time, please fill out this Google Form. If you wish a pastor to follow up with you, please contact a pastor directly via email or phone.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Emma Coulter (rising 2nd, Parkside) turned 7 on June 21! Emma was so glad to learn to tell time in school this past year. She is learning to play piano. She loves to listen to and read stories, swim and go biking. She likes to play dress up with Jenae and is looking forward to a trip to Harrisonburg this summer.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
June 25		June 27		June 29	June 30	
• 9:30am Worship		 7pm Gardening group 		 7pm Oak Flat 	 9am Play 	
• 2-4pm Farewell				presentation	group	
for Suko Ncube						
July 2	July 6	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8
2% Offering	 MC USA in Kansas 	Office closed	MCUSA	MC USA in	 MC USA 	MC USA
• 9:30am Worship	City	MC USA in Kansas City		Kansas City	 9am Play 	
					group	

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Out of town: Karl Shelly will be out of town over the weekend, June 24 & 25. Please contact Lora Nafziger or Scott Coulter for any pastoral needs.

Come hear Tim Nafziger, active in the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery coalition, share about his time at Oak Flat in Arizona, and the effort of the Apache Stronghold to resist the U.S. government's plan to transfer land considered sacred to the mining industry. **Thursday, June 29th, 7 pm** at the Assembly Mennonite meetinghouse. The Oak Flat struggle is a modern example of how the legacy of the **Doctrine of Discovery** continues to oppress Indigenous Peoples.

Card Shower: Bertha Beachy will turn 92 on **Sunday, July 2**. Send cards (include pictures of yourself and your family if possible) to 1225 Greencroft Dr., Rm 523, Goshen, IN 46526. Or you can go in person to visit. Early afternoon (before activity time at 2:30) is best. Bertha loves cut flower arrangements and chocolates.

Assembly watering help needed! This Tuesday at 7pm Mary Roth will lead the group in LOTS of watering, watering, watering! (and maybe pulling some weeds) Help Assembly keep our green spaces beautiful!

The Peace Table is the new children's story Bible published by MennoMedia. Assembly has purchased copies of this Bible for each family with children younger than junior high. We will be distributing these to families in August at the start of the school year.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Vacation Bible School! Join Assembly and other area churches Jul 31-Aug 3 from 5:30-8pm at Silverwood Mennonite Church as we learn to bring about change in our world today! Changemakers Lab an interactive VBS where children learn that everyone can make a difference in the world! The Bible stories in this curriculum explore examples of people who experienced and brought about change in the world around them. These people provide a model for asking hard questions, working together to solve problems, reaching across differences, and imagining a new world! Ages: Rising K - Rising 6th Graders Register here by July 9th

Assembly Mennonite Church

Pastoral Team

Karl Shelly <u>karlss@assemblymennonite.org</u> 574-621-1037 Anna Yoder Schlabach (on sabbatical)

Scott Coulter scottc@assemblymennonite.org 419-535-2918 Lora Nafziger loracn@assemblymennonite.org 574-312-0732 **Pastor Emeritae**: Lois Johns Kaufmann, Mary Lehman Yoder **Elders:** Randy Roth (chair), Sandy Fribley, Eric Yordy, Leon Bauman, Sara Morris, Cheryl Shreiner, Ben Good-Elliott

Youth Coordinators: Erich Miller, Marlette Gomez Wengerd, Ryan Gomez Wengerd, Gretchen Krause

Administrative Assistant: Becky Overholt (Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-3pm) office@assemblymennonite.org: 574-534-4190 Church Administrator: Naomi Roots (Fri 9am-12pm) naomikr@assemblymennonite.org

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.

DOING JUSTICE AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY

High school camp - Faith in Action at Goshen College July 17-21, 8:30a-12:30p. This camp focuses on community service and poverty in Elkhart County. Led by Kurt Buhring, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Theology at Saint Mary's College, the week will involve volunteer work at Church Community Services in Elkhart and include reflection and discussion of ideas from thinkers and activists such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, and Mohandas Gandhi. The camp costs \$50, but scholarships are available and breakfast and lunch are included. Registration and more information can be found here.

WIDER CHURCH

Transition: Since its inception in 2005, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College has been Mennonite Creation Care Network's home and largest sponsor. On August 1, 2023, MCCN will transfer to MCUSA. Read the MCUSA press release.

Newsletters: Most recent newsletters can be read here: <u>Mennonite Women USA</u>, <u>Mennonite Disaster Service</u>, <u>Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary</u>

Mennonite Education prayer requests for the month of July can be read here.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher, and their four children, as they minister in South Korea. Pray for Jae, as he serves as the executive director of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) and Korea Peacebuilding Institute, and pray for Karen as she works as NARPI's communications coordinator.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level AMBS program! Journey supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with a dedicated mentor. The Fall 2023 cohort begins Sept. 8; those who apply by July 11 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

Church matching grants for seminary. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match contributions that congregations, conferences and regional churches make toward a full-time graduate student's tuition costs. We're committed to making theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church — tap a shoulder! ambs.edu/church-matching-grants

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Bethany Christian School job openings can be found <u>here</u>. **Goshen College** job openings can be found <u>here</u>. **AMBS** job openings can be found <u>here</u>. **Other Mennonite Education** job postings can be found <u>here</u>. **Mennonite Church USA's** job postings are <u>here</u>.

Current COVID-19 Information (June 23, 2023)

In Elkhart County, Indiana, the <u>COVID-19 Community Risk Level</u> is **Low**.

Masks are optional. Please join on Zoom if you are feeling sick.

We encourage everyone to stay up to date on vaccinations and boosters.

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