

WORSHIP

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

<p>July 30 9:30AM Worship</p> <p>Worship Leader: Barb Swartley Storyteller: Jenna Reyanne Martin Scripture: Luke 10:25-37</p>	<p>August 6 9:30AM Worship <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Lora Nafziger Blessing Sunday Scripture: Numbers 6:24-26, Ephesians 3:17-19</p>
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SUNDAY JULY 30

9:30am Worship. This is the last Sunday of Summer Worship. Our theme for this summer’s worship has been *What is a neighbor? Did you participate in a neighbor challenge this week?*

After worship There will be a brief 20-minute meeting in Multipurpose space North for all Sunday school volunteers for the preschool class and younger.

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.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
July 30 • 9:30am Worship • 11am infant – PreK SS volunteer meeting	July 31 • 5:30pm Vacation Bible School at Silverwood	Aug 1 • 5:30pm VBS • 7pm Gardening	Aug 2 VBS	Aug 3 VBS	Aug 4 • 9am Play group • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	
Aug 6 • 9:30am Worship • 6pm Gardens open house		Aug 8 • 6:30pm Labyrinth Walk			Aug 11 • 9am Play group	Aug 12 • 9am Assembly Green Team
Aug 13 • 9:30am Worship • Sunday school begins infants thru 2 nd grade • 2 nd hour electives begin 3 rd grade - adults		Aug 15 • 7pm Gardening			Aug 18 • 9am Play group	Aug 19 Leadership group orientation

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

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Theo Miller-Good (PK, CCYC) turned 4 on July 3rd! Theo is really good at building things with magnetiles and blocks. He likes playing with cars and riding his bike. He is a fast runner and his favorite color is every color in the rainbow! Theo enjoys making crafts and playing outside at preschool. Theo likes to play with his sister and bake cookies with his parents.

Rylan Morris (PK, GMS) turned 4 on July 20th! Rylan loves to ride her balance bike, sing and dance and play with her sister Avery. She likes to ride her bike to the park with her family and her favorite food is ice cream. Rylan likes to help her mom cook and play games with her dad. At school she enjoys puzzles and letter work. She can swim with her face in the water and is very fast on a scooter. She enjoys drawing pictures and doing crafts.



Lucy Shenk turned 2 on July 26th! Lucy loves playing outside, going on walks with her dog Ollie, spending time with her grandparents and cousins, coloring and painting, and reading books. Right now, her favorite color is purple, favorite food is french fries, and her favorite thing to do is dancing to the "Frozen" soundtrack.

Avery Morris (K, Waterford) turns 6 on July 30th! This summer Avery has been enjoying riding her two-wheel bike, learning about Van Gogh (and visiting the Van Gogh Experience in Fort Wayne), and playing at the splash pad with friends! Avery finds beauty in art and loves many forms of creative expression. She is soaking up summer adventures with her sister, Rylan, and looking forward to kindergarten at Waterford this fall.



COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

All 2023-2024 Sunday school volunteers for the preschool class and younger, please plan to stay for a 20-minute meeting in Multipurpose North **this Sunday, July 30** immediately following worship to go over dates, dismissal plans, and other details for the year ahead. If you are unable to attend, contact Bethany Swope. Volunteers for grades 3-8 will meet Aug. 27 after worship.

Pastoral Team Availability. Scott Coulter and Lora Nafziger are traveling through July 31. Please contact Karl Shelly for any pastoral needs during that time. Anna Yoder Schlabach returns from her 3-month sabbatical on Aug 1!

Prayer & Sharing: Jerry Lapp has learned that the information submitted and printed in Wednesday's "sharing and prayer" email about his granddaughter's health contained errors, and that her family prefers that information about her health be kept private. Jerry requests that you please not contact the family. Thank you.

Gardening gathering: On Tuesday at 7pm Meribeth Shank will lead the group in weeding & watering. Bring your favorite weeding tools along with your gardening gloves and help Assembly keep our green spaces beautiful!

August Sunday School & 2nd hour: Sunday school for infants through 2nd grade will begin on Aug 13. During second hour in August we will be trying something new to go with the Food and Hospitality theme. There will be food and hospitality related electives that all people - adults, youth and children (grades 3 and up) can sign up for. Look for a listserv next week with descriptions of the electives and a digital sign-up form or sign up in person August 6 or 13.

Surprise Luncheons happening on Aug 20! This is a great way to get to know people in the congregation. If you would like to host or to be a guest that brings food to a lunch gathering with others, [sign up here](#). There are also sign-up sheets on a table in the Gathering space. You will find out that Sunday morning who will be around the table. You will receive an email the week before detailing how many people will be there and if there are food restrictions to be aware of.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The Assembly Green Team invites everyone to participate in an Open House to see examples of “rewilding” our yards. This Open House will be on **Sunday, August 6** from 6:00 - 8:30pm, and will feature four properties owned by Assembly members. Visit as many as you like. Information is available on the literature table, or you can find it posted [here](#). Rewilding is an idea championed by Doug Tallamy to use our private property to promote biodiversity and provide habitat for insects, birds and mammals. For those interested in learning even more, this concept will also be explored in our Second Hour option (August 13, 20, 27) on “Rewilding: Nature’s Best Hope.”

School Kits Challenge! Assembly’s school kit project is in full swing. Mennonite Central Committee has a goal of gathering 10,000 kits in August. By donating money for a kit, you can help kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. I have purchased many supplies already. If you want to help a child go to school, please consider donating money. One kit costs \$4. You can write a check to Assembly and put it in the offering with "MCC school kit" written in the memo line, or cash with a note. You can also give money directly to me. Join this effort to share a tangible message of God’s love with children around the world. Learn more about this challenge and download a free activity resource at mcc.org/school-kit-challenge. Thanks! Johanna Sutter

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Bushelcraft Farm wants to thank Assembly and the 2% Fund for giving to our cause as a local nonprofit. A class is coming up on Tues Aug 15th from 5:30-6:30pm at the farm in partnership with Seed to Feed. There is also an invitation for weekly volunteering each Thursday 4-7pm. Come for part, come for all. Other times can be accommodated. We have weeding, mulching, and harvesting to do, as well as watering and handy projects (tool maintenance, making signs, light carpentry). Also looking for folks with tech skills to help with small solar. Meet other people while volunteering! Contact Jon Zirkle for more info at bushelcraftfarm@gmail.com.

WIDER CHURCH

Run for Relief. You can already register for the Run for Relief at the 2023 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale! Registration details are on the website: <https://www.mennonitesale.org/run-for-relief>. Cost is only \$25! (\$20 without a t-shirt).

Mennonite Education monthly prayer calendar for August can be found [here](#).

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz, who have served in Paraguay since 1985. Pray for them as they invite people into deeper communion with God, through business chaplaincy, teaching and spiritual direction.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Creation Justice Webinar: “Parenting for a Healed Planet: A Conversation with Wilson Dickinson and Laura Alary”-- Wednesday, August 9, 6pm EDT. Join in a thought-provoking webinar as authors Wilson Dickinson and Laura Alary engage in a captivating conversation about the power of parenting, storytelling, and children's books in transforming a world grappling with the climate crisis. These two inspiring authors delve into the themes of their works, *Singing the Psalms with My Son: Praying and Parenting for a Healed Planet* and *The Dot We Call Home*. Books are available for purchase when you register for the webinar! [Register Here](#)

CELTIC PILGRIMAGES

An Iona Pilgrimage--September 13-22, 2024. Led by: Jane Thorley Roeschley and Jana Schrag Schopp. Come away for refreshment and renewal to one of the world’s most beloved Celtic “thin places”. You are invited to join us on a pilgrimage to the Isle of Iona, a holy island on the western coast of Scotland. We will engage in daily prayers and worship, soulful wandering, personal solitude and group reflection in a place beloved by pilgrims for centuries. [Read more and register](#)

CELTIC PILGRIMAGE: IONA & HOLY ISLAND LINDISFARNE--May 16-31, 2025. Co-led by Spiritual Directors Cathy Roby and Jane Roeschley. This 2-week pilgrimage focuses on Celtic Christian spirituality as experienced through the stories of

Celtic Christians living on the Isle of Iona (Scotland) and at Holy Island Lindisfarne (England). We will be following the path of Celtic monks from Iona to Melrose to Holy Island, pondering how their stories guide and inspire us today. [Read more and register](#)

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 (July 28, 2023)

In Elkhart County, Indiana, the [COVID-19 Community Risk Level](#) 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/>

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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>	