

## WORSHIP

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

<p><b>August 13</b>  <b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>  <i>Communion</i></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Becky Snider  <b>Sermon:</b> Scott Coulter  <b>Scripture:</b> Luke 14:15-24</p>	<p><b>August 20</b>  <b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Anna Yoder Schlabach  <b>Sermon:</b> Marshall King  <b>Scripture:</b> Luke 24:30-35</p>
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## SUNDAY AUGUST 13

**9:30am Worship.** [The Order of Worship can be read here.](#) Over the summer we heard stories of neighbors and neighborliness, stories of making connections across differences and we told stories in the neighbor challenges of the ways we offered hospitality and the ways we were shown care and community. As we shift back into the rhythms of the school year, we are carrying our learnings about neighbors forward with a series on “Food and Hospitality.” You can read the intro & see the schedule [here](#).

**Sunday school for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and younger begins TODAY.** Class locations are listed in the Gathering Space.

**Second hour Electives:** Adults, children & youth (grade 3 thru grade 12) will be joining together for the next three Sundays to have multigenerational conversations and share food together. There are 8 electives available: Please choose one elective to be part of for the entire three weeks. You can also [sign up here](#). You may sign up multiple family members using this form.

**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
Aug 13 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school infants thru 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade • 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour electives begin 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade - adults		Aug 15 • 7pm Gardening				Aug 19 6-8:30pm Leadership group orientation at Karl's
Aug 20 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 12:30pm Surprise luncheons • 7pm Cong meeting		Aug 22 • 7pm Gardening • 7:15pm Small group Reps				
Aug 27 • 8:30am 2% comm mtg • 9:30am Worship & SS • 12pm Volunteers for SS grades 3-12 mtg		Aug 29 • 7pm Gardening			Sept 1 • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



**Levi Stuckey Weber (CCYC) turned 3 on July 24th!** Levi is really fast on his scooter, and has befriended most of the neighborhood while out scooting. He loves cupcakes and all kinds of fruit, especially peaches and watermelon. He likes making up songs and building homes for his toy animals. He loves to be read to, and would visit the library every day if he could.



**Cecylia Gomez Wengerd (Rising 8th, GJHS) turned 13 on July 24th!** Cecylia loves to play soccer both with her school and club teams. She also enjoys track, playing violin and hanging out with friends. Highlights of her summer have included, going to Camp Friedenswald, spending time at the beach (every week!) and hanging out with friends. She enjoys doing her sister's hair, watching movies or playing board games with her parents and enjoys baking.



**Mateo Gomez Wengerd (CCYC) turned 2 on August 3rd!** Mateo is a joyful, sensitive boy who is never too far away from either of his sisters or our cat Chorizo. You can often find him kicking a soccer ball (inside or outside the house), singing to the Frozen soundtrack, jumping on the trampoline, or cuddling with Mom and Dad. Mateo has recently started sleeping through the night again. He is tentative around water but loves to play in the sand. Mateo's favorite foods are pizza and clementines!



**Winnie Yost turns 3 on August 14<sup>th</sup>!** Winnie has seemingly boundless amounts of energy and you can always see the gears turning in her head as she encounters something new. Her favorite activities include going on walks, playing store, and reading books. She hears everything and remembers it all, and often takes time to ask about people we haven't seen for a while. Cucumbers and ice cream are her favorite foods, along with anything that can be passed off as a "snack."

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**This is the LAST Sunday to sign up for Surprise Luncheons!** 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.

**Pledge Report:** For those of you who pledged to the General Fund for 2023, there are reports in your church mailboxes indicating the amount of your pledge and your total General Fund donations through last Sunday August 6. - John Nafziger, Offering Manager.

**Weeding help:** Come at 7pm on Tuesday to help Jonathon Schramm weed and water the native beds. Bring your gloves & favorite weeding implement and help keep Assembly's green spaces looking beautiful!

**Thank you** to Jerry Lapp for the use of his ceramic table settings up front this summer as part of the Neighbor worship series.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

**All Sunday school volunteers for grade 3-8 classes in 2023-2024**, please plan to stay for a 20-minute meeting on Sunday, Aug. 27 immediately following 2<sup>nd</sup> hour to go over dates, dismissal plans and other details for the year ahead. If you are unable to attend, contact Bethany Swope.

**Two Percent Committee** is meeting August 27. Please contact [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**My Coins Count.** Coins add up. Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world. Please begin saving your coins for our collections on Sundays in September before the Relief Sale Sept 23. If you would like to match the donations we collect on Sunday morning, please drop me a note. [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com)

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**Outrunning Hunger 5K to benefit The Window – Saturday, Sept 2.** The Window has many services that meet the basic needs of people in the Goshen community with a limited income. The Window serves a hot lunch daily, has a food pantry, clothing closet, is Meals On Wheels of Goshen, has showers, offers free faxing and copying, and is a post office. This race begins and ends in Shanklin Park; participants may choose to run or walk this race. We are allowing jogging strollers, but ask that those with strollers start in the back since the path is so narrow. The fee for individuals is \$25. [Sign up here](#)

**MCC Bike Michiana – Sept 15-17.** Join other bicycle enthusiasts of all skill levels for an enjoyable experience of pedaling the beautiful lake and farmland region of southern Michigan and northern Indiana. You will be supporting the mission and service of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Bike Michiana riders will raise money in 2023 for MCC's newest kit – Dignity Kits. Dignity kits are distributed through schools and orphanages where sanitary supplies are not readily available allowing young women to stay in class when they have their period. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

## MICHIANA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE SEPT 23&24

**More Quilts are needed.** Bless others through the work of MCC with your donation to the 2023 Quilt Auction at the Relief Sale. Comforters and quilts of all sizes, quilted wall-hangings, plus knitted or crocheted afghans are all needed. See the website for how to register your item - <http://www.mennonitesale.org/quilt-auction>. Registration ends August 25. For more information contact Gail Shetler, 574-333-7142.

**Do you love seeing happy children?** We need your help to host a carnival for kiddos at the MCC Relief Sale! Anyone 12 years or older can sign up to run a game booth. Kids under 12 are welcome to run a game with the help of an adult. Have fun in a carnival atmosphere while helping kids learn about the work MCC does around the world. Sign up at [Signup Genius 2023 Relief Sale Childrens Activities](#). If you have questions, contact Sonya Overman at [preschoolsonya@gmail.com](mailto:preschoolsonya@gmail.com).

**Volunteers** are also needed as golf cart shuttle drivers (see the [website](#) for 2.5 hour shifts available), helping with recycling, working in a booth, helping set-up before the sale and/or tearing down on Saturday. Email [mennonitesale@yahoo.com](mailto:mennonitesale@yahoo.com) for information.

**The Relief Sale Online Silent Auction** welcomes your donations of unique experiences, gift certificates, art works, and new/gently used items with a value of \$50 or more. Call/text 574-849-0053 or email [Kauffman.mMrs@gmail.com](mailto:Kauffman.mMrs@gmail.com).

## WIDER CHURCH

**Pathways Retreat** is offering new retreats in August & September: Shake off Stress, Renewing Your Spirit in Nature, and weekly yoga. Daily prayers resume August 15. Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org). Pathways Retreat's most recent newsletter can be read [here](#).

**Central District Conference Women's Retreat – Sept 15-17 at Camp Friedenswald.** This annual retreat, planned by women from across Central District Conference of MC USA, seeks to provide a place of connection and gathering for women. This year's guest speaker is Karla Minter. Find out [more](#) and [register today](#).

**Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit:** Approximately 300 youth, young adults and their sponsors gathered in Kansas City at the Kansas City Convention Center on July 7, 2023, for the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit. The summit focused on climate change, including climate anxiety, social justice and advocacy themes. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/encouraged-challenged-climate-summit](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/encouraged-challenged-climate-summit)

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer.** Everett and Miriam Ramer are serving with Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP program in Quebec, Canada, for more than two months. Pray for them as they work at Maison de l'Amitié (Friendship House) in Montréal and Camp Péniel, which offers a Jesus-centered experience for children and youth.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Presentation on Palestine.** The public is invited to a special presentation August 24, 10 am in the Greencroft Goshen Jennings Auditorium by Dr. Mazin Qumsiyeh, a scientist, author, and activist from Bethlehem, Palestine. A native Palestinian, Dr. Qumsiyeh was educated in the United States (PhD. in Zoology/Genetics from Texas Tech) and taught at Universities of Tennessee, Duke, and Yale, before returning to Palestine in 2008 where he founded the Palestine Museum of Natural History and the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability in Bethlehem. A prolific author, he writes on topics ranging from biodiversity to conserving Palestine's natural world, culture, and heritage in the face of the current human rights challenges and environmental issues. He describes himself as a "Bedouin in cyberspace" while being President of the Bethlehem/Palestine Rotary Club. His presentation, including PowerPoint slides and time for Q&A, will focus on "Popular Resistance in Palestine: A history of hope and empowerment with an example from the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability" and "How does the Current State of the Middle East Affect the World?" Dr. Qumsiyeh's presentation is made possible by the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace of Fort Wayne. There is no charge but a free-will offering will be taken. For more information contact David Janzen, 574-537-4568.

**Take a seminary course this fall!** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include Faith Formation and Spirituality: Children; History of Christianity in Africa; Luke-Acts: Gospeling Peace Amid Empire; Reading Cultural Contexts; Somatic Spiritual Practices; and more. Campus courses are also available. Some courses may be audited. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Classes begin Aug. 29; sign up by Aug. 21. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](http://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

## 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 (Aug 11, 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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Please email announcements to [assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org](mailto: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>.