

WORSHIP

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

<p>August 20 9:30AM Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach Sermon: Marshall King Scripture: Luke 24:30-35</p>	<p>August 27 9:30AM Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Leader: Randy Roth Sermon: Jep Hostetler Scripture: Luke 13:18-21</p>
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SUNDAY AUGUST 20

9:30am Worship. [The Order of Worship can be read here.](#) This is our 2nd Sunday of our series “Food and Hospitality.” You can read the intro & see the schedule [here](#).

Sunday school for 2nd graders and younger: Class locations are listed in the Gathering Space.

Second hour Electives: Please choose the elective you were part of last Sunday. If you were not here last Sunday, there are 4 electives you can join: the Rewilding elective in the Worship Space, the Tea Drinking elective in the Multipurpose Space, the Foraging elective in classroom 3, or the Kingdom of God Makes Room for All elective in classroom 2b. Electives begin immediately following first hour and finish 45-50 minutes after the closing song/benediction.

For anyone participating in the Foraging elective, you are welcome to bring items (could be blemished/‘seconds’) that you foraged from your garden or backyard, from a neighbor, or things found from dumpster diving! We plan to go exploring for edible plants this Sunday to a nearby walkable location. Contact Jon Zirkle if you have questions.

12:30pm Surprise Luncheons – If you signed up to participate in Surprise Luncheons, look in your church mailbox on Sunday to find out where you are gathering for lunch, and with whom.

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 20 • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 12:30pm Surprise luncheons		Aug 22 • 7pm Gardening • 7:15pm Small group Reps				
Aug 27 • 8:30am 2% comm mtg • 9:30am Worship & SS • 12pm SS Volunteer mtg		Aug 29 • 7pm Gardening	Aug 30 • 7pm Welcome statement comm.		Sept 1 • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	
Sept 3 • 9:30am Worship No Sunday school • 11am Fellowship meal		Sept 5 • 7pm Leadership group	Sept 6 • 1pm Lunch bunch • 5:30-8pm Small group childcare			

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Francis Nafziger Marsh (Goshen Montessori) turned 4 on August 8th! Francis thinks it is very funny that his preschool and church are in the same building. He loves biking around town, ice cream and digging holes in the yard. He also loves helping Grampy (John Nafziger) with chores around the yard and garden. His favorite color is purple and he will eat all the blueberries he can get his hands on.



Cora Shreiner Landes (8th GJHS) turned 13 on August 11th! Cora loves Takis, Ramen and watermelon (it is her baby!) She enjoys playing volleyball, swimming, reading and spending time with friends. Highlights of her summer included time with friends and attending Camp Friedenswald. She enjoys choir, and playing saxophone and is excited to learn to cook in school this year.



Linden Rothshank (5th BCS) turned 11 on August 14th! He loves legos and playing games like Settlers of Catan. He enjoys reading comics, the Ranger's Apprentice and has recently started playing soccer. His favorite animal is the red fox. Ask him about his fox collection. If you have Pokémon Go on your phone, he'd be glad to help you play.



Saya Quintana (3rd Waterford) turned 9 on August 15th! Saya loves to swim, play soccer, go biking and do art. She especially enjoyed camping and canoeing with her grandparents this summer, and attending Bright time camp. She plays piano and is learning how to use roller blades. She likes ocean animals and raptors and would like to learn many new languages in her life.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Pastoral coverage: Scott Coulter will be out of town Aug 25-27. Please contact one of the other pastors during this time for any pastoral needs.

Next Sunday: Please bring garden produce for the offering (your finest tomatoes, best zucchinis, etc). This is intended to be a playful way to practice releasing the good gifts we have received. Overwhelm the front table with harvest offerings and share in each other's gardens of abundance! After 2nd hour all are welcome to take what they need; the rest will be donated to The Window.

Aydian Smuts will be living at Bashor Homes until he turns 18 in a little over a year. He joined the congregation when he was baptized earlier this year, and we all have a chance to keep in touch via the mail. Aydian can receive snail mail (no gifts are allowed) at this address: Bashor Home for Children, 62226 C. R. 15, Geyer Cottage, Goshen, IN 46526, Attn: Aydian Smuts.

Weeding help: Come at 7pm on Tuesday to help John Nafziger to weed and water. Bring your gloves & favorite weeding implement and help keep Assembly's green spaces looking beautiful!

Yoga classes will resume Monday evenings starting September 11th at 10-11am and 6-7 pm. Both classes are now full. Contact Alma Boyle if you want you to be put on a waiting list for a space.

Mentors & Mentees: Mentor-Mentee kick-off event will be Sept. 24 following 2nd hour at Fidler Pond park. Mark your calendars and RSVP [here](#). More details will come at the end of August.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jamey and Kay Bontrager-Singer are inviting you to a backyard concert on Tuesday, Aug, 22 at 6:30 pm. (919 S. 7th St) featuring the band [Annagail](#). We will provide the ambiance, the snacks, and the music. You bring the life and camaraderie and **lawn chairs**. The lead musician, Jared, has been a long-time friend and fellow elder of [Illuman](#) of Indiana-Michigan with Jamey. He desires to live as an expression of healthy masculinity, and his music and art reflect that desire. Jared and Jennifer both share a deep love of story and music-making that mixes for a powerful concert experience. All ages are appropriate and welcome! A \$10 donation at the door is suggested. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to Assembly Mennonite church. *Listen to a sample: [Annagail // So Called We](#) or visit their website: [Annagail.net](#)*

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Helping Your Neighbors: Some churches in Elkhart are organizing English as a Second (ESL) classes for adults. Volunteer teachers are needed for the next session of classes, August 31-November 16, meeting at Prairie Street Mennonite Church. Sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm. Volunteering once or twice a week is your choice. Materials are provided. You do not need to be a trained teacher. If desired, you may start as an assistant-in-training working with a veteran teacher. You do not need to be able to speak Spanish. Please contact Sueann VonGunten, vonalter2@gmail.com or 574-612-3108 with your interest or questions. Approximately 20 teachers are needed to teach all of the classes. If you have friends who might be interested, encourage them to call or write. Please consider helping your neighbors learn English. We also need a greeter/door opener every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:45-7:00 pm. Could you help once or twice a month?

CAPS Silent Auction: Whether you are attending the 2023 CAPS {CASA} Blanca auction or not, we invite you to participate in the art silent auction or donate. Please follow [this link](#) to browse silent auction items and bid. You will have to enter your information to pre-register and bid on items. Each item lists a photo, artist, artist description, and description of the art piece.

Walnut Hill Dinner & Auction – August 25 at 6pm at the Spohn Ball Room. Tickets can be purchased online at Walnuthillecc.org or [here](#).

MICHIANA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE SEPT 23&24

Volunteers needed for Kids' carnival: 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. Everything will be set up and ready to go, but we need people to show up, take tickets and run the games. There are two shifts for each game – Friday 5-8pm & Saturday 9a-12p. Games include: Plinko, Pick-a-Pop, Nasty Nose, Splat a Rat, Sjoelen (Dutch Shuffleboard), Ring Toss, Bean Bag Toss, and more. Sign up at [Signup Genius 2023 Relief Sale Childrens Activities](#). If you have a basic question about how things went last year talk to Sarah Horst. Any other questions, contact Sonya Overman at preschoolsonya@gmail.com. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

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 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.

WIDER CHURCH

You're invited to an anniversary celebration for Thrift at Woodland Crossing! Join us as we celebrate one year of Elkhart's MCC Thrift shop on **Friday, August 25 from 10 am. – 6 p.m.** There will be drawings for free gifts and store gifts cards, along with refreshments. All regular priced items will be 15% off, plus weekly 50% and 75% off items. Thank you to the community for supporting the first year of Thrift at Woodland Crossing! Come see us at 138 W. Hively Ave., Suite 7 in Elkhart.

MCC Great Lakes Open House on Thursday, August 31, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. You are invited to visit our office in The Depot building in Goshen (1013 Division Street) for an informal time of conversation and fellowship with Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes staff. There will be an opportunity for those who visit to donate items for and put together a school kit for MCC's School Kit Challenge. For more information and to register, visit mcc.org/gl-open-house or RSVP to 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org by August 24. See the poster on the bulletin board.

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. Karla Minter, pastor/doula at Open Table Mennonite Church will be leading contemplative worship practices and Brooke Rothshank will be leading two workshops on gratitude. Spend time in the peaceful woods with and connect with others. Mentor/mentee pairs are encouraged to attend and financial assistance is available. Find out [more](#) and [register today](#).

Newsletters: [Central District Conference](#), [Mennonite Disaster Service](#)

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer. Pray for Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children, as they complete their North American Ministry this week and go back to Chad on Friday. Pray for safe travels and a joyful reunion with friends, as they return to teaching at Shalom Evangelical Theological Seminary (Peter), working in maternal and child health (Christy) and school (the children). The family serves jointly with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Online Short Course: Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace: Oct. 25 – Nov. 21. Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this four-week online AMBS short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and explore practical and effective nonviolent strategies for resisting it — drawing insights from how Jesus countered oppression. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50. ams.edu/nationalism

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Job opening for an Executive Director at Goshen Montessori Preschool: Please click [this link](#) for details & to apply.

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 18, 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 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>.