

## WORSHIP

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>          2% Offering          Communion &amp; Fellowship Meal</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Leader:</b> Susan Mark Landis  <b>Sermon:</b> Jim Stump  <b>Scripture:</b> Exodus 3:1-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30AM Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>          2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Congregational meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Leader:</b> Ted Larrison  <b>Sermon:</b> Isaiah Friesen  <b>Scripture:</b> Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9</p>
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## SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

**8:45am Young adult breakfast** Those who are post-high school through age 30 are invited to a breakfast in **classroom 3**. Hosted this week by Anna Yoder Schlabach.

**9:30am Worship.** [The Order of Worship can be read here.](#) Our Fall worship series: Origin Stories, continues this Sunday. How are we being shaped into a people of authentic and deeply grounded faith? What are the new ideas or ways of being that we are wrestling with? [Click here](#) to read the introduction or pick up a copy from the literature table.

**Sunday school.** After worship all children & youth (infants thru 12th grade) are invited to participate in Sunday school. Classroom locations are posted in the Gathering Space.

**2<sup>nd</sup> hour.** Scott Coulter & Anna Yoder Schlabach will be leading a discussion about Assembly's communion practices.

**Fellowship Meal following 2<sup>nd</sup> hour.** Households with names beginning with A through L please bring a main dish, and M through Z please 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.

**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.

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<p>Please email announcements to <a href="mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org">assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org</a> by 11PM local time Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's AssemblyLine. To receive the AssemblyLine via email visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe">https://tinyurl.com/Aline-subscribe</a>.</p>	

# COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Oct 1 • 8:45am Young adult bkfst • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • Fellowship meal • 1-3pm MYF event	Oct 2 • 10am & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group	Oct 3 • 7pm LG meeting	Oct 4 • 11:30am Lunch bunch • 5:30-8pm Small group childcare		Oct 6 • 9:30am Greencroft meet up	
Oct 8 • 8:45am Young adult bkfst • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school • 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour congregational mtg • Noon Parent/teacher meeting	Oct 9 • 10am & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group	Oct 10 • 6:30pm Labyrinth walk			Oct 13 5:30pm Church Retreat begins	Oct 14 Church Retreat All day
Oct 15 • 10am Worship at Camp Friedenswald	Oct 16 • 10am & 6pm Yoga • 6:30pm Dance group					

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



**Finley Stump (Montessori) turned 4 on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>!** Finley likes to play piano, listen to music and dance and sing. He also loves to ride his bike - no training wheels! He likes to be outside and to help cook and to snuggle and read stories!



**Finn Mast turned 3 on September 27<sup>th</sup>!** Finn is energetic, loves pushing around toy trucks, and eating carbs. Finn finds lots of ways to get dirty and wet and loves learning about vehicles and animals.



**Isabel Martin turns 2 on September 30<sup>th</sup>!** Isabel is currently enjoying honing her skill for talking and making sure everyone knows what she wants. Her favorite activity is going to the playground to use the swings and slides repeatedly for as long as you let her. She also enjoys reading books, playing with her dog Herschel, helping mom "cook", and learning how to swim.

## COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

**Out of office:** Becky Overholt will be out of town Oct 1-15. Please contact Naomi Roots ([naomikr@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:naomikr@assemblymennonite.org)) or Scott Coulter ([scottc@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:scottc@assemblymennonite.org)) for any office needs during that time. Office hours during these 2 weeks will be M,W,F from 9a-12p.

**Service for Mario Wenger.** Visitation will be Friday, Oct 20 at College Mennonite Church from 2-4 pm & 6-8 pm. The service is Sat, October 21 at 11 am at College Mennonite Church followed by a light meal & sharing. The service will be livestreamed and recorded.

**Women's Lunch Bunch:** This Wednesday, Oct 4 at 11:30am. Bring a packed lunch and drinks will be provided. Linda Gerber and Sandra McMasters, two candidates for the at large position on city council will be our speakers.

**Small Group Childcare Oct 4, 5:30-8pm.** Childcare will be in the MP space. Parents—in order to determine how many childcare workers we need, it is imperative that you RSVP by Oct 1. [Please sign your children up here.](#)

**Congregational meeting next Sunday, Oct 8 during 2<sup>nd</sup> hour.** Agenda will include the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Pastoral Team Job Descriptions.

**October 8th pizza lunch & parent-teacher Meeting:** All teachers and parents of Sunday school classes from John's class through MYF are invited for lunch and a meeting immediately following second hour on October 8th. We do this twice a year as a way for families to connect with each other and talk about various aspects of Christian formation. Lora will speak about spiritual formation at Assembly as she has understood it and shaped it over the last 10 years. Bring your children, who will spend time with the MYF during lunch and the meeting. Pizza and dessert provided. Please bring a finger food side to share. We will conclude by 1:15pm.

**Volunteer Tasks.** Most of you have not signed up for volunteer tasks for next year. As part of our congregational life together, we ask individuals to volunteer for 2 tasks for the year. Tasks include providing childcare, making coffee, clean up, taking a head count, counting offering, closing up the building, and helping with fellowship meals. Please fill out the volunteer form [here](#) by Oct 15.

**School kits report from Johanna Sutter:** What a generous & caring congregation we are. I received \$2357.10 from the offering and \$453 was given to me in cash for a total of \$2790.10. I was able to buy enough supplies for 660 school kits & some extra supplies. Just think that 660 children will be able to go to school! That's like every child at West Goshen & Chamberlain receiving a school kit. Thanks everyone for your contribution – especially the 5 children who gave me some of their own money.

## CHURCH RETREAT OCT 13-15

The Retreat schedule can be viewed [here](#).

**The time is now to sign up for the Assembly Church Retreat Variety Show!** Our yearly retreat at Camp Friedenswald is coming up Oct 13-15 and the sign-up list is now open for the Variety Show on Saturday night. Children, youth, adults, families, groups, solo acts, novelties, diversions, novices or pros--all are welcome to share during this celebration of our many and diverse collective gifts! We welcome skits, talents, music, dance, spoken word, or whatever you can dream up. Let's celebrate! Sign up at <http://bit.ly/Assembly-variety-signup> or email host Kyle Schlabach at [kylesbs10@gmail.com](mailto:kylesbs10@gmail.com)

**Church Retreat Activities Sign up:** Please help the Friedenswald Retreat activity leaders plan by indicating your interest in various activities. Unlike the lodging and food registration you already did, this is encouraged, but optional and non-binding. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdviUffnrtdFzIPmOpXfAO1Yjrb-0nAARb5z-6dgQW\\_X1luA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdviUffnrtdFzIPmOpXfAO1Yjrb-0nAARb5z-6dgQW_X1luA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

**Worship gifts form:** Each Sunday morning, many people are involved in the worship service. One way to share your gifts is to fill out a worship gifts [form](#). This helps worship leaders and planners to continue our value of participatory worship. There will also be paper copies of this form in the gathering space for the next several weeks. Even if you have filled out this form in the past, we encourage you to fill it out again so that we have an updated list of willing participants.

**Birthday cards:** For several years, Naomi Chapman has been making and sending birthday cards on behalf of the congregation. She is ready for someone else to take this on. We are wondering if anyone would feel called to continue this ministry of care or volunteer for a month at a time. Assembly provides the stamps and cards if needed. Please contact Naomi with questions (574-312-9255 or nrchap49@gmail.com). And THANK YOU, Naomi for sharing your time and creativity in this way.

## DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

**My Coins Count.** On behalf of Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, thank you for your enthusiasm and energy at **Assembly Mennonite** in collecting coins and matches for **My Coins Count**. Your congregation donated \$ **2153.48**, helping MyCC bring in over **\$63,000** this year and bringing the sale total to over **\$425,000!** Your MyCC contribution will help MCC partners alleviate the growing threat of extreme hunger around the world. It will provide food assistance to vulnerable people in refugee camps in Syria and Ethiopia who have fled violence in their home communities. It will help farmers in Uganda and Guatemala learn new ways of growing crops that will expand their yield and improve the nutrition and economics for their families. It will assist families in Palestine and India to grow kitchen gardens, allowing them to grow fresh vegetables to improve the health of their families. It will assist with animal sharing programs in Cambodia and Lebanon, giving sheep, goats, chickens, and fish, which provide a renewable resource of nutrition and improve the financial security for families who struggle with sources of income. Thank you for sharing food with hungry people through MCC and their partners in the name of Christ. – Roelf Kuitse, MyCC Coordinator- MMRS

**Volunteer Training for the Elkhart County Jail Ministry – Tuesday, Oct 17, 6:30-8pm at [RESTÖR Church](#) in Goshen.** Come and learn about volunteer opportunities inside the jail, inside Work Release, as well as with our reentry housing ministry. We will also discuss the possibilities inside our upcoming community center! We will also be joined by Dave Lanzen, Captain of the Elkhart County Jail. Cpt. Lanzen will give an update on how things are going inside the jail from his perspective, as well as answer questions you may have. Refreshments will be served. [Pleaser register here.](#)

**Kitchen Help Needed at Camp Friedenswald!** Summer is now officially over and we are in the busy fall season of outdoor education programming and retreat groups. We could use your help! We have shifts for food prep and dishes/cleanup tasks with a variety of dates and times available through October. You can make it into your own mini-retreat if you come to volunteer and stick around for a couple of days enjoying all of what Camp has to offer during your time off with lodging and meals provided. If interested, please contact our Food Service Director, Eric Emerson, at [eric@friedenswald.org](mailto:eric@friedenswald.org)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**On Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 Camerata Singers** will celebrate the music of Goshen's own nationally renowned composer, Lee Dengler. Lee has spent his illustrious career as a composer, engraver, voice teacher, singer and choral director, and has over 220 works published by most of the nation's major music publishers. Along with compositions for voice, piano, and choir, the evening includes a world premiere of Enough, a powerful new choral work with text by Susan Naus Dengler on the theme of gun violence. Choirs from Goshen, Elkhart, and Bethany Christian high schools will join Camerata Singers on Lee's most popular choral work, *Things That Never Die*. Scott Hochstetler, artistic director; Brody Thomas, keyboard artist. Friday, October 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Sauder Concert Hall, Goshen College Music Center 1700 South Main Street, Goshen, Indiana. Tickets available at [thecameratasingers.org](http://thecameratasingers.org) and at the door. \$18.00 adults, \$6.00 students

## WIDER CHURCH

**Give Back Night for Bethany Christian Schools** - On Tuesday, October 3rd Bethany Christian Schools will have a Culver Give Back Night. A portion of the proceeds will go to fun events that Bethany is holding from our PTO. Please come to Culver's at 2019 Lincolnway E, Goshen, to have dinner or a custard treat from 6-9pm. You may even get to see a familiar face bring you the order!

**Goshen College Thrift Fair.** GC is trying something new at Homecoming this year, and the entire Goshen College community (alums, employees, students, retirees, friends, families, community members) is encouraged to participate. It's the GC Thrift Fair, Saturday, October 7 from 1-3 p.m. in the Goshen College Union! Everyone is invited to bring their new or well-loved - maybe even vintage - GC items (t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, athletic wear, scarves, mugs, etc.) to pass

along to a new, appreciative generation of Maple Leafs. For a donation to the GC Fund, anybody can score a new-to-them vintage GC treasure. Come & mingle, tell GC stories, and get to know a new generation of GC'ers. Who knows? Maybe you'll even find something for yourself!

**Mennonite Public Educators:** Join us for "Being a Mennonite in public ed," the first of four Zoom meetings on Thursday, October 12 at 7pm. Mennonite Public Educators is a group that brings together Mennonite teachers and other education professionals who work in a public school setting in the US or Canada for mutual encouragement, support, and learning. There is no cost to join the conversation, but registration is required to share the Zoom link. RSVP [here](#). For more information, email [info@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:info@MennoniteEducation.org).

**Restoration Retreat at Camp Friedenswald Oct 20-22.** This retreat is designed for people who long for restoration in our world and desire to connect with others around this longing. You will leave feeling more connected, inspired, and empowered to work for positive change in your community and the world beyond. Sarah Werner will be leading four core sessions throughout the weekend. Each participant will receive a signed copy of her recent book, *Rooted Faith: Practices for Living Well on a Fragile Planet*. This retreat is open to all ages. More information is available [online](#). [Register today](#).

**Save the date for a Comforter Bash!** Make plans to join us on November 10 and 11 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit [mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash) or contact Donna Stoltzfus at 574.831.4098. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

**Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale update.** We are pleased to report the grand total for this year's relief sale is approximately \$425,000. While much of what we sell is donated, we have some expenses and then will joyfully forward a large percentage of that to Mennonite Central Committee. We are deeply grateful to all who donated items, volunteered, and came to enjoy this year's event and support MCC. - Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Board

**Newsletters:** [Central District Conference](#), [Anabaptist Disabilities Network](#)

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer** for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who work with volunteers at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, to offer food and shelter to migrants, as they seek refuge en route to the United Kingdom. Pray for deep spiritual grounding for the Givens family and the volunteers, as they accompany people suffering from deep trauma. Pray also for more volunteers

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Conflict Resolution workshops on Zoom.** [The Shalom Collaboratory](#) at Eastern Mennonite Seminary is developing new training programs for theologically informed conflict transformation skills. In these workshops, webinars, and short courses, participants will learn how to implement an adaptive leadership approach to transform conflicts in the creative spirit of Godly imagination, incorporate strategies for trauma awareness and resilience into their congregational practices, or take up other practical approaches to the troubles our congregations now routinely encounter. Register [here](#).

**Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Oct. 25 – Dec. 12.** Explore the birth and development of the Anabaptist movements in the 16th century in this six-week online Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary short course taught by Jamie Pitts, PhD. You'll be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and your own life or ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50; final registration deadline is Oct. 18. [amb.edu/online-short-courses](http://amb.edu/online-short-courses)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Mennonite Central Committee is hiring a Peace Education Coordinator!** The Peace Education Coordinator leads MCC's church education efforts nationwide in the U.S. related to peace and nonviolence. This includes peace theology, conflict transformation, and response to violence (including gun violence prevention, anti-militarism, and mass incarceration). Education efforts involve engaging MCC's constituency on these peace-related topics by working with MCC regional staff and with denominational and other partners. Apply at [mcc.org/peace-education-coordinator](http://mcc.org/peace-education-coordinator) by October 16.



**MCC Plain Community Liaison:** MCC seeks someone to serve as the primary liaison to large segments of Anabaptists in the U.S. that self-identify as Plain Anabaptists. In collaboration with MCC colleagues, this position develops, analyzes, implements and evaluates engagement with Plain communities. This position sets broad goals for building relationships with key representatives in Plain communities and demonstrates MCC's commitment to engaging the full range of Anabaptist churches and beyond. For more information contact Marilyn Peters at [MarilynPeters@mcc.org](mailto:MarilynPeters@mcc.org) or apply online by October 23 at [mcc.org/plain-community-liaison](http://mcc.org/plain-community-liaison).

**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 (Sept 29, 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/>