

WORSHIP

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

<p> November 5 9:30AM Worship Sunday School <i>2% Offering</i> </p> <p> Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach Sermon: Ben Sywulka Scripture: 1 Kings 18:[17-19] 20-39 </p>	<p> November 12 9:30AM Worship Sunday School </p> <p> Worship Leader: Marshall King Sermon: Stephen Lowe Scripture: Hosea 11:1-9 </p>
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS! PLEASE REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT!

8:45am Young adult breakfast Those who are post-high school through age 30 are invited to a breakfast in the Multipurpose space.

9:30am Worship. [The Order of Worship can be read here.](#) This is the third Sunday in part 2 of our fall series using the [Narrative Lectionary](#).

Who is Sovereign? Our next set of texts include stories from throughout the history of Israel and Judah. These stories wrestle with the politics of living together and the brokenness of human society. Throughout all of these stories, we are called to wonder: Where is God in this? Who is Sovereign? Is it the God of Abraham, Isaac and Judah, or is the real Lord some other power?

In this series, we will wrestle with some of the same questions in our own lives: who is Lord and Sovereign of our world today? We'll explore where God's *hesed* (steadfast love) shows up, how she works actively in human history, and how we, like the children of Israel, respond to her in sometimes surprising ways. [Read the full introduction here.](#)

A note on "Who is Sovereign" Worship Visuals. Right now we have in our worship space two abstract paintings by Christa Reuel. In this series our Biblical texts highlight the messy relationships and history of God's people, and this art gives us a chance to experience a different kind of messiness and see what emerges. Patterns? Emotions? Memories? And what shows up if we sit in a similar way with the texts? A joy of abstract art is that there isn't a wrong answer.

Second hour. During this series we will meet three times in "ABC groups" during second hour. These are groups divided alphabetically by first names. Each week your group will be given a discussion prompt. Our hope is that this is a chance to learn to get to know each other better. The prompt this week will be around sharing your own origin stories.

Surprise Luncheons TODAY. If you signed up to be a host or a guest for surprise luncheons, please find your instructions in your mailbox.

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.

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>.

COMING UP

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Young adult bkfast 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 12:30pm Surprise luncheons 	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Dance group 	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Leadership group 				<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm MYF 5:30pm Tanzanian meal
<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Young adult bkfast 8:45am Hospitality Committee mtg 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 1:30pm Tour of South Central Elkhart 	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am & 6pm Yoga 6:30pm Dance group 	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Labyrinth walk 				
<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Young adult bkfast 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 7pm Congregational mtg 	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Dance group 					

COMMUNITY LIFE

Pledges for 2024 are due THIS SUNDAY, Nov 5: A link to the pledge letter can also be found [here](#). Physical copies are available on the literature table. Completed forms can be turned into John Nafziger’s mailbox. Please contact [Dancy Hirschler](#) or [John Nafziger](#) with questions.

Covenanting: There will be several people covenanting over the next few weeks. This Sunday, Kyle Schlabach (Group Ring of Fire) will be covenanting. On Nov 12, Ted & Darlene Larrison (Group Bees) will be covenanting. And on Nov 19, Bob & Lorna Mynsberg (Group Well Seasoned) will be covenanting. We invite you to send them your words of welcome.

The Pastoral Team would like to thank the small groups and elders who *blew us away* in showering us with treats and appreciative cards during Pastor Appreciation Month in October! We are so glad to be part of Assembly, and it is a privilege to serve in ministry in this congregation. Thank you all for the ways you show your love and appreciation for us and our work. – Anna, Karl, Lora, and Scott

AMC 50th Celebration: The committee planning Assembly's 50-year Celebration would like to have all church participants fill out [this brief survey](#). Your participation will help us in our planning. There will also be hard copies available on Sunday morning.

Out of town: Karl Shelly will be on vacation Nov 9-12. Please contact one of the other pastors for any pastoral needs during this time.

Prayer shawls: Naomi Chapman knit shawls to comfort folks at Assembly. Anna loves giving them to people she visits. Do you knit or crochet and want to continue the tradition? Contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com for information.

The pastoral search committee invites the congregation to suggest names for our future 0.6 FTE Pastor of Child, Youth, and Adult Faith Formation. Please send names to [Bethany Swope](#) or [Tom Kauffman](#) by Nov. 12 with a sentence or two about the person's gifts for the role and contact information. The [job description](#) can be found on the Assembly website.

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EVENTS AT AMC

Tanzania Education Aid will host a Tanzanian meal at Assembly on November 11 at 530pm. We are raising money for programs in the Shirati, Tanzania region of East Africa. Come enjoy some ugali, rice pilau, chai, and other food typical to this region. The meal is \$20 for 12 and older, \$10 for 5-11, under 5 are free. Dinner will be served at 530pm, and a program update will be given at 630pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering Friday evening or Saturday during the day with food prep, please contact any board members: Eric Yordy, Katie Schramm, or Lenora Hirschler Magatti.

Nov 12 Assembly tour of South Central Elkhart. Assembly has been offered a walking tour of South Central Elkhart (also known as the Benham West Neighborhood) on Sunday afternoon, November 12th. The tour will begin at Prairie Street Mennonite Church at 1:30pm and will be led by Cyneatha Millsaps and Jason Shenk. This will be an excellent opportunity to better understand the harm caused to the local African American community through “urban renewal” in the ‘60s through today. Those who are interested in carpooling from the meeting house should meet at 1pm. Please let Glenn Gilbert (ggilbert1301@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend and if you plan on carpooling or driving separately.

The next congregational meeting will be at 7pm Sunday November 19, in-person in the worship space. All are invited to come hear about the work of the Welcome Statement Committee, and to participate in a facilitated discussion about the work the congregation dreams a revised welcome statement will do. The committee is: Stephen Lowe & Regina Shands-Stoltzfus (co-chairs), Jenna Martin, Kate Kennedy, Sara Morris, Scott Coulter.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Our neighbors are hungry. Elkhart Food Bank estimates that one in ten people in Elkhart country don't know where their next meal is coming from. The Goshen Salvation Army says that one in six children in Goshen face hunger. Our October **Sharing with Neighbors** contributions will go to THE WINDOW. Place your shelf-stable items in the gray box. This can include personal care items (including small, unopened hotel bottles) and used towels. To receive food from the Window, one must provide a photo ID or proof of address. Clients may receive food once a month during limited open hours.

WIDER CHURCH

Palestine Action Hour – Nov 5 at 2pm EST on Zoom. Join Community Peacemaker Teams for an update from the team on the ground in Hebron. After we listen and bear witness to their continued resistance under occupation and apartheid, we will have an opportunity to ask the team questions. At the end of the meeting, we will support the team by taking action to call for a ceasefire and appropriate humanitarian aid to the unfolding catastrophe that Palestinians are living through. If you want to turn this into a community event, you can host a CPT dinner during this hour of action, bringing family and friends together with Palestinian recipes you can find [here](#).

End Gun Violence. Mennonite Church USA has launched “Learn, Pray, Join: End Gun Violence,” an initiative to bring awareness to the complex issue that intersects with poverty, racism, discrimination, criminal justice, education and the environment. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/educate-topic-lpj Visit the initiative page here: mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence

Goshen MCC Comforter Bash: 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 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. **Dates:** Friday, November 10 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.); Saturday, November 11 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) **Location:** Pleasant View Church - 58529 County Road 23, Goshen, IN 46528

Voices Together & Indigenous Communities: Katie Graber, Anneli Loep Thiessen and Sarah Kathleen Johnson share a glimpse into the new resource, “Guide to *Voices Together* Songs and Resources with Connections to Indigenous Communities in Canada and the United States,” which was recently released by the *Voices Together* team. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/connecting-communities-voices-together

Newsletters: [Mennonite Men](#)

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Johnstown Service Adventure unit, which is made up of Elias Wolff, Henriette Preuss, Leni Schreiber and Marie Haller, as well as unit leaders Josh and Stef Musser and their children, Jacob and Noah. Pray for a harmonious household, deepening faith and service that reflects God's love through clinics, Head Start, school and after-school programs.

PATHWAYS RETREAT

Pathways Retreat is offering several retreats this fall: Living that Matters for Men, Meditative Zentangle-inspired Art, Cultivating Awe in Advent, and weekly yoga. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.

Pathways Retreat's most recent newsletter can be read [here](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Oak Flat Day of Prayer. The Goshen College "One Circle" group is a group of students who work to educate the College and community on indigenous injustices through advocacy and solidarity, in close collaboration with the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. On November 4th, Apache Stronghold will be having a day of prayer at Oak Flat and we are planning to host an event on campus. Join us on **November 4th at 3 pm in Newcomer 19** for a time of prayer, education, and standing in solidarity with the Apache people.

The Open Fifths low-voice choir presents "You Find Yourself Here: Songs of Home" the first weekend in November. The idea of home is explored in the music from composers like Schubert and Barber to pop icons Sinéad O'Connor, Sting and David Byrne. The group will sing Sat., Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. at Assembly Mennonite Church in Goshen and Sun., Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart. Tickets are available at Fables Books, 215 S. Main, Goshen and at the door.

Vesper Chorale will be presenting "Considering Matthew Shepard" to commemorate 25 years since the terrible hate crime attack that ultimately led to Shepard's death. This powerful work is for everyone, exploring the humanity in all of us. Jamie Lake sings with the Chorale as well as a few others you may know: Lee and Susan Naus Dengler and Jon Kauffmann-Kennel. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors on Sunday, November 12, at 3 pm at Kern Road Mennonite Church in South Bend. Tickets are available at the door or discounted online at www.musicalartsindiana.org.

The Goshen Community Chorale is joining the Maple City Community Orchestra to present a concert in Sauder Hall of the Goshen College Music Center Sunday afternoon, November 19. Open Fifths will also be participating. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. and is free to all. Donations will be welcomed at the close of the concert as an opportunity to help defray expenses of the ensembles. The program will feature two of Gabriel Faure's most beautiful pieces as the voices of the Chorale join the Orchestra in his Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine (sung in English). Members of AMC in the Chorale include Mary Gilbert, Ruth Kauffmann, Katie Schramm, and Wil Beachey. Join these music makers in a concert of music that will touch your soul.

The **Goshen College Community School of the Arts Rejoice Children's Choir {grades 3 through 5}** is accepting new members. If your child loves to sing, would like the opportunity to meet and sing with other area children, perform in the world class Sauder Concert Hall, and sing alongside a professional choir this Spring, this may be for them! Our semester begins January 11th and runs through Saturday, May 11th. **Auditions** will take place on **Monday, November 20th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Goshen College Music Center in room 100. No preparation is needed, and auditions are short and simple! Please contact Rejoice Director Kristin Kauffman with additional questions at krisandtrav@gmail.com.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Online Conflict Transformation workshops: [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. [Click here](#) for upcoming workshops and registration.

Free webinar – Intersectionality of Gun Violence – Nov 6, 7pm on Zoom. Join Mennonite Church USA for our second Learn. Pray. Join: End Gun Violence webinar focused on the intersectionality of gun violence and the call to explore our Anabaptist response to it. This webinar will provide information about the impact of gun violence on different communities, as well as provide information about mental health impacts, including suicide and how congregations can walk alongside those at risk and their family/friends. [Register here.](#)

Climate Pollinators – a webinar series on creation care. This webinar is jointly organized by the [Creation Care Task Force](#) and [Anabaptist Climate Collaborative](#). Mennonite World Conference’s Creation Care Task Force members from each region will host one hour of storytelling and Q&A. Church members from around the world will share how they are affected by climate change – and responding with resilient action and gospel hope. For more information, dates and to register, [click here.](#)

Online Short Course: Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: Jan. 31 – March 12. Study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture — as compared with Catholics and other Protestants — and consider those similarities and differences in light of today. Instructors for this six-week Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Online Short Course are Laura Brenneman-Fullwood, PhD, and David Cramer, PhD. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 10 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

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. Part-time students may be eligible for matching grants as well. 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

Mennonite Central Committee is looking for an Executive Assistant to aid our International Program Department. If you have administrative gifts to support the global relief, development and peace efforts of MCC, apply by November 13. More information at mcc.org/ip-executive-assistant.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is also seeking an International Program Accounting Assistant. This role will provide clerical support to the International Program accounting team, including processing payments and supporting the payroll process for international employees. This position can be located in U.S. locations where MCC is a registered employer in Eastern or Central time zones; eligible for remote work. For more information and to apply by November 8, visit mcc.org/ip-accounting-assistant.

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 (Nov 3, 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 current vaccination recommendations see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

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