

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Join us for Worship Sundays at 9:30 AM (Outdoors or [on Zoom](#)\*)

### WORSHIP

July 11	July 18
Worship Leader: Jodi Beyeler	Worship Leader: John Blosser
Storyteller: Patrick Coonan	Storytellers: Tom & Amy Kauffman
Scripture: TBD	Scripture: TBD

### CALENDAR

[Click here to subscribe](#) to Assembly's Calendar of Events on Google Calendar, or visit

<https://assemblymennonite.org/about/calendar/>. [Click here to subscribe](#) to the space reservation calendar to see availability.

Sun	July 11	9:30 am Worship in the North Parking Lot
Wed	July 14	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
	July 14-17	MYF 4-Day Event: Climate Change & Creation Care
Thurs	July 15	8 am Climate Ride from AMC to Merry Lea
Tues	July 20	7pm Leadership Group Meeting
Sun	July 25	MYF break-out during outdoor worship service
Sun	Aug 1	Worship Service & Picnic at Ox Bow MYF Dunes Trip

\*You can also join our Zoom meetings by phone. Dial (312) 626-6799, and enter the Meeting ID 999-527-5153, and then press #. Press # again when prompted, to join the meeting. You will be able to hear and talk, but you won't see any of the video.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**Theo Miller Good** turned 2 on July 3rd! Theo is often a happy little guy. He loves to be chased and spends a lot of time playing with cars & duplo blocks. He has been talking up a storm and regularly surprises his parents with the phrases he uses. He recently went on his first canoe ride and loved it! [A photo of Theo is here.](#)

**Ben Smuts** turned 4 on July 9th! Ben enjoys playing with Batman and Paw Patrol toys. He likes to read with his dad and play outside in the sprinkler with Rory and Kiki! He is friendly and brave and likes to climb. He is looking forward to preschool in the fall! [A photo of Ben is here.](#)

**Emery Beechy-King** (rising 3rd) turned 9 on July 6th! Emery likes foxes, squirrels and the color green (all shades). She enjoys reading eating haystacks roller skating and building fairy houses. Emery loves to sing and is a huge Taylor Swift fan. Emery is learning to knit! [A photo of Emery is here.](#)

**Luisa Kingsley** (rising 3rd) turns 8 on July 12! Luisa likes to sword fight with her brother and watch him build things.

She enjoys listening to stories and making earrings. She is really good at climbing things like trees and ropes. She has enjoyed canoeing, kayaking and going to the beach this summer. [A photo of Luisa is here.](#)

**For this Sunday and in the coming months as we gather for outdoor worship:** Bring your own chair. We will still be streaming the service [on Zoom](#). We will cancel parking lot worship if there is a 30% chance or more of rain. Look for an email by 5 p.m. on Saturday to see if we'll be meeting in the parking lot or only Zoom. (We know this means there will be some Sundays where we could have met, but we can't risk getting the sound equipment wet.) If we need to cancel, worship participants and their families should still plan to come to the worship space and we will run zoom live from the church.

**Join us Sunday at 9:30AM for our summer worship series: "What could possibly go wrong?"** After a year of disasters we step into the summer with a mixture of hesitation and hope. At Assembly, this is a season to pool our collective wisdom about stepping into the unknown. Our theme is a lighthearted doubletake suggesting paths

forward, while holding our worries, fears, and hesitations. We ask “where is God in all this”? Read the full series introduction [here](#).

**Outdoor Summer Sunday School continues this week.** Please read [this document](#) for more information, and note that all unvaccinated participants over age 2 are expected to wear a mask, including while seated for the circle time. Contact a member of the Christian education committee with questions: Bethany Swope, Lois Johns Kaufmann, Lisa Kauffman, Kyle Baldanzi Schlabach, or Lora Nafziger, co-pastor. If we cancel parking lot worship due to the weather forecast we will also cancel Sunday school.

**Flowers this Sunday:** If it brings you joy, please bring potted or vased flowers this Sunday to distract from the brown wall behind. If you like, you can share your flowers with others after the service.

**Climate Riders visiting Assembly.** *Click the links below for more info.* On July 14 and 15, seventeen bicyclists who have been riding across the country to raise awareness about responses to climate change (see more about their journey [here](#)) will be in Goshen for several days. Our own Greta Lapp Klassen is one of the riders! On Wed the 14th there will be a [town hall panel discussion open to the public at Chiddister Pavilion in Fidler Pond Park \(also on Zoom\)](#), from 6-8 pm. [And beginning around 8am on Thursday the 15th, the public is invited to ride along with the group as they head to Merry Lea from Assembly.](#) Please reach out to [Jonathon Schramm](#) for more details. If you would be interested in being part of a group putting together a simple dinner for them on the 14th, please contact Jonathon.

**The MYF will have a 4-Day Event July 14-17 (Wed-Fri Eve, & Sat Morn).** We will be focusing on the themes of climate change and caring for our earth, joining in on the larger conversation that will be happening in our community that week alongside the Climate Ride. We will be engaging with this topic through a community panel, local volunteering, and conversations with people in our community. There will also be lots of great food, evening activities, fun adventures, and awesome prizes! See MYF calendar for drop off/ pick up times and locations. Contact

Sara Morris or Erich Miller for details.

**Anna Yoder Schlabach will be at Camp Friedenswald** next week (Mon-Fri) as camp pastor for family camp. She is hoping not to check email during the week. If you need a pastor, please contact Scott or Lora.

**Plan to attend worship & picnic at Ox Bow County Park Sunday Aug 1.** We will be at the Fisherman’s Camp Shelter ([#1 on this map](#)). Please bring a blanket or chair and picnic foods to share, plus any needed serving utensils and your own table service. Vehicle entrance fee is \$3/vehicle without an annual pass.

**Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed for July 25:** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help Sundays this summer! For July 25 we still need an attendance taker, a set-up/tear-down volunteer, and a greeter. [Please consider signing up here](#). Contact Scott Coulter if you have questions and/or if you’re willing to help.

**MYF Break-Out July 25:** Join us during AMC’s worship service for an MYF break-out. This will be a time to hang out, enjoy some snacks, as well as plan for our Dunes Trip.

**MYF-Save the Date** for the annual Dunes Trip on Sun Aug 1st. Plan to meet Sunday morning during service to carpool together for a day of fun at the Warren Dunes. We will be gone for most of the day, arriving back at AMC late afternoon. This will be our last event with our graduating seniors, so come spend a fun day hanging out and saying goodbye!

**From Safety Networks:** "Another day, another set of miracles from Safety Networks—you are amazing! Thank you so much." Words of appreciation from NIJC staff, who requested emergency financial assistance for an asylum client who had received credible death threats from her abuser. Thanks to the generosity of Assembly supporters, Safety Networks was able to get a \$500 gift card to this client within a few hours. Thank you for your contributions to Safety Networks that make this kind of rapid response possible. For more info or to donate, see [Safety Networks Ministry \(immigrant support\) | Assembly Mennonite Church](#).

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**Quilt Donations** for the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale should be delivered before Aug 20. [Read more here](#), and contact Helen Glick with questions.

**Opening for Part-Time Church Administrator.** We are now accepting resumes and a letter of interest for this 25-30 hours/week position. Please express your interest to Scott Coulter in person or at [scottc@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:scottc@assemblymennonite.org). [A complete job description can be found on the Assembly website here.](#)

**Share Prayer Requests** by [filling out the online form at this link](#). You may continue to do this throughout each week. Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays.

**Happy Birthday this week (7/11-7/17) to:** Kimberly Glick, Sue Burkholder, Becca Shantz, Phoebe Graber, John Nafziger, and Ryan Gomez Wengerd. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

**Happy Birthday last week (7/4-7/10) to:** Doug Schirch, Isaac Sensenig, Hugo Avelar, Randy Roth, Ann Graber Miller, Sibyl Graber Gerig, Jim Kaufmann. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

(repeat) **Story to Stage Summer Theater Camp for 7-12 year olds.** This will be held at Goshen College from 9-11:30 am on July 15, 22, & 29. This camp aims to help teach and promote stories of peace and diversity through creative expression and theater. Request registration information by email: [storytostage2021gc@gmail.com](mailto:storytostage2021gc@gmail.com). [Click here for informational poster.](#)

## community connections

**Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) Columbia** invites you to visit us virtually **July 11, 3-5 PM Eastern Time** to learn about the struggles for justice and human rights in the Magdalena Medio region. Come and connect with that farmer Jesus, the one reflected in you, in us, and our partners. During the visit, you will learn about our partners, their activism, and their struggle for justice and a dignified life. After the visit, there will be time to ask our partners questions and hear directly from them during an hour of live interaction. Spanish/English interpretation will be provided. [For more info or to sign up, click here.](#)

**MDS has an urgent need for up to 15 volunteers to serve in Jennings, LA for the week of July 18-24.** Volunteers are working on repairs from the 2020 hurricanes that passed through the area. Work will primarily be roofing, soffit and fascia repair, ceiling drywall repair and finishing, flooring, installing cabinets, and occasional painting. If you or a group might be interested in joining that week, we would love to have them join! All skills and experience levels are welcome. Call 811-241-8111 ext. 1 or email [dfrey@mds.org](mailto:dfrey@mds.org) with any questions or interest.

**Justice Fund:** The Colombian Mennonite Church (IMCOL) is the most recent recipient of the Mennonite Church USA's Justice Fund grant, which is used to dismantle racism and build peace. Colombia has experienced continual political unrest for more than half a century, and the grant will be used to support Justpaz, an IMCOL ministry aimed at promoting nonviolence. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/colombian-church/>. Support Mennonite Church USA congregations that are working toward social justice by donating to the Justice Fund. Right now, Allegheny Mennonite Conference is offering a matching grant if we can raise \$15,000. Donate here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-matching-grant/](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-matching-grant/).

**Menno Snapshot:** In preparation for the Climate Ride, a cross-country bicycle ride put on by the Center for Sustainable Climate Change, Sierra Ross Richer reflected on what it means to be lost in nature, both literally and metaphorically. Read about her journey to "Overcoming 'Lost'" here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/overcoming-lost>.

**Anabaptist Disabilities Network** announces the creation of a [Disability Language Guide](#). This guide is meant to help us all carefully consider the language that we choose when writing and speaking about disability and people with disabilities. We hope you find it useful and share it with others.

**Recruiting research participants** for a study on religious experiences, LGBTQ+ identity, allyship, activism, and health. We are looking for people who currently practice or have previously practiced a religion AND identify as LGBTQ+ or as an ally to the LGBTQ+ community. We define LGBTQ+ ally as any person (including those who

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are members of the LGBTQ+ community) who actively supports or advocates for those who are LGBTQ+. The study is completely online and anonymous and should take 20-30 minutes to complete. You will be asked to respond to a number of questions related to current and previous religious beliefs and experiences, allyship and activism, identity, and mental and physical health. If you wish to participate, [please click this link](#). Contact [thomas.killian@marist.edu](mailto:thomas.killian@marist.edu), [emma.fredrick@marist.edu](mailto:emma.fredrick@marist.edu), or [kimery.levering@marist.edu](mailto:kimery.levering@marist.edu) with any questions or concerns.

(repeat) **At the Central District Conference annual meeting** June 26, delegates welcomed two member congregations: Grand Rapids (Mich.) Mennonite Fellowship and Keller Park Church (in South Bend, Ind.). [Read more about Keller Park in the current issue of Focus](#). [Click here for more conference announcements](#).

(repeat) **Mennonite World Conference Assembly 2022** will be in Indonesia, but participants will also be able to join online. Workshops can be offered both in Indonesia and online. MWC is looking for topics and workshop leaders that reflect the cultural and linguistic diversity of our global communion and are interactive, dynamic, and interesting to a broader audience. If you would like to offer a workshop, apply by July 31. [For more information click here](#).

(repeat) **Ten Thousand Villages Goshen** is hosting a Vintage Villages Online Silent Auction to help raise money for the Michiana Relief Sale on August 15-22. They are asking for craft donations of Ten Thousand Villages items that are no longer available in store or online; they could be as old as 3 years or 30 years! Contact [goshen@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:goshen@tenthousandvillages.com) before July 10.

## job opportunities

**Church Community Services** is hiring a part-time Teen Growers Program Coordinator who will be responsible for organizing and supervising the Teen Growers internship. The Teen Growers Program Coordinator will help Teen Growers look critically at our current food system while envisioning to create a more equitable, sustainable local

food system. Please apply by visiting [Indeed.com](http://Indeed.com) or [www.churchcommunityservices.org](http://www.churchcommunityservices.org).

**Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN)** is seeking a Resource Director to be responsible for print and online communications including social media, triannual Connections newsletter and monthly Opening Doors blog. Excellent writing, networking, and project management skills are required. Familiarity with disability issues and Anabaptism desired. This is a quarter time position at a competitive salary. Visit <http://bit.ly/ADNstaffopenings> to see the position description and information about applying.

(repeat) **Mennonite Health Services (MHS)** seeks a part-time (24 hours per week) Director of Finance to provide leadership and direction for all financial and accounting services of MHS and MHS Consulting. The Director of Finance works closely with the senior team to provide financial services, accounting and reporting for MHS and MHS entities. The Director ensures all financial services are in alignment with MHS values, priorities and goals. This position is salaried and receives MHS employee benefits. Send a resume and cover letter to Cynthia Miller at [cynthia@mhsonline.org](mailto:cynthia@mhsonline.org).

(repeat) **Greencroft Goshen** has an opening for "Chaplain of Evergreen Place" (assisted living). Pat Shoemaker is retiring this week, after being in this position 5.5 years. The position will remain 30 hrs/wk. This chaplain will join a team of chaplains: Randy Roth (in healthcare, 537-4013) and Teresa Dutchersmith (in ind. living, 537-4159). Call these chaplains with questions. Or call Evergreen Administrator Dan Crooke (537-4109) to express your interest, and/or for more details.

(repeat) **Job Opportunities in Mennonite Education.** **Bethany Christian Schools** is seeking a receptionist, and a high school language arts teacher. **Goshen College** also has a number of open positions. For additional [job opportunities in Mennonite education, visit this site](#).

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