

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

<p style="text-align: center;">July 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Leader: Randy Roth</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Storyteller: Jen Eberly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: Matthew 10:1, 5-14; 17:14-20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aug 1 at Ox Bow County Park Communion & 2% Offering</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Leader: Philipp Gollner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Storyteller: Kimberly Glick</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: TBD</p>
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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 25	9:30 am Worship in the North Parking Lot MYF break-out during outdoor worship service
Wed	July 28	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Sun	Aug 1	Worship Service & Picnic at Ox Bow MYF Dunes Trip 8:30pm Antiracism Accountability Group on Zoom
Fri	Aug 6	9:30-10:30 am Greencroft Meetup
Sun	Aug 8	9:30 am Worship in the Worship Space
Fri-Sat	Oct 8-10	Assembly Church Retreat at Camp Friedenswald

*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

Levi Stuckey Weber turned 1 on July 24th! He enjoys pointing at things, walking, going up and down the stairs, and being the loudest thing in a room. He will wave goodbye after you leave the room, and dislikes when doors are closed. He's a voracious eater of books, all kinds of fruits, and small things on the floor. [A photo of Levi is here.](#)

Cecylia Gomez Wengerd (rising 6th, GIS) turned 11 on July 24th! Cecylia moved to a new bedroom in the basement in anticipation of a new sibling. She loves soccer and plays with Middlebury magic. She also loved attending camp this summer. She enjoys theatre, music making friendship bracelets and watching shows with her parents. Some day she would like to travel to Paris.

Marilyn Miller (Greencroft, Juniper Place) turns 90 on July 26th! Marilyn was in the second nursing class to graduate from Goshen College. She has been married to

Glen for 66 years. She has spent time in Haiti, India, Cambodia and Egypt. She enjoys walking around the pond outside of Juniper place and is grateful that almost all of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren could be together this summer to celebrate her birthday and anniversary. [A photo of Marilyn is here.](#)

For this Sunday 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](#).

MYF Break-Out This Sunday 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.

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.

Join us next Sunday Aug 1 at Ox Bow County Park for outdoor worship with communion, followed by a picnic lunch. We will be at the Fisherman’s Camp Shelter ([#1 on this map](#)). Please bring a blanket or chair, and your own table service. Please plan to bring enough food for your own household; and you are also encouraged to bring some extra items to share. The park’s vehicle entrance fee is \$3/vehicle without an annual pass. Cyclists and pedestrians don’t have to pay the fee. (Unfortunately, we will not be able to livestream the Aug 1 service over Zoom).

Volunteers Needed for Aug 1: Several additional volunteers are needed to help make our Sunday morning at Ox Bow come together! This includes: volunteers to help transport hymnals, water/lemonade coolers, and other supplies from the meetinghouse to the park and back. [Please sign up here if you can help](#). Contact Scott Coulter with questions.

Indoor Worship Plans for August-September.

Leadership Group met with representatives from Worship and Christian Education committees on Tues July 20 and approved a plan for returning indoors for Sunday morning worship beginning Aug 8. We will ask everyone over age 2 (including all adults) to wear masks indoors. We will continue to enable virtual attendance via Zoom. [Please read this one-page document for complete details](#). Contact a pastor or elder with any questions.

Readers Theatre – Worship Committee is looking forward to including readers’ theatre during worship in August & September. Want to participate one or more Sundays? We are eager to hear your interest! All ages welcomed. Please email Jon Zirkle (jon.zirkle@gmail.com) to express interest. Details forthcoming about specific Sundays in August and September.

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!

School Kits! - Its July and it’s time to think about school kits. I have decided to do the shopping again. Because of the pandemic, not nearly as many kits have been coming in. There is still a great need. So, if you want to help children to go to school, write a check to Assembly and put in the memo line “School Kits”. Each one will approximately be \$4.00. Any amount will be appreciated. When I’m there, you can also give cash to me or put it in the offering with a note attached. Thank you for your generosity. – Johanna Sutter

Thanks from National Immigration Justice Center (NIJC): The team at NIJC’s Goshen office wants to thank Assembly small groups for entrusting us with the resources allocated our way from the budget surplus. It is so meaningful to be supported by our community. The funds allow us to provide free or low cost legal services to noncitizens in our community. Just last week, a client of ours from Haiti received lawful permanent residence after

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years of effort. Likewise, a young Salvadoran man who came to the U.S. as an unaccompanied minor won his case in immigration court. The judge presiding over his case congratulated him and said his “happy tears” were the best kind of tears. We are seeing asylum seekers arrive in Indiana who were subjected to the prior administration’s cruel border policies. We are stretching to take on as many of those cases as possible and are grateful for your support; which makes that possible. If you are interested in supporting NIJC more, we would welcome your participation in our Community for Immigrant Justice 5K at Ox Bow on August 28. (If you can’t make it on the day, you can participate virtually from anywhere on any day that week.) Registration is open here: <https://bit.ly/nijc5k2021> - Lisa Koop

The Church Retreat at Camp Friedenswald is being planned for Oct 8-10, 2021! Save the date on your calendar. More details will be forthcoming as the retreat committee continues its work.

Found: Journal in the Church Library. A lost black, spiral-bound journal with an Emerson quote on the front, that contains notes from Advent 2016, and Lent & Easter 2017 has been found and is in the church office. [If it’s yours, let us know.](#)

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. [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 (7/25-7/31) to: Ann Hostetler, Dancy Hirschler, Alfonso Jimenez, Marilyn Miller, Kate Kennedy, Dana Miller, Rachel Hostetler, Norm Kauffmann, and Magdalena Bridger-Ulloa. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday last week (7/18-7/24) to: Besty McCause, Rose Stutzman, Philipp Gollner, and Craig Glick Miller. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

community connections

The Depot MCC Thrift Shop in Goshen has an urgent need for volunteer cashiers. No previous experience is necessary, and volunteers will receive training on the easy to use check out system. Teens, college students, young and aging adults are all welcome to apply. For more information, contact Galen Kauffmann at (574) 534-1828 or depotmccthriftshops@gmail.com.

The MCC Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen will not be held in person this fall due to various concerns surrounding COVID-19 and vaccination levels. However, the planning committee would still like to make as many comforters for MCC as possible. Packets with materials available for you to make comforters at home or in small groups in your churches and communities can be picked up at The Depot (door #2) Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment by calling 574.534.4071. For more information, visit mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash.

MCC urgently needs sewing kits! Our supply of sewing kits has been depleted, and we need your help to fulfill requests from our partners. In many places where MCC works, sewing skills open doors to additional income that can help a family make ends meet. These kits are often given through MCC-supported programs that teach sewing or tailoring and provide the tools to make and mend clothing or to begin a business. For more information, including a list of kit contents, visit mcc.org/kits/sewing. Completed kits can be dropped off or mailed to the Goshen Material Resources Center at The Depot (1013 Division Street, Goshen, IN 46528). Contact the MCC Great Lakes office at 574-534-4071 or GreatLakes@mcc.org with questions.

Read about Anabaptists worldwide [in the MWC Info.](#) Learn about Anabaptists dialoguing in Latin America, and read testimony of God’s particular relationship with those who are dispossessed and who suffer through they eyes of

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Mennonites in Guatemala. Also: [Find resources for Peace Sunday 2021](#).

The July edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In the [current issue](#): MDS volunteers celebrate creativity during the pandemic, how the Covid Relief Fund kept church doors open and what hope looks like in small town Texas.

Menno Snapshot: During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee released the *Voices Together* hymnal and many resources for in-person and virtual worship. Committee member Katie Graber looks at how we have been “Sharing in God’s story through our voices, together” through the last year. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/sharing-gods-story-voicestogether>

(repeat) **The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** is coming! To learn how you can help by singing, sewing, running/walking, purchasing banquet tickets, or donating timeshares or quilts, [read the July announcements here](#).

(repeat) **Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA** includes Assembly as one of 48 congregations. Our pastor Anna Yoder Schlabach just ended her term as president of the conference board. [Read about the Annual Meeting of the conference that took place last month, and the workshop led by Betty Pries on Building Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive Congregations in the Reporter here](#).

(repeat) **Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Oct. 14–16.** This conference on “**Land: Loss, Connection and Imagination**” will be offered in a hybrid format, with some elements available only in person at AMBS in Elkhart, Indiana, and some available via livestream. Keynote speakers: Laura Meitzner Yoder, PhD, and Timothy R. Eberhart, MDiv, PhD. ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded

(repeat) The Mennonite Church USA Women in Leadership’s new Bible-based curriculum, “**Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy,**” is now available. This curriculum centers the experiences of women of color and challenges the church

to live out faith by embracing the gifts that women have to offer. Read more about the curriculum here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/dismantling-patriarchy> Excited to use this curriculum? Watch this webinar, featuring the authors, to get started: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/training-dismantling-patriarchy>.

job opportunities

Cafeteria Aide – Bethany Christian Schools is seeking persons to assist in our cafeteria. The cafeteria is part of our farm-to-school program in which students engage in hands-on learning through gardening and participate in educational activities related to agriculture, health and nutrition. No experience is necessary, though candidates that enjoy the school setting and have an interest in from-scratch cooking are encouraged to apply. Responsibilities primarily consist of meal preparation, service, and clean-up. Hours may vary, but generally are between 4.5 - 5.5 hours per school day. Bethany is an equal opportunity employer. For more information or to apply or direct inquiries to Tara Swartzendruber-Landis at tswartzendruber@bethanycs.net.

Jobs in Mennonite Education – For job openings at Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen College, and other Mennonite schools, [click here](#).

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