

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Join us for Worship Sundays at 9:30 AM (in person [or online via Zoom*](#))

WORSHIP

<p style="text-align: center;">Aug 1 at Ox Bow County Park Communion & 2% Offering</p> <p>Worship Leader: Philipp Gollner</p> <p>Storyteller: Kimberly Glick</p> <p>Scripture: Mark 1:21-22, 32-39</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aug 8</p> <p>Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Blessing & Dedicating</p> <p>Scripture: Zechariah 10:6-12</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	Aug 1	10 am Worship Service & Picnic at Ox Bow MYF Dunes Trip 8:30pm Antiracism Accountability Group on Zoom
Wed	Aug 4	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Fri	Aug 6	9:30-10:30 am Greencroft Meetup
Sun	Aug 8	9:30 am Worship in the Worship Space
Mon	Aug 9	6-8pm Interplay/Dance Group
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

Norah Osborne (rising 7th GJHS) turned 12 on July 28th! She loves to ride horses and do art- especially painting and sketching. She plays soccer and has a sweet dog named Petey. She loves to eat, especially fajitas and ice cream. She likes reading, singing and theatre and just finished the Hunger Games.

Sophie Yoder Schlabach (rising 3rd Parkside) turns 9 on August 3! Sophie's current favorite things are: Harry Potter, swimming and going to camp! She is good at basketball and continues to practice her tree climbing skills. Sophie loves playdates and building with Lego. She enjoys going to the beach with her family and playing violin!

Caleb Yoder Schlabach (rising 3rd Parkside) turns 9 on August 3! Caleb likes to build with Lego, and read graphic novels. He is really good at soccer and also likes to play basketball. His favorite foods are crazy bread and popcorn! He thinks the work at school is pretty easy, but sometimes getting there is hard. He loves dinner and movies with his

whole family!

Congratulations to Becca and Simon Smucker on the birth of Ruby Adina Smucker on July 30! Sign up to bring a meal for them here: www.TakeThemAMeal.com/KOEU5237. Dates are available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from Aug 2-27 (other weekdays can also work).

Join us this Sunday Aug 1 at the Fisherman's Pavilion (#1 on this map; [Google Maps](#)) at Ox Bow County Park for 10 AM outdoor worship with communion. Bring a picnic lunch for your own household and your own chair. You can also bring lunch items to share but we are not having a formal potluck. The park's vehicle entrance fee is \$3 (cash or credit). To get to the pavilion from the gatehouse, take the first right and continue for a quarter mile; look for the parking lot and on the right. We will not be able to livestream the service over Zoom from the park. If we have to cancel because of weather, we will stream worship live from the worship space and invite you to join us [on Zoom](#). Look for an email by 5 p.m. on Saturday with more information.

The MYF will be wrapping up summer with their annual Warren Dunes trip this Sunday (Aug 1).

Reminder that this is our LAST summer event, which means this is the last event we will share with our graduated seniors. Drop off will be at 9:15am at AMC. Please pack your own lunch and water bottle. Pick up will be 5:15pm at AMC. Reminder that we will be riding together as a group. Everyone joining this event is fully vaccinated, and we are not requiring masks for those fully vaccinated. See email for full details, or contact Sara or Erich with any questions.

This Sunday is the final week of 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](#).

Scott Coulter will be out of town this weekend visiting family and friends in the Toledo area with his family. Please contact Lora or Anna if you need to speak to a pastor before Tuesday.

Seeking Justice Together is the theme of our new worship series beginning August 8. God’s justice is not only our work in the world, but God’s work in us. As we are transformed and become aligned with the heart of God in Christ, we are better able to reflect God’s justice and peace through our lives to the world. We will try to keep services to an hour and dismiss children to outdoor Sunday school half way through. [Read the full introduction for the upcoming series here](#).

You are invited to participate in the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) churchwide Journey Forward study through Springtide Research Institute. The survey results will be used to help inform the direction of MC USA, as we Journey Forward together. It is important that the denomination hears from a variety of voices, so please take part in the survey today: www.mennoniteusa.org/MC-USA-Member-Survey

Camp Friedenswald needs your help: Camp is in need of volunteer support in the kitchen the week of August 16. There are a variety of time slots and shifts available. Tasks may include preparing food, replenishing food items on the serving line as needed, washing dishes, general cleanup, and other miscellaneous tasks as deemed necessary by the Food Service Director, Eric. If interested, please email Jane@friedenswald.org. Thanks!

Celebrate the Interfaith Hospitality Network’s 25 years of service with a drive-through spaghetti dinner, Thurs Aug 12, 5-7pm, at St Mark’s United Methodist 502 N Main St. Donations accepted but not required. (Questions about Interfaith Hospitality Network? Contact Susan Mark Landis).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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(repeat) **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 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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 (8/1-8/7) to: Alan Greaser, Sara Klassen, Teo Sawatsky-Kingsley, Aaron Yost, Mary Lehman Yoder. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday last 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!

community connections

Virtual MC USA Convention. It's not too late to purchase your virtual content pass for MennoCon21! The cost of the pass has been reduced to \$25. Access to the MennoCon21 virtual convention will continue to be available through August 10. Sign up here: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21_virtual_access.

MC USA held its first online Delegates Assembly on July 10. During the assembly, delegates voted on changes to the MC USA bylaws, confirmed nominees for churchwide boards and heard reports from the Resolutions Committee and racial ethnic and constituency groups. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/virtual-delegate-assembly>.

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale needs volunteers for the Kids Carnival on Sept 24-25. [Read more information here.](#) Contact Sonya Overman (presschoolsonya@gmail.com) to sign up.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Service Adventure unit leaders, who completed their orientation last Friday, in Hutchinson, Kansas. Pray for them as they prepare to welcome participants in three locations, starting this month through October, in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; and Jackson, Mississippi. [For other prayer requests from the Mission Network click here.](#)

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Mennonite Mission Network exists to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ, to equip and empower the church to share God's love, through the gospel of reconciliation and building community. [Learn about how Mennonite Mission Network has been active and innovative in the last 12 months by clicking here.](#)

Remember Mennonite schools in your prayers by using this [August 2021 prayer calendar from Mennonite Education Agency.](#)

“**Ritualizing**” - Listen to this recent podcast from MennoMedia featuring [Casper ter Kuile](#), author of [The Power of Ritual](#), co-founder of [Sacred Design Lab](#) and the co-creator of the award-winning podcasts [Harry Potter and the Sacred Text](#) and [The Real Question](#). This conversation explores themes from Casper's new book, as well as wisdom he's learned through adding intentional rituals to his own daily experiences. [Click here to listen.](#)

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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

(repeat) **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.

(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. ambbs.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>.

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job opportunities

(repeat) **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.

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

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