

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

| Aug 15 | Aug 22 |
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| Worship Leader: Becky Snider | Worship Leader: Patricia Ebersole Zwier |
| Homily: Scott Coulter | Homily: Ben Sywulka |
| Scripture: Luke 4:14-30 | Scripture: James 1:27-2:8, 14-17 |

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.

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| Sun | Aug 15 | 9:30am Worship in the North Parking Lot MYF Breakout during Worship 6:30pm MYF Kickoff at Erich Miller's house |
| Wed | Aug 18 | 12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom |
| Tues | Aug 17 | 6:30pm Labyrinth Walk |
| Sun | Aug 22 | Worship & MYF Breakout |
| Tues | Aug 23 | 6-8pm Interplay/Dance Group |
| Tues | Aug 24 | 6:30pm Leadership Group |
| Tues | Aug 31 | 7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting |
| Wed | Sept 1 | 1:00pm Lunch Bunch on Zoom |
| Fri | Sept 3 | 9:30am Greencroft Meetup |
| Sun | Sept 5 | 8:30pm Anti-racism accountability group on Zoom |
| Sat | Sept 11 | 2pm Voices Together workshop |
| Mon-Th | Sept 13-16 | Meals provided for GIHN |
| Sun | Sept 19 | 12pm Mentor-Mentee Kickoff |
| 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

Winnie Yost turns 1 on August 14th! Winnie enjoys walking with the assistance of one grownup hand, her dog Oscar, and opening cupboards. She likes to eat orange slices, baked apples, toast, books, and anything she finds on the ground. Recently she has learned to express a distaste for something by pursing her lips and blowing, but most of the time she smiles or smirks with knowing determination while wiggling away from anyone who dares to chase her. [A photo of Winnie is here](#), or ([closer up](#)) [here](#).

Saya Quintana turns 7 on August 15th! Saya loves to swim and really enjoyed playing soccer this summer. She is learning to read and likes everything at school, though her

favorite thing is getting to know other kids. This summer she had a chance to attend art camp and visit the beach. Her favorite food is nachos with cheese and beans and her favorite treat is a sucker! [A photo of Saya is here](#).

Beck Mast turns 3 on August 18! Beck loves all things that go. If there's a lull in conversation, he may ask if you'd like to talk about trucks. He's still getting used to having a little brother around, but is happy to make Finn laugh with weird facial expressions at the dinner table. Beck is excited to attend Goshen Christian Montessori school this fall. [A photo of Beck is here](#).

Sign up to bring a meal as we celebrate the arrival of Mateo Ivan Gomez Wengerd! There are several dates available in the next 2 weeks. <https://mealtrain.com/g2rr43>.

Join us this Sunday Aug 15 for **outdoor** worship, as we **Seek Justice Together**. 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. [Read the full introduction for this worship series here.](#)

Worship starts in the north parking lot at 9:30am. Children will be dismissed to outdoor Sunday school halfway through the service. Bring your own chair. We are asking everyone who is not vaccinated to mask outdoors unless you are sitting down with your family. We will be streaming the service [via Zoom](#) for anyone who chooses to stay home.

Volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings to help with set up, to make coffee, to take attendance, to welcome people as they arrive. [Please use this Google Form to let the office know ways you are willing to help.](#) Or speak directly with Scott Coulter.

Please wear a facemask when interacting with others indoors at the meetinghouse, even if you are vaccinated. The Elkhart County Health Department, along with the CDC, is recommending that everyone (including vaccinated people) mask indoors in public spaces because of substantial community spread in Elkhart county.

MYF August Events. The MYF (Mennonite Youth Fellowship) is church group for high-school-age youth. Please contact Sara Morris or Erich Miller with questions. ***MYF Fall Kickoff Party THIS SUNDAY 8/15 6:30pm:** We are kicking off the new year with an MYF party full of games, food, and fun at Erich Miller's house! We will enjoy a cook-out together (provided by sponsors), but please plan to bring a snack to share. More details to follow.

***MYF Breakout each Sunday morning during worship:** Join us during Assembly's worship service for an MYF breakout time. This Sunday 8/15 we will welcome both our new sponsors AND the new MYF!

Did you miss our first segment of "These are the people in your neighborhood?" Learn to know Assembly better by enjoying this new video series! Watch the 2 min video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lst-T8Rerk8>

Assembly warmly welcomes the staff and students of Goshen Christian Montessori School to our meetinghouse! GCMS students will attend Tues-Thurs, using the playground and Classroom 1. GCMS includes members of Assembly as well as many from the wider Goshen community. (The playground is open to the whole community after 5pm on GCMS days, as well as Friday-Monday.)

The annual Church Retreat at Camp Friedenswald is Oct 8-10! [Please see this flyer.](#) Retreat is for everyone at Assembly. The church has already paid for half the cost of retreat out of the budget; we are asking for special offerings to help cover the remaining half. Registration will open Aug 22! Stay tuned for more information soon!

Peggy and Harold Metzler have moved into a lovely "couple's room" at Greencroft Healthcare. Their address is Greencroft Health Care South, Haven Room 628, 1225 Greencroft Drive, Goshen IN 46526

On Tues Aug 24 between 5-8pm, Bushelcraft Farm (directed by Jon Zirkle) is hosting an open house and fundraiser! Come for a tour of the field, enjoy some on-farm snacks (heirloom tomatoes!), and participate in a collective art creation. Field entrance just east of the Farmers Market building (27751 CR 26, Elkhart IN 46517). The first 20 people get a free baby tree to take home. \$10 donation for adults, kids are free. Email Jon Zirkle for more info or visit www.bushelcraft.org. Spread the word!

A group of concerned parents has started a petition for Goshen Community schools to take additional protective measures in school. We invite parents, guardians, teachers and staff of current Goshen Community Schools to consider adding their names to this petition:

<https://www.thepetitionsite.com/328/175/862/mask-mandates-for-students-in-goshen-community-schools-1>.

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Outdoor Worship & Inclement Weather Plans. As long as the number of daily new cases or positivity rate stays above 10.0(%), we will continue to worship outdoors. If heat or rain prevents that, we will livestream the worship service [on Zoom](#) with only worship leaders, readers, etc. physically present in the worship space. Look for an email by 5 p.m. each Saturday with updated information. [Please read this one-page document for complete details on last month's Leadership Group decision.](#) Contact a pastor or elder with any questions.

(repeat) **Guided Labyrinth Walk.** Are you wondering about the newly created labyrinth on the south side of the meetinghouse in the Memorial Garden? Maybe you're wondering how this beautiful tool can be used for meditation? Perhaps you'd like to share the walking meditation energy with others? Explore a labyrinth walk Tues Aug 17 at 6:30pm, led by Meribeth Shank, certified labyrinth facilitator. We'll begin with a brief introduction to labyrinths and their use as a meditation tool and spend the bulk of our time walking the labyrinth, concluding with an opportunity for reflecting together after the walk. Contact Meribeth Shank (786 229 5065) with any questions.

(repeat) **Merv, Rose, and Elena Stutzman have moved.** Their new address is 707 Fair Oaks Drive, Goshen 46526. Rose's phone: 574-304-5028; Merv's phone: 574-606-6025

(repeat) **Scheduling September already?** Assembly's days for serving Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network (GIHN), Goshen's women's shelter, are September 13, 14 and 16. Please note when you'd like to take a 9x13 for breakfast, lunch or supper on the website, where you will find additional information.

https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=ZLDH6898&show_previous=1 Contact Susan Mark Landis with 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) **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

(repeat) **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!

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 (8/15-8/21) to: Janine Ostergren, Becky Snider, Cheryl Mast, Jonathon Schramm, Winston Gerig, Vivian Schmucker, Debbie Bloom, Ben Bontrager, Al Shelly, and Terri Russ. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday last week (8/8-8/14) to: Patrick Coonan, Yabi Kurtz, Mary Roth, Jared Beasley, and Aaron Kafumann. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

community connections

Pathways Retreat will hold its second annual online silent auction on August 21 - 28 with an open house on August 28, 1-4pm. Ruth Judy will be leading a workshop "Spirituality, Creativity, and Transformation in the Second Half of Life" beginning in the fall. Daily prayers resume in August and are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org The monthly Pathways newsletter is [available here](#).

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Regina Shands Stoltzfus was one of the women responsible for putting Mennonite Church USA's "Laboring Toward Wholeness" anti-patriarchy curriculum together. In her blog, she describes what it was like to be part of this team and why she thinks the curriculum is important. Read more

here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/working-on-ltw>.

Also from MCUSA: Read about [the Bring The Peace Award](#) sponsored by the Church Peace Tax Fund, about "The Bible and Christian Nationalism" (from [Drew Strait](#)), and about "Transforming as becoming" (from [Iris de Leon-Hartshorn](#)).

A Religious Response to Global Warming. We often live in a place of disconnect from our communities, history, land, food, spirit, and bodies. These disconnects are the root causes of the environmental and social crisis we face. Join Interfaith Power & Light Sept 12-14 for a 3-night immersive and interactive virtual journey into healing; practice ways we can heal these broken connections during the interactive sessions; there is even an eco-bedtime story for children! Learn more at <https://www.greenteams summit.org/>, and [register for free here](#).

"Land: Loss, Connection and Imagination" is the theme for the 5th "Rooted and Grounded" conference **Oct 14-16** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. In addition to keynote presentations, papers and workshops, an afternoon of immersion experiences will give participants opportunities to explore conservation and restoration efforts in the region. The event will be offered in a hybrid format; some elements will be available only to in-person participants at AMBS, and some will be available to participants joining via livestream. [Learn more and register here](#)

Mennonite Creation Care. Contribute to a collection of poetry and reflections of environmental lament, pray for the climate, learn about Land Stewardship Consulting, and hear good news about building a reliable, carbon-free energy grid, and more: [read the Mennonite Creation Care newsletter here](#).

2021 MCC United Nations Online Global Student Seminar: Climate Change, Conflict, and Peacebuilding. Students from across the world are invited to attend a two-day, online seminar on September 30 and October 1 to explore the intersection of climate change, conflict and peacebuilding. Participants will engage in a mix of plenary sessions, small groups and mini-seminars offering high interaction with experts and connecting with young adults from all over the world. More information and application at mcc.org/un-student-seminar.

Tales & Trails Aug 31 for 3-5 year-olds: this 1.5 hour monthly program from Goshen College's Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center (Wolf Lake, Ind.) is free and registration is not required. Younger siblings are welcome to join. Visit goshen.edu/merrylea to learn more!

Goshen College Community School of the Arts fall registration is live for music lessons and ensembles! The CSA offers Music Together classes for kids ages 0-5, children's choirs for grades 3-12, the Youth Honors Orchestra for grades 6-12, and private lessons for all ages in piano, strings, voice, and more. Visit gcmusiccenter.org/csa for registration and audition information.

"Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible" is a six-week online short course offered by AMBS Sept 15-Oct 26, with Susannah Larry and Drew Strait. How does God act for peace and justice — and how should we? Do we claim nonviolence, nonresistance, active resistance or something else? In this course, you'll have the opportunity to study pertinent biblical passages and to reflect individually and collectively on how these texts form practices of peace and justice today. No grades, no papers! Register by Aug 18 to save \$50!

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale is coming up! [Please read the announcements here to find out how you can be involved.](#)

Beyond: Faith in Action from Mennonite Mission Network [can be read here](#).

Women's Retreat at Camp Friedenswald - Sept 17-19 featuring Dr. Sibonokuhle Ncube who will speak to the

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theme "Hope for Healing, Hope for the Earth." Registration is now open. This retreat is planned by representatives from Central District Conference and Camp Friedenswald staff; it promises to be a weekend of retreat and reconnection. See [this link](#) for a full schedule, COVID-19 precautions, and registration information.

The CDC Ministerial Committee is sponsoring a Pastor +1 Retreat at Camp Friedenswald on October 22-24, 2021. The cost is \$100/person. This is an opportunity for pastors and their spouse, mentor, friend, sibling, parent, or other significant person to enjoy a mostly unstructured retreat in the Peaceful Woods. Details and registration information coming soon.

The MCC Podcast “Relief, development and podcast” recently explored how honoring treaties with Indigenous peoples is connected to peacebuilding. Adrian Jacobs, who is Gansono of the Turtle Clan, Cayuga Nation of the Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy, joins to talk about how his people are asserting sovereignty and fighting for the land that is rightfully theirs, according to the original treaties. [Listen or read the transcript here.](#)

In her book *The Land is Not Empty*, Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo woman, reframes the colonization of North America as she investigates ways that the Doctrine of Discovery continues to devastate indigenous cultures, and even the planet itself, as it justifies exploitation of both natural resources and people. [Available from Herald Press.](#)

“Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity” is a three-part series of events (online and in person) hosted by AMBS and Mennonite Men in which participants will share their own personal narratives, identify the ways they’ve been shaped by masculine messaging, and reframe their own masculine identity so it’s more inclusive and holistic. Learn more at [ambs.edu/narrative](#).

(repeat) **Ten Thousand Villages** Goshen invites you to check out their Vintage Villages Auction, which will feature a special showcase item created by Assembly’s own Justin Rothshank! Join us this year in celebrating 75 years

of fair trade and sign up as a bidder for this years Vintage Villages auction at: <https://charityauction.bid/ttv-vintage-villages21>. 10% of funds raised will be donated to the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale coming up in September.

(repeat) **Attention Teens!** Are you 15-18 years old and interested in a paid internship where you learn about gardening and help your community? Church Community Services is currently seeking applicants for their fall session that begins August 28. To learn more and apply go to: <http://bit.ly/teengrowers>

(repeat) **Justice Fund grants.** A new video from Mennonite Church USA shows how the Justice Fund is supporting peace and justice work across the denomination through mutual aid. See how Justice Fund grants are helping congregations dismantle racism, uplift the oppressed and promote peace: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-video>.

job opportunities

Come work at Goshen College! GC has many employment opportunities for teaching faculty, administrative staff and more, including a campus pastor. Visit goshen.edu/employment to see all job openings and learn more.

(repeat) **Maple City Health Care Center** wants to hire a bilingual nurse, a dentist, and a dental hygienist. If you or someone you know might be interested, please email employment@mchcc.org. Visit <https://mchcc.org/careers> for more information.

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