

This Sunday in Worship

July 20, 2025
9:30 am Worship



David Maldonado



11:30 CMC en Español

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Looking Ahead

Tuesday, July 22

9:00 am - Jubilee Ministry

Wednesday, July 23

5:00 pm - Prayer Choir

Thursday, July 24

10:00 am - Volunteer Day

Sunday, July 27

9:20 am - Gathering Songs

9:30 am - Worship

After Worship - Fellowship Time

10:45 am - Adult Sunday School

11:30 am - CMC en Español

News Items from the Church Board

1. We have a congregational meeting this Sunday, July 20 at 3:00 in the Koinonia room and via Zoom. This is the Zoom link for the meeting [[Zoom link](#)]. The meeting agenda and the minutes from the June 15 meeting are attached.
2. The congregational agenda lists six centering questions that we need to discuss as a congregation over the next three congregational meetings. We'll be working in small groups with the first two questions in the list during this meeting.
3. This past week all CMCers with listed email addresses received a link to the Unasked/Unanswered Questions form. Everyone is encouraged to name the questions and/or concerns related to our ministry transition work. Someone from the Church Board will be available in the Fellowship Hall this week during the Sunday School hour for those who would like to raise their questions or concerns in English with a small group or individually. This [highlighted link](#) will take you to the form.
4. A new coffee maker has been purchased and will be delivered some time in August. Thanks to two generous donors who covered the cost of the new machine and needed canisters.
5. Thanks to Wilmary Zambrano, Addie Leaman, and Scott Litwiller who have compiled a list of kitchen appliances and smaller items that need repair and/or replacement. The board will review this list in August and initiate plans for improving our kitchen's usefulness.

Rebecca Slough, Board Chair

[Congregational Meeting Agenda](#)

[06-15-2025 Congregational Meeting Minutes](#)

Note from the Music Director: Our new song this week is VT 209, "We dream of a turning." This song pairs a hopeful text by Adam Tice with the traditional Scottish folk tune "Loch Lomond," and I've been wanting to introduce it for several years now! You can see Adam himself leading singing at Albany Mennonite Church in [this video](#). We'll sing it with just piano accompaniment this week, as we get used to the lovely arrangement in the Voices Together accompaniment book—other instrumentalists are welcome to join in on VT 6 ("Let's walk together"), VT 386 ("Together"), and VT 802 ("Draw the Circle Wide").

On July 13, we were invited to write our own "I am from" poems. We would love to continue to hear these stories from our church family! If you wrote one that you're willing to share in worship, please contact Talashia (talashia@collegemennonite.org) or Anne Marie (annemarie@collegemennonite.org).

Anabaptist Learning Month 2025

Welcome to our 8th annual Anabaptist Learning Month! While we are Anabaptist Christians for 12 months of the year, we have a practice of paying special attention to our Anabaptist Christian identity in the month of August. Here's what you can look forward to and put on your calendars!

August 3: Anabaptist Learning Month Kick-Off; Potluck & Paletas on the Lawn

9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary: "Caves and Foundations." This simple and intimate worship service will weave together scripture, song and prayer.

10:45 am Worship in the Tunnel: "Caves and Foundations." We'll echo the 9:30 am themes as we get as close to the *Anabaptist Cave experience as we can in the tunnel that runs under the train tracks on the Goshen College campus.

11:15 am Potluck & Paletas on the Lawn: We will gather, weather permitting, on the front/west lawn for food, fellowship and fun together. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages, **paletas, table service will be provided. There will be a backpack blessing for back to school, lawn games, and even a bounce house for our fellowship and celebration together.

*There are a couple of caves in Switzerland known as "Anabaptist Caves," or in German, "Taufershöhle." Our faith ancestors, who weren't allowed to worship in a way that had integrity for them, climbed mountains and met in caves so they could worship God as they felt called to.

**Paletas are Mexican frozen treats, similar to popsicles, but typically made with fresh, natural ingredients like fruit and cream. They are known for their vibrant flavors and often have a more artisanal feel than traditional popsicles.

August 10-31 Sunday School

- **Anabaptist Community Bible-style Bible Study in the Library:** The Discipling Commission invites anyone interested in engaging in this unique form of communal Bible study to come to the library on any of these three Sundays. Whoever shows up will study one of that Sunday's scriptures together. We would love to have a convener for this - you don't have to lead, just show up and call everyone together! Contact chairperson Lisa Caskey (lkycaskey@gmail.com) if you're willing to convene.
- **Anabaptist at 500 themes in Sunday School:** The Discipling Commission invites adult Sunday school classes to engage in the broader theme in already-established Sunday school groups. Leonard Gross edited a book, [The Anabaptist Lodestar](#), from which classes can find inspiration.
- **August 10 Children's Sunday School Blessing:** Sunday school may have been taboo in Mennonite churches 60 years ago, but it's an established way that we take discipleship seriously now! We will gather with children, youth and their Sunday school teachers at 11:20 on Sunday, August 10 to pray a blessing for them as they begin a new year of learning and growing together.

August 10-31 Worship Services

This year, we take our focus from the worship resources put out by MennoMedia in commemoration of 500 years of Anabaptism. If you'd like to look at the resource we're using for inspiration, follow [this link](#). The worship resource begins on page 21. At a glance, here is what the month will involve:

- August 10: Renewal Through Story
- August 17: Renewal Through Repentance
- August 24: Renewal Through Trust and Yieldedness
- August 31: Renewal at the Lord's Table



Join a Mennonite Action Zoom call on **Thursday, July 24, at 8 p.m.** This month Mennonite Action delegate members who recently traveled to Palestine's West Bank will give reports. They met with the Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ramallah, who urged Mennonite Action to continue the work. He told them to continue organizing, and keep pushing other Christians to join the movement for a free Palestine. At the Tent of Nations, on a hilltop southwest of Bethlehem next to the village of Nahalin, the delegation heard from the Nasser family, who have been farming the hillside land since 1916. They talked about their own work of Sumud, or steadfastness, as they continue to work their farm in the face of encroaching settlements. **Join the July mass call on July 24 at 8 PM ET to hear more stories and lessons from the participants of the recent solidarity delegation. [Click here to sign up for our July Mass Call.](#)**

Rachel Nafziger Hartzler



Anabaptism Movie on YouTube

In honor of the 500th year of Anabaptism, a movie made in Switzerland to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Ulrich Zwingli's leadership in the Protestant Reformation is available free on YouTube.

Early Swiss Anabaptists were first followers of Zwingli, who broke away from the Catholic church. Anabaptists then broke with Zwingli on two main issues: (1) his willingness to embrace violence to further the movement he started and (2) his insistence that the movement's success depended on submission to the city government, even if that meant continuing to baptize babies.

The movie is powerful and well-done. It begins from the viewpoint of a pious young widow whose faith starts to change as her life intersects with Zwingli. We see young Anabaptist leaders Conrad Grebel, Felix Manz and George Blaurock in several scenes, and we also see the consequences for Zwingli when he thought that "doing something courageous" for God meant going out to fight Catholic authorities who were trying to re-take the city of Zurich. The movie is in German, with English subtitles. It is interrupted by ads, but well worth two hours of your time. Good to watch with a friend or small group. Find it at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv4XYNHf53I>

You are invited to participate in the **35th annual Michiana fasola Singing from B.F. White's shape note tunebook, The Sacred Harp**, one of the best collections of sacred songs, hymns, odes and anthems. The all-day singing starts at **9:30 am on Saturday, July 19, at Assembly Mennonite Church in Goshen**. Books are available to use at the singing, and a pot luck dinner will be held at noon. Come join us for a great day of singing and fellowship; no experience is required. For more information, contact **Matthew Lind** at 574-535-8068. Thanks!

—Matthew Lind

George Godfrey, Ph.D.

Citizen Potawatomi and Esteemed Scholar



The Weekend of July 19 and 20, 2025

You are invited to join members of Assembly Mennonite Church's Advocacy & Repair Team in welcoming George Godfrey, Ph.D. and his wife, Pat, to Goshen. Dr. Godfrey is a Citizen Potawatomi and President of the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association (TDA).

Mennonite Women

Mennonite Women USA has the goal of filling 25,000 school kits this year. Our local MW's goal is to fill 500 bags. We are asking the congregation to support our project for MCC again as we did last year. Retailers will soon have many school supplies on hand.

Bags and the list of Items to include will be available in the hallways beginning July 20th. If you are unable to donate all the items for a complete bag, you may choose from the list and take them to the church office. (The metal pencil sharpeners will be purchased by MW, since they are hard to find.) Filled bags should be returned to the church by August 17th when we will have a dedication for them.



A MOMENT IN ANABAPTIST HISTORY

"Therefore, my precious brothers and sisters in the Lord, take the crucified Christ as your example, and the apostles and prophets of God. They were so endowed and trained by God that they knew nothing, sought nothing, loved and desired nothing but the eternal treasure – God – and eternal life." (Menno Simons.)