

**This Sunday in Worship**  
July 27, 2025  
9:30 am Worship



Suella Gerber

11:30 CMC en Español



David Maldonado

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Come join us at **East Goshen Church on Aug 23 from 10-2** for our final crafting day before the Relief Sale. Everything will be supplied and no skills needed. Please rsvp to [crafting.mmrs@gmail.com](mailto:crafting.mmrs@gmail.com) by Aug 20. Bring a sack lunch.

Bless others and the work of MCC with your donation to the 2025 Quilt Auction at the Relief Sale. Comforters and quilts of all sizes, quilted wall-hangings, plus knitted or crocheted afghans can all be donated. Please see the website for how to register your item at [Quilt Auction — Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale](#). Registration ends August 25. For more information contact Gail Shetler, 574-333-7142.

Do you enjoy walking/running? Consider registering for the 2025 Run for Relief which will take place on Saturday, September 27 at 8:00 am. It's a great way to start your day at the Relief Sale. To register, go to the relief sale website at [Run for Relief — Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale](#) and download the registration form or sign up on-line at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Goshen/MCCRunforRelief> Hope to see you there! Email or text/call Roger Nafziger at [rogeran@goshen.edu](mailto:rogeran@goshen.edu) or (574) 536-6248 if you have any questions.

The Fall Décor and Dried Flower booth at the Relief Sale will have more space and a great need for more fall decorations. We would like your assistance in growing and/or drying items for sale in the booth. Dried flowers and grasses along with traditional fall decorations such as gourds and corn are greatly appreciated. We cannot be successful without your generous help! For more information, contact Ruth Andrews at 765-432-7517.

The Relief Sale will be held Sept. 26-27 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. Keep collecting your coins for MyCoins Count and follow the Relief Sale on social media for the latest updates.

**Looking Ahead**

**Wednesday, July 30**

5:00 pm - Prayer Choir  
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, July 31**

10:00 am - Volunteer Day

**Sunday, August 3**

9:20 am - Gathering Songs  
9:30 am - Worship  
10:45 am - Culto bilingüe en el túnel  
11:15 am - Potluck and Paletas on the Lawn



**Mennonite  
Central  
Committee**



**Join the School Kit Challenge!**

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**MCC's School Kit Challenge is back!** The notebooks and pencils that devoted supporters like you lovingly pack into MCC school kits help kids write their own success stories, and rulers provide hope beyond measure. School kits provide these and other essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. Join the 2025 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 kids this summer. To learn more about this challenge and to download a free activity guide, visit [mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge)

# 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.

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](mailto:talashia@collegemennonite.org)) or Anne Marie ([annemarie@collegemennonite.org](mailto:annemarie@collegemennonite.org)).



## A MOMENT IN ANABAPTIST HISTORY

*"A testament of a devout woman who loves God written from prison by Soetken van den Houte, just before her death, and addressed to her children. . . . Soon thereafter she witnessed to the truth of God with her blood at Ghent in Flanders on November 20, 1560:"*

*"My dear son David, and Betken and Tanneken: Your mother is writing this to you from prison as a memorial concerning the truth of God. My hope is to testify to it not only in words but also in deed by the power of the Most High as an example for you. . . .*

*I want to instruct you a little with Word of the Lord . . . as best I can, modestly and simply. . . .*

*I encourage you to be willing to obey the commandments of the Lord always.*

*Love your enemies, and pray for those who speak evil of you, and afflict you. Rather suffer injustice, than that you should do someone else an injustice; rather suffer affliction, than that you should afflict another; rather accept reproach, than that you should reproach another; rather be slandered, than that you should slander another; rather be robbed, than that you should rob another; rather be beaten, than that you should beat another. . . .*

*Your father and I have shown you the way, with many and various teachings. Take as an example the prophets and apostles, yes, Christ himself. They all traveled the same road upon which the Leader took the lead; consequently, his members too must follow. . . .*

*And so I bid you adieu . . .*

*Written by me, Soetken van den Houte, your mother in bonds; written in haste (while shivering in the cold)." (Short excerpt from the original.)*

## **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, "Tauferrhohle." 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](mailto: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



### **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>