

This Sunday in Worship

August 3, 2025

Worship in the Sanctuary:
"Caves and Foundations."

This simple and intimate worship service will weave together scripture, song and prayer. The balcony will be closed off, and we ask everyone in attendance to sit on the main level as close to the front circle as possible. We will collect the August birthday offering during this service.



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Looking Ahead

Wednesday, August 6

5:00 pm - Prayer Choir

Thursday, August 7

9:00 am - Mennonite Women

10:00 am - Volunteer Day

Sunday, August 10

9:20 am - Gathering Songs

9:30 am - Worship

After Worship - Fellowship Time

- Children's Sunday School

10:45 am - Adult Sunday School

11:30 am - CMC en Español

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, "Tauerhohle." 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.

Mennonite Women

MCC 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.



September 26-27, 2025

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 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 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.



**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

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).

News Items from the Church Board

1. Thank you to all CMCers who contributed to the 2024-2025 Ministry Fund Spending Plan. We came close to meeting our 1,006,153 goal. It will be a few weeks before the final tally of the year's income and expenditures is complete. Thanks to Scott Litwiller for his timely work in gathering this preliminary information for the Stewardship Committee and board.
2. Thanks also to the 61 CMCers who joined the congregational meeting on July 20, the 14 Zoomers who participated in the first part of the meeting and the 7 who remained for the breakout room discussion. The board will be reviewing a compiled report of notes taken during the table group discussions during its August 5 meeting. The report will come to the congregation in next week's newsletter. The Zoom recording of the meeting can be accessed with [this link](#).
3. This past Thursday the Unasked/Unanswered form closed at 6:00 PM. At next Tuesday's meeting the board will review the compiled responses received. A distilled report will be provided in the August 8 newsletter. Thank you to all who contributed to this effort.
4. Attached is a draft agenda for the August 17 congregational meeting to meet the by-law requirement of two week's notice. All of the items will be part of the meeting. The order may change, and more detail will be provided in the August 8 newsletter.
5. HELP WANTED!!! The board is looking for a volunteer who will record minutes from our congregational meetings. The current board chair has been supplying the minutes for the last three years. It is time to return this important work to a capable and interested volunteer. The number of congregational meetings is planned to go back to a more normal schedule sometime in the fall.

If no volunteer comes forward, having no written record of our meetings will be the likely outcome. If this is an area of service you could offer, please talk with someone on the board.

Rebecca Slough

CMC Church Board 2023-2025

[Congregational Meeting Agenda](#)



A MOMENT IN ANABAPTIST HISTORY

“Even if it were possible that love itself could die, as it did once for our sake (so that we could know it), love would also then rise again in its own power. (Anabaptist Cornelius Veh, 1543.)



Children are starving in Gaza, and yet the war goes on!

Consider the following:

1. Pray these prayers of lament: (Click on any of the pics below for a larger view of the prayers.)



2. Join in an evening of "community grief-tending" on Wednesday, August 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart. Sponsored by Mennonite Action Michiana and Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace.

