

This Sunday in Worship

August 17, 2025
9:30 am Worship



David Maldonado

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Looking Ahead

Tuesday, August 19

12:00 pm - Menno Action Prayers
1:30 pm - CMC Executive Committee

Wednesday, August 20

4:00 pm - Stewardship Committee
5:00 pm - Prayer Choir

Thursday, August 21

10:00 am - Volunteer Day

Sunday, August 24

9:20 am - Gathering Songs
9:30 am - Worship service
After Worship - Fellowship Time
- Children's Sunday School
10:45 am - Adult Sunday School
11:30 am - CMC en Español
1:00 pm - Robert Beyeler Memorial
(at Waterford Crossing)

News Items from the Church Board

1. Our next congregational meeting is this **Sunday, August 17** from 2:30-4:15 in the Koinonia Room. Those joining the meeting via Zoom will use this link [insert Zoom link here]. The agenda, the minutes from the July 20 meeting, and a list of shared values created during our February meeting are attached.
During this meeting we'll continue the work of discerning CMC's purpose, the shape of our ministry, and our leadership needs. We will again work in table groups in the fellowship hall or in Zoom breakout rooms. Please review the last three pages of the July 20 meeting minutes to see the responses from our table group discussions in July. We will continue our work with what we gathered at that meeting and think deeper about what it would mean to claim one purpose or another for CMC's future.
2. On Monday, August 18, Commission chairs and the relating pastors for the commissions will be meeting with Rebecca Slough and Pat Vendrely to review commission work including goals that were set earlier in the year. This is a practice begun in 2024 and has continued about every four months since. These regular check-ins are one of the recommendations put forward by the Clarifying and Strengthening Structures group that has provided a blueprint for improving the functioning of our CMC congregation.
3. **HELP WANTED!!!** The board is looking for a volunteer or volunteers 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 capable and interested volunteers. The number of congregational meetings is planned to go back to a more normal schedule sometime in the fall. Please contact someone on the board if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

(Board members are Betty Hochstetler, Duane Stoltzfus [for two more weeks], Mark Rosenbury, Marty Bender, Tim Lichti, David Maldonado, Pat Vendrely, and Rebecca Slough)

[Congregational Meeting Agenda](#)

[07-20-2025 Congregational Meeting Minutes](#)

[2025-02-16 Stated Values](#)



The MC USA Delegate Assembly installed Marty Lehman as the moderator for the new biennium and provided unanimous affirmation for a slate of new Executive Board members and other nominees, including incoming Moderator-elect Todd Lehman (no relation). Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/marty-lehman-as-moderator/

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 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 10-31 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.





HOW CAN IT BE?!

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

Join a group at College Mennonite Church to pray in various ways on August 19 from noon until 1 p.m. in rooms 141 and 142. We will lament, crying out to God and asking our questions. We will join millions of others in praying for peace with song, scripture, silence, and spoken prayers.

Join us for the hour or part of the hour.



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.



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Join the School Kit Challenge!



Click here



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

Mennonite Women

Mennonite Women will be standing at the doorways leading into the sanctuary, handing out bags for School Kits this Sunday, August 17. Filled bags may be returned to the church any time, with the dedication scheduled for September 7. Contact LuEtta Friesen with questions.

Thursday, August 7, 32 women gathered with working hands, visiting, and food to share for lunch. Empty school bags are available for pick up and filling with school supplies. CMC hopes to contribute 500 completed school kits for the MCC efforts this season.

Mary Hurst

School kits have been coming in! Thank you to all who have already filled bags. Pick up empty school kit bags and a list of contents in the halls before or after worship. You can contribute until Sept. 7th when we will have a dedication of the bags. Mennonite Women are coordinating our collection with a goal of 500 bags again this year. MW will also accept financial donations and buy the contents for you if you don't want to shop. MCC has a goal of 25,000 bags this year. It is our opportunity to generously provide school supplies to children in countries impacted by war, displacement, or financial struggles. To learn more about this challenge and to download a free activity guide, visit <https://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge>. The journey to the children begins with you. We add CMC's bags to those collected by the MCC Resource Center where volunteers check that the bags are complete. They are then packed into large shipping crates to continue the journey to a child. Contents: 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5" x 11" - 70 sheets), 8 new unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (good quality, must indicate 30 cm, inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large eraser, 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens. (Note: MW is providing the metal sharpeners for your bags).

Carolyn Lichty



Anabaptism Resources in the CMC Library: a selected list

Look for the special display of Anabaptist-related books in our church library. Any CMC participant can check them out for three weeks (or more).

Books Specially Commissioned for the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025

- **Radicals and Reformers: A Survey of Global Anabaptist History by Troy Osborne.** A readable, engaging book that traces the origins and development of the Anabaptist and Mennonite movements from their beginnings in Europe through their spread across the globe.
- **Drawing Near: A Devotional Journey with Art, Poetry and Reflection edited by Eileen Kinch and John D. Roth.** This unique devotional brings together 40 stunning original artworks that illustrate a particular biblical text or story. Each image is paired with its related scripture text and an original poem by a contemporary Anabaptist writer, along with questions or prompts for further reflection.
- **Footsteps of Faith (Huellas de Fe): Un Testimonio Global de Fe, editado por John D. Roth.** This 30-day devotional draws on insights from Anabaptist church leaders from around the globe and expands the vision of what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus today.
- **Faith in Full Color: A Tapestry of Anabaptist Stories by Jeanne Z. Jantzi.** A baptism takes place in a barrel during a drought in a war-torn country. An urban congregation creates an intentional community of asylum seekers. This book tells stories showing how Anabaptist congregations, faith communities, and individuals magnify God's presence in their particular contexts.

For a longer list of Anabaptist books, [go here!](#)

“¿De dónde venimos?”/“Where do we come from?”

This question is the theme of Pastor Madeline's Lilly-funded sabbatical. It's a familiar question to all of us, as it was the central question of our summer worship series, "God Was, God Is, and God Will Be." And it continues to be a question that runs in the background as we take our place in the global Anabaptist stream this month. We tell our "we are from" story as people of God, as Anabaptists, as a congregation, and as individuals.

We now have an invitation to tell our unique family "we are from" stories. One of our congregation's grant-funded renewal activities for Madeline's sabbatical is to produce a series of video segments of CMC households. The dream is that these households will come from various places and be of varying ages. The videos will include maps, pictures and stories of where we are from, creating a visual feast of our congregation's rich diversity.

If you are open to being part of this project, we are looking for more households to share their stories! Currently we have stories from ancestry in Mexico, India and Germany - where are our other ancestors from? Contact Addie Leaman at addie@collegemennonite.org to discuss this opportunity.

MADERO concert

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Iglesia El Divino Redentor

12 PM

56538 Meadowood Dr
Elkhart, IN 46516



CMC en Español will have a joint service with El Divino Redentor Church this **Sunday, August 17, @ 12 pm** in support of a concert given by Madero, Cristian Alemán's band. Pastor David Maldonado will also share a reflection that day at the event. Come out & join us!



A MOMENT IN ANABAPTIST HISTORY

"The characteristics of the true church are: the true fruits of conversion; the avoidance of sins; living in goodness, righteousness and truth according to the teaching of Christ and his apostles; having the right faith in Jesus Christ through obedience to the divine word; practicing his holy ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper; confessing God and Jesus Christ candidly before the people; holding to a fiery brotherly-sisterly love among one another; and maintaining the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace and through taking up the cross and the true discipleship of Christ." (From the German collection of martyr stories, Golden Apples in Silver Bowls, 1702.)