

This Sunday in Worship

August 24, 2025
9:30 am Worship



Suella Gerber

11:30 CMC en Español



David Maldonado

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Looking Ahead

Monday, August 25

6:00 pm - Worship Commission
6:00 pm - International Student Ministry Group

Tuesday, August 26

9:00 am - Jubilee Ministry

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

10:00 am - Volunteer Day
10:00 am - Pastoral Care Visitors

Sunday, August 31

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

News Items from the Church Board

1. Thanks to the 58 CMCers who gathered in-person for Sunday's congregational meeting and 16 others who joined via Zoom. [This link](#) will take you to a recording of the meeting. We made good progress in thinking together about CMC's purpose, values, leadership and learning needs. Information from the table groups and Zoomers will be compiled and available in next week's newsletter.
2. Thanks to Pete Miller, who volunteered to provide minutes for congregational meetings starting in September. Thanks also to Alicia Maldonado-Zahra who will serve as a back-up for Pete. Please thank both of these volunteers.
3. This Monday evening Rebecca and Pat met with the chairs of the Community Life, Disciplining, and Worship Commissions. Each leader reflected on what their commission has accomplished this year, and what they are projecting for the near future. All of the commissions have been busy and provided effective leadership. Lisa Caskey is ending her time as the chair of the Disciplining Commission - Thanks for your service, Lisa!
4. Merle Hostetler will begin as CMC's interim pastor during the week of September 1. His time will overlap with Suella's for about two weeks. Merle will be formally commissioned on Sunday, September 7. His job description is in [this link](#).
5. The board received the final draft report presentation from the Clarifying & Strengthening our Structures work Group at our August 5th board meeting. A big thanks to the group which included Alicia Maldonado-Zahra, Jonah Hochstetler, Liz Gunden, Bruce Stahly, Merlin Becker-Hoover and was facilitated by Carlos Romero. The group reviewed existing documents, by-laws and interviewed several CMCers. Their report, which will be shared in its entirety with the congregation at a future congregational meeting, centered around a) Culture, b) Communication, c) Coordination, and d) Accountability. The board will continue to discern the report's suggested recommendations in our upcoming meetings as we continue our transition journey.



Dorothy Yoder will celebrate her **100th birthday** on September 1 of this year. Aside from taking a lot of medication for her pain discomfort, she is doing well. She is alert, eating well and even takes short walks in the hallways.

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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.



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.

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.

MY COINS COUNT

It's time for My Coins Count! We will be collecting coins from Sunday, August 31- Sunday, September 21, to take to the MCC Relief Sale, to be used for water projects around the world. Bring coins each week and join in this simple, playful way of sustaining life.



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

SCHOOL KITS

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).

Please drop your school kits off at CMC!

Carolyn Lichti



A MOMENT IN ANABAPTIST HISTORY

"There are also dangers accompanying the current situation of relative tolerance by general society that we find ourselves in as a people. To counter the negative effects of such ease and prosperity, we need, therefore, to undergird one another in speaking and in writing, and so, mutually admonish and encourage each other, so that each of us may be living examples of what it means to be Christ's disciples. For separation from the evils of this world needs to continue." (From the German collection of martyr stories, Golden Apples in Silver Bowls, [summarized], 1702.)

“¿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.



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!](#)