

THE CMC NEWSLETTER

COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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Hello from the Board!

September is here, and in two weeks on Sunday, September 20th we will gather for a congregational meeting as the new church year starts. The agenda is attached and much closer to the meeting date, we will resend the agenda with a zoom link if you desire to connect online for that meeting.

We had a great Anabaptist Learning month, your board even managed to prepare and lead worship! Maybe that continues to be part of our experimentation? I was able to attend a "Year at a Glance" meeting this past Sunday too. Attendees included members from the Commissions, Committees, Pastoral Team, Administrative Team and the board (me). CMC has an amazing group of committed leaders, thanks be to God!

Your board met this past Tuesday and are happy to inform you that Merle Hostetler begins his second term as our interim pastor on Monday, September 7th. Thank you Merle for your service to CMC!

Peace,

Patrick Vendrely
CMC Board Chair 2025-2027

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This Sunday in Worship

September 4, 2026 @ 9:30 am
& CMC en Español @ 11:00 am



Talashia Keim-Yoder Cristian Alemán

Links

[Watch e-worship](#)

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday, September 6

9:20 am - Gathering songs

9:30 am - We Worship Together

10:30 am - Children's Sunday School

10:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - CMC en Español

Updates and News



From the Board, Staff, Worship Commission and Discipling Commission:

This Sunday, we will begin a slightly changed Sunday morning schedule:

9:30 Worship



10:30-10:45 or 11 Fellowship
(Adult SS classes can exercise autonomy
on specifically what time their class begins and ends)



11:00 Worship (Español)

There are a couple of reasons for this change:

- When we moved our second worship service from 11:11 to 11:30, we lost some of the natural fellowship time that happened between people who went to different worship services. This has been explicitly named as a loss, by people who attend both services.
- This change makes it easier for families who attend the 11:00 service. It will be easier to bring children to Sunday school, and children will still be able to join for the second half of worship.

Thank you for your flexibility as we continue to experiment and find our way together!

The youth and children's ministry is excited to commence our Sunday morning faith formation gatherings on September 6th.



We hope all children and youth can come and find belonging and be nurtured in their faith walk. **PreK-Kinder, 1st-3rd grade, and 4th-5th grade, all meet from 10:30 - 11:30a.m. while Genesis (6th-8th), and MYF (9th-12th) meet from 10:45 - 11:30a.m.**

We need more teachers, leaders, and hosts for this important ministry!
Substitute teachers for 1st-3rd and 4-5th classes (Curriculum materials provide preparation for teaching that are spiritually rewarding. Training can be provided.)

MYF Sunday teachers/speakers (Share your witness, a story of faith, lead a series, teach a skill, etc. The youth want to get to know you and learn from you!)

MYF hosting for a Wednesday evening (usually 7 - 8pm)

Hosts for Genesis youth and families social gatherings.

Participants interested in serving alongside our youth in monthly service projects.

Contact Director Ben Graber @ ben@collegemennonite.org or 674-535-7284. Thank you!

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The Community Life Commission

The Community Life Commission is working to revitalize neighborhood groups in our congregation. Intended to be an intentional way to create community across all spectrums of diversity, this is a wonderful way we can concretely support our CMC focus statements and strategic priorities. Over the next several Sundays, a bulletin board with a map will be located near the fellowship hall between the worship services. Those who wish to be part of a neighborhood group may sign up and place

a pin where they live. CLC will use this to create neighborhood groups. If you are not able to sign up on a Sunday, the board will be stored in the church office and can be accessed during office hours. Alternatively, you can email cmc@collegemennonite.org. If you attend virtually and are interested in a virtual neighborhood group, you can contact the church office as well. We encourage all to participate and look forward to the many ways we continue to form community within our congregation.

What is a neighborhood group?

Neighborhood groups are a way to form close communities within our church family. Where small groups build faith development, neighborhood groups are meant to build community. Does that mean these groups are void of faith discussions? Of course not! The core purpose of the group is to build community. What that looks like for each group will be different as members begin to know one another better, build trust, and grow their community. Think of neighborhood groups as “togetherness,” an intentional time for us to grow relationships outside of the church building.

CMC Student Aid Committee

This note is a gentle reminder that our students back at school or heading there shortly. We appreciate your continued generous support. We are planning a meet-the-students event sometime in September. This will be after the first service. We hope everyone will take the time to drop by for a treat and to meet the students we are supporting.

This fall, we join many other MCUSA churches in utilizing a MennoMedia resource for worship. The series is called, “Six Practices to Grow Faith.” On the heels of “Living Anabaptism,” we will explore what it looks like to live our faith, every day, together with all ages. For some grounding in the “why” of this series, see this article from Pastor Jayne Byler.

All Ages, One Body

WELCOMING CHILDREN INTO WORSHIP

by Jayne Byler

Dear CMC'ers, we are in dire need of drivers for the CMC transportation WhatsApp group.

If you are able to assist our immigrant sisters and brothers in this manner please scan the QR code and add yourself to the group. Thank you!



Transporte de CMC/CMC Ride Sharing

WhatsApp Group Invite

[WhatsApp.com](https://www.whatsapp.com)

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It's My Coins Count time again this year!

Your coin collections will help provide WATER, FOOD and EDUCATION to children and families around the world through Mennonite Central Committee and its partners by supporting farmers with animals and new techniques to maximize their yields to feed their families. Funds will also be used for emergency food for families in refugee camps or in crisis. Coins will be gathered during worship on August 30, September 6, 13 and 20, to take to the Michiana Relief Sale on Sept. 25-26, 2026. Adults can support the children by matching the coins totals! Thank you for making a difference in the world through MyCC and Mennonite Central Committee!

The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery invites you to our upcoming events:

Quarterly Repair Network Call on September 1st at 7pm ET - [Register](#)

All are welcome to join our upcoming Quarterly Repair Network call on September 1st! During our call, Sarah Augustine and organizing staff will lead discussion around engaging with repair and healing as communities and congregations, including how to support the National Day of Remembrance (Orange Shirt Day) on Sept. 30th. Join us if you are active, in process, or in the early stages of leading your congregation or community in joining the Coalition's Repair Network.

National Day of Remembrance Webinar (Orange Shirt Day) - September 30 at 7:30pm ET

The National Day of Remembrance on September 30th is a day to remember and honor those who attended Indian Boarding Schools, to tell the truth about this history and how it continues to impact Native communities today. Many boarding schools were supported and run by Christian denominations and churches. As we remember this legacy, Christians have a responsibility to engage in the work of truth telling. Join the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery for a panel discussion about how churches are working towards truth telling and repair, and how you can join in this work. [Register for the Zoom link](#)

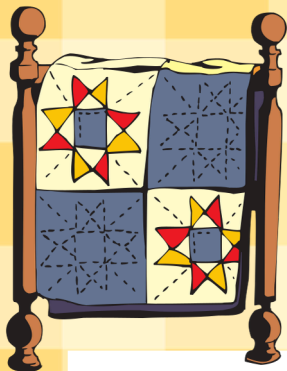


Now Accepting Food Pantry Donations

As of Sept. 3rd, The Window has confirmed that they are now accepting food pantry donation items. Donations can be brought on Sundays from here on out.



Martin Doblmeier, an award-winning documentary filmmaker whose new film explores the changing face of Christianity in the United States, will deliver the Yoder Public Affairs presentation at Goshen College on **Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7 to 8:30 pm in the Umble Center.** The event includes a preview short screening (which will release on October 1), a panel discussion, with Q&A and refreshments to follow. The panel conversation is scheduled for 40 minutes directly following the screening of a 30-min excerpt of the two-part documentary. Here is the [link](#) to the trailer for the film, and here is the [link](#) to the press release.



2026 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Information and Links:

CMC MEMBERS:

Pastor Madeline Maldonado is requesting volunteers to make arepas for the relief sale. If interested in helping, please use the link below to sign up!

[SIGN UP](#)

How can you be a blessing to others? Bid on an item at the Quilt Auction at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. Come and view the comforters and quilts of all sizes, quilted wall-hangings, plus knitted and crocheted afghans on Friday evening, Sept. 25. Then bid either in person or online on Saturday morning, Sept. 26 beginning at 8:00 am. See the website for information about how to bid on an item - <http://www.mennonitesale.org/quilt-auction>. For more information contact Gail Shetler, 574-333-7142.

2026 Run for Relief registration and sign up is also open now! Email or text/call Roger Nafziger at rogeran@goshen.edu or (574) 536-6248 if you have any questions.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

[SIGN UP](#)

Help make the Children's Carnival at the Relief Sale a fun experience for all! Volunteers are needed for games and activities Friday 5:30-8 and Saturday 9-11:30. To volunteer or learn more, contact Michelle Rubo at michelle.rubo@yahoo.com or 574-304-6036.

Pickleball at the Relief Sale! Sign up your team for the Pickleball Tournament - Mixed Doubles 60+ is Friday night beginning at 5 pm, Mixed Doubles <60 begins Saturday at 9 am. Cost is \$40 cash at check-in. Register your team at www.mennonitesale.org/pickleball-tournament by September 21.

If you love to bake, consider making something to donate to be sold at the Relief Sale. You can find information for obtaining packaging and food requirements on the website.

<https://www.mennonitesale.org/donate#baked-goods>

It takes hundreds of volunteers to make the Relief Sale a success!
Look for an opportunity you can help with on the website:
<https://www.mennonitesale.org/volunteer>



| Looking Ahead

Monday, September 7
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8
9:00 am - Jubilee Ministry
2:00 pm - Stephen Leaders

Wednesday, September 9
5:00 pm - Prayer Choir
7:00 pm - MYF

Thursday, September 10
10:00 am - CMC Volunteer Day
10:45 am - CMC Fellowship
“Miami Hurricanes, Theft and Housing”
Arden Shank

Sunday, September 13
9:20 am - Gathering songs
9:30 am - Worship Service
After Worship: Fellowship Time and Children’s Sunday School
10:45 am - Adult Sunday School
11:00 am - CMC en Español

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Check your Literature Boxes!

Reminder: The CMC Office will be placing documents in your church mailbox instead of mailing them through USPS. If you are out of the area for a period of time and would prefer we mail them to you, please contact us at

cmc@collegemennonite.org

| CMC LINKS

[Click to view future events.](#)

[Click to see community and church-wide news.](#)

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