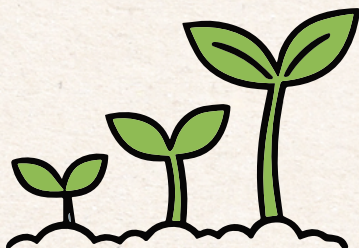


THE CMC NEWSLETTER

COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF MENNONITE
CHURCH USA



Hello from the Board!

This Sunday we will convene at 2:30p in CMC's Koinonia Room for our September congregational meeting. That agenda is attached. And you can find the zoom link herein if you desire to connect and participate online.

We will provide several updates since our June 28th congregational meeting as well as establish what to expect in the coming months related to our church business.

We hope you can attend and participate in the work of College Mennonite Church!

Blessings,

Patrick Vendrely
CMC Board Chair 2025-2027



Congregational Meeting Agenda

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| This Sunday in Worship

September 20, 2026 @ 9:30 am
& CMC en Español @ 11:00 am



Talashia
Keim-Yoder



Andrew Bodden

| Links

[Watch e-worship](#)

[Online Giving](#)

| Sunday Schedule

Sunday, September 20

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



On Sunday, we were encouraged to pray. An expansive tool box of ways to pray is a rich resource that we can give people of all ages. Here are some beyond-the-ordinary ways to pray:



- Before you begin an everyday task, invite Jesus to come alongside you. Notice what happens when you're aware of Jesus's presence during the mundane tasks of life.
- Awareness: Notice what you smell, feel, taste, hear and see. Then give God a simple prayer of thanks ("Thank you, God, for the smell of fresh bread.")
- Cry out: Without filtering, say what you really want to say to God, when you want to say it!
- Do a creative activity, like art, music, writing, or dance, and as you do so, notice how the Holy Spirit is creating with you and through you.
- Go outside and listen to God's symphony.

JOIN US

Rest is one of the biggest needs for youth and their families today. In response to that spiritual need, we will have monthly "Sabbath Sundays" for youth (grades 6-12), their parents/caregivers, and members of Growing Roots. Our first Sabbath Sunday is this coming Sunday, Sept 20, during the Sunday school hour, in the MYF room. If you would like to explore ways for modern-day Christians to keep the Sabbath, you're welcome to join us!

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Find ways below to support the cause here at GC.

— • SEPTEMBER IS • —

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

Goshen College • September 2026

WEEKLY DROP-IN EVENTS

MONDAYS • 10 AM-11 AM Coffee and Cookies with a Counselor Location: Fisher Terrace	COFFEE AND COOKIES WITH A COUNSELOR If it is raining, Coffee and Cookies will be at Hunsberger Commons.
THURSDAYS • 3 PM-4:30 PM Take a Break and Make Location: Wyse Hall Room 108	TAKE A BREAK AND MAKE

SEPT 3 Rock Painting	SEPT 10 Friendship Bracelets and Keychains
SEPT 17 Zen Gardens	SEPT 24 Slime

DRESS FOR A CAUSE • SEPTEMBER 7-11

MON 7 Sock It to Stigma Wear your favorite or silliest socks.	
TUE 8 Teaming Up for Mental Health Wear your favorite team or club.	
WED 9 Comfort and Self Care Dress in something comfortable.	
THU 10 World Suicide Prevention Day Wear teal or purple.	
FRI 11 Everyone's a Hero Wear something that shows your favorite hero.	

SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK
"No One Walks Alone"
Tuesday, September 22 • 6:30 PM
Meet at Hunsberger Commons at 6:30 PM to walk over together.
Snacks will be provided at Campus Cabin after the walk.
Family and friends are welcome.

ALL MONTH
Visit Wyse Hall

WALL OF HOPE
Stop into Wyse Hall all month long and visit the Wall of Hope.

CONNECT • CREATE • SUPPORT • HOPE

NO ONE WALKS ALONE

Suicide Prevention Walk

JOIN US!
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Meet at Hunsberger Commons at 6:30 PM to walk over together.
Walk location: Witmer Woods
Snacks will be provided at Campus Cabin after the walk.
Family and friends are welcome.

THE FACTS

- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for people ages 20-34 in the U.S.
- Adults ages 18-25 have the highest rate of serious suicidal thoughts among adults: 12.6% reported serious thoughts of suicide in the past year.
- In the Healthy Minds Study 2024-2025, 11% of college students reported suicidal ideation in the past year.

HEALTHY COPING SKILLS

- Reach out to someone you trust
- Take a walk or move your body
- Practice slow breathing or grounding
- Keep a routine: sleep, meals, hydration
- Take breaks and limit isolation

HOW TO SUPPORT OTHERS

- Ask directly and listen without judgment
- Stay calm and take them seriously
- Help them connect to support
- Follow up after the conversation

NEED HELP NOW?
Call or text 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org for free, confidential support 24/7.
If someone is in immediate danger, call 911.

| Updates and News

Neighborhood Group Signup

The Community Life Committee is still signing up people for neighborhood groups as we work to get neighborhood groups started again. You can do this near the coffee carts in the south hallway after the morning church service this Sunday and next.

The neighborhood groups will be slightly different than in the past. Due to comments from members, we are not sticking with strict geographical boundaries as was done in the past. Some members from Greencroft said they would be interested in venturing further afield for socializing with members from their old neighborhoods and making the gatherings more intergenerational. We also have members living in locations such as Dunlap, Elkhart, Middlebury, South Bend, Milford, etc. who are not really close to anybody so we will most likely connect them with neighborhoods in Goshen.

If you are not able to be in church these next two Sundays and want to sign up contact Pete Miller to get your name added to the list.

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

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](#)

CMC Student Aid Committee

This Sunday, September 20, the CMC Student Aid Committee and our Goshen College and Bethany students are inviting everyone to a “Meet the Students” event after the first service in the Fellowship Hall. If you attend the 11:00 service please come early and join us. We will have snacks and ice cream bars along with some videos of our students and a chance to meet some of the persons you are supporting when you donate to the CMC Student Aid Fund.

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

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OR

Updates and News



Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge! Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 30,000 school kits for the 2026 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed 46,481 school kits! Each of the 46,481 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year!



As we consider “Growing Faith Pathways” during this season, the visual is designed to help us consider different pathways our faith journey has taken and will take, individually and collectively. We hope the colors and design evoke grateful memories of the paths, the hills and valleys of our journeys and the turning of our lives, as well as the sure knowledge God continues to be with us on our growing faith pathways.

—Jo-Ann Brant and Sue Neeb

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!



On Sunday, September 6, we were encouraged to talk with each other - which is sometimes easier said than done! If you missed it, here is a printable version of the “Talk Prompts” that were handed out in worship.



As we continue our “Six Practices” worship series, here is an article from MennoMedia's Mitch Stutzman about some of the practicalities of worshiping with children.

Children in Worship

TIPS AND BEST PRACTICES

by Mitch Stutzman

Updates and News

August 2026 Financial Report

	2026-27	2025-26
July 2026-June 2027 Ministries Fund spending plan	1,089,836	1,041,671
Fiscal year-to-date Ministries Fund contributions	120,446	114,200
Year-to-date expected	149,227	
Amount needed to meet budget	969,390	

Monthly Contributions

☐ Ministries Fund	51,975	57,818
☐ Sunday Schools	618	733
☐ Special Funds	20,906	18,041
☐ Building	641	546
☐ Endowment	-	-
Total monthly contributions	74,140	77,138

Fiscal year-to-date Ministries Fund contributions	120,446	
Fiscal year-to-date Special Fund contributions	53,649	
Total Fiscal year-to-date contributions	174,095	

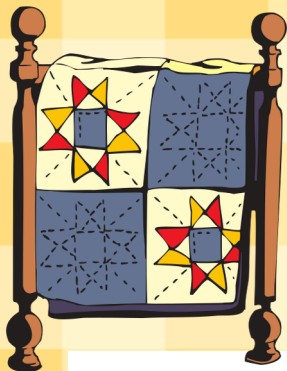
Special Funds with Fundraising Goals

	Received	Goal
CMC Student Aid – 2026-27 School Year	9,341	55,000

Special Fund Balances

Encircling	66,447	
International Student Ministry Group ¹	88,990	
Jubilee	41,358	
Legal Assistance	16,036	
Migrant Resource	17,655	
Reentry	2,547	

¹The international student fund is supported by members of CMC, area congregations, international alumni and donors from other states and Canada.



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.

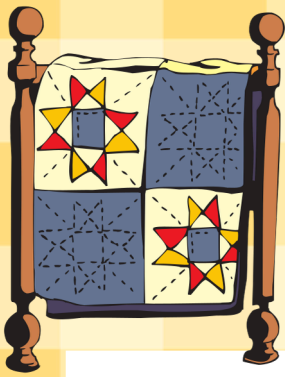
Pickleball at the Relief Sale! Sign up your team for the Pickleball Tournament - Mixed Doubles 60+ is Friday night beginning at 5 pm, Mixed Doubles <60 begins Saturday at 9 am. Cost is \$40 cash at check-in. Register your team at www.mennonitesale.org/pickleball-tournament by September 21.

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>





2026 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Information and Links:

Please consider baking for the relief sale as the majority of the donations often sell out Friday evening. Containers for baked goods will be available starting Sunday, September 6 in the main hallway. All baked goods and plants will be collected at the door by the church office on Friday, September 25 from 10 AM until noon. Jean Hartzler and Mary Jo Short will then deliver them to the sale. Direct any questions to them. Thank you in advance.

**One batch of cookies (3 doz) can:
Provides a flock of chickens for two families
A fruit tree
Playground equipment for school**

**Two pies will:
Pay for a baby wellness check up
Art healing for children experiencing trauma**

**A batch of cinnamon rolls:
Pay for a girls schooling
Plant a garden
Buy a pig
Bee keeping**

All of these and more. A flock of chickens can provide food, money that can be used for a garden, a goat, school, and more.

Just think of what you could do on a family night, a small group project, or Sunday School class party.



| Looking Ahead

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 am - Jubilee Ministry

Wednesday, September 23

5:00 pm - Prayer Choir

7:00 pm - MYF

Thursday, September 24

10:00 am - CMC Volunteer Day

10:00 am - Pastoral Care Visits

10:45 am - CMC Fellowship

“Palestine in Context: The History Behind the Headlines”

Saturday, September 26

12:00 pm - Mennonite Action Prayers

Sunday, September 27

9:20 am - Gathering songs

9:30 am - Worship Service

10:30 am - Fellowship Time and Children's Sunday School

10:45 am - Adult Sunday School

11:00 am - CMC en Español



SEPTEMBER



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.](#)

[Click to see the most recent prayer concerns.](#)