

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship at 9:30am, Sunday school at 10:45am

WORSHIP

March 10	March 17
Worship leader: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Sermon: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Maple</i>	Worship leader: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Sermon: <i>Marshall King</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Hygge</i>
Scripture: <i>Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13</i>	Scripture: <i>Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philipp 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35</i>

CALENDAR

TODAY	Mar 10	12-3pm JYF gathering at Chandler Gym
Wed	Mar 13	6-8pm Small Group Childcare
Sun	Mar 17	7:30pm Congregational meeting
Wed	Mar 20	6:30pm Intergenerational Lenten retreat
Sun	Mar 24	12pm Fellowship meal following 2 nd hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Eleonora Gollner (3rd Parkside) turned 10 on Feb. 23rd! Eleonora enjoys music and math classes at school. She likes playing with her friends, dancing, gymnastics and Lego. She likes to jump on her trampoline with her dad and play with her cat and sister. Her favorite food is Tacos!

TODAY is the first Sunday of Lent. This year's Lent theme is *Holy Longing, Holy Feast*. See the intro attached at the top of this email or on the lit table for more info. If your household would like to mark Lent in a tangible way, consider picking up a purple and ivory colored chain packet, or a "no-plastic" calendar on the round white table in the gathering space to count down to Easter.

Thanks to all who joined us for our pancake dinner on Shrove Tuesday. 87 people were there and after expenses we donated \$71 for the building fund!

Leadership Group met last Tue evening. A reminder that you can read minutes from both LG and Congregational meetings [on our website](#).

Take time to observe Lent with others in the Assembly community at an intergenerational Lenten Retreat Wed March 20 at 6:30pm. The event will be one hour with multi-sensory prayer stations that include pretzel making and painting. All ages welcome! To ensure there are enough materials, RSVP loracn@assemblymennonite.org

Please come to support the benefit fundraiser for Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network: Empty Bowls Soup Project at the Farmer's Market March 23 5-8pm. \$15 includes a meal and a handmade bowl. 12 different kids of soup, vegetarian and gluten free options available.

(repeat) **Our prayers are with Cora Shreiner Landes**, parents Wendel and Cheryl and brother Quinn as they learned this week that Cora has been diagnosed with type one diabetes. Cora spent the week in South Bend children's hospital after being admitted with diabetic ketoacidosis. The family would appreciate your ongoing prayers and meals for the freezer would be appreciated. You can sign up at take [them a meal](#) (or look up last name: Shreiner and password: Landes).

(repeat) **A note for Assembly** from Carolyn Schrock Shenk's family: Even after 3 weeks it still seems impossible that Carolyn is not with us, we miss her and all that she was to us so much. Our grief was held so well by your loving community as you shared comforting thoughts, fed us and just were there for us. The memorial service came together, filled with grace and joy, and you honored Carolyn with music, hospitality and kind words. Carolyn's spirit was with us and I think she was just delighted with the vibrant splashes of color from flowers around the sanctuary as we raised our voices to "Over my Head" to the last song of "Lift your glad voices." Thank you so much for grieving with us and providing a space for us to remember and celebrate Carolyn's life together.

(repeat) **All are invited** to a reception for the exhibit “Brought Home: Objects and Stories from 50 Years of SST” at 3:30pm on Wed, Mar 6, in the Goshen College Good Library Gallery. This exhibit includes objects brought home from participants in the college’s 50-year-old Study-Service Term program. Curated by John Blosser, this exhibit will be on display from Mar 3-May 19.

community connections

Goshen High School Musical GHS is performing *Annie* on March 8, 9, 14, 16 at 7:30 p.m. and 10, 16,17 at 2:30 p.m. Reserve tickets at musictickets@goshenschools.org.

Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship welcomes you to a special Lenten Jazz Vespers service “To This You Have Been Called”. Sun, Mar 17 4-5pm. 2509 Berkey Ave.

Beating Guns: Join MCC in welcoming Shane Claiborne and Mike Martin, authors of the new book *Beating Guns: Hope for a people who are weary of violence*, on Wed, Apr 10 at 6pm at Maple City Chapel for an evening of lament and education around violence involving guns. Inspired by the biblical call to “beat swords into plowshares,” the 90-minute event will feature a live transformation of a gun into a garden tool, speakers, music and stories. Tickets are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register at beatingguns.com/tour by clicking on the Eventbrite link for the Goshen location. Direct any questions to Jes Stoltzfus Buller, MCC Peace Education Coordinator, at JessicaBuller@mcc.org.

Well-being for all. Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Annual Gathering June 21-23 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mount Pleasant, PA. More info at mennohealth.org/gathering or email info@mennohealth.org to join the update email list.

Do you know high-school aged youth with gifts for leadership and ministry? The !Explore program at AMBS provides students in grades 10-12 with a summer experience designed to expose them to the world of theological ideas, encourage growth in spiritual practices and biblical engagement and foster in them a call to vocation in the church. The program includes a 100-hour congregational internship and a Group Experience (July 9-25). !Explore is open to youth from all backgrounds, so we

encourage you to think of those both inside and outside of traditional Mennonite circles. We would love to be in touch with anyone who wants to know more about the program! Application forms are available at ambs.edu/explore.

Peace Camp: Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is offering a week-long Peace Camp July 21-26 for young adults ages 18-22 who are interested in learning about a Biblical approach to peace and justice. During Peace Camp, young adults will explore the theme of “Responding to Violence” through hands-on learning. The week includes a trip to Chicago with MCC partners working with gun violence prevention. Other focus topics include conflict transformation, anti-racism, bystander training and restorative justice. The base participant fee is \$300, and scholarships are available on a case-by-case basis. For more information and registration, see mcc.org/gl_peace_camp or contact either Jes Stoltzfus Buller (MCC Peace Education Coordinator) at jessicabuller@mcc.org or Juan Pacheco (MCC Great Lakes Peace and Justice Coordinator) at juanpacheco@mcc.org.

Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College is seeking an executive director. This position is related to the work of Mennonite Creation Care Network because Merry Lea is one of MCCN’s two sponsoring organizations. The executive director of Merry Lea serves as a sponsor representative on the MCCN Creation Care Council. The position is located in Wolf Lake, Ind., and is available beginning July 1 2019. [See job description.](#)

(repeat) **Looking for a little** lighthearted grace-filled humor? Let comedian, theologian and playwright Ted Swartz's show "The Big Story" entertain and move you as he brings Biblical characters to life in unexpected ways during his Ted & Co. performance at Kern Road Mennonite Church on Sat, Mar 9. This FREE performance starts at 7pm with free-will donations accepted after the show. Contact Beth Gerig at 274-1054 or visit Ted & Company's Facebook page at facebook.com/TedandCompany for more info.

(repeat) **Please join us** for an evening of good food and fellowship at the Friends of Amigo Banquet, 6pm on Mar 14 at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church in Goshen. Come to

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hear an update about this past year at Amigo Centre and what we're working on in 2019. Please call to let us know you are coming! 269-651-2811

(repeat) **John Sharp**, the father of Michael J. Sharp, will be climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro March 4 to 12 to honor MJ, his son who died in March 2017 while working for the United Nations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The hike is to raise money for EMU's Center for Justice & Peacebuilding and raise awareness of the ongoing violence in the Congo. You can learn more and contribute by going to <https://emu.edu/dream-hike/>.

(repeat) **Habitat for Humanity Panel Build March 16:** Bethany Christian Schools is hosting a Habitat for Humanity panel build on Saturday, March 16, and students are raising \$10,000 to help with the cost of materials. Anyone interested in volunteering at the build or donating money towards the build should contact the school (574 534-2567)—more information available online at bethanycs.net/habitatbuild2019.

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a full time Donor Relations Representative to represent Mission Network, strengthen relationships with Mennonite Church USA constituents and cultivate and solicit charitable support for Mission Network purposes. Duties may include some responsibilities in communication. Candidates should bring a passion to connect with God's reconciling mission to the world, the ability to relate well to people, listen perceptively, and elicit participation. Ability and willingness to travel is a must. Experience in fundraising is an asset. Position available immediately. Send resumé and cover letter to Linda Krueger, Human Resources Coordinator at LindaK@MennoniteMission.net. Read the position description at www.MennoniteMission.net.

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