

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 24 | March 31 |
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| Worship leader: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Sermon: <i>Michael Miller</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Hug</i> Fellowship Meal following 2nd hour | Worship leader: <i>Jonathon Schramm</i> Sermon: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Cashew & Almond Joy</i> |
| Scripture: <i>Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9</i> | Scripture: <i>Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</i> |

CALENDAR

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| TODAY | Mar 24 | 12pm Fellowship meal following 2 nd hour |
| Tue | Mar 26 | 7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting |
| Wed | Mar 27 | 6-8:30pm Childcare at meetinghouse for Lenten groups |
| Wed | Apr 3 | 11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch |
| Tue | Apr 9 | 6:30pm Leadership Group meeting |
| Wed | Apr 10 | 6-8:30pm Childcare at meetinghouse for small groups |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Emi Dengler Kaufman (2nd Chandler) turns 8 on March 26th! Emi really enjoyed being an Orphan in the GHS production of Annie. She also likes doing crafts, playing games with her family and reading Magic Treehouse and Juni B Jones books. She is looking forward to swimming in Summer. She plays piano and enjoys dance class!

TODAY is the 3rd 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. Glenn Gilbert is going to lead a conversation about "less plastic for lent" focusing on the problems of single use plastic. 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.

TODAY we will share in a fellowship meal together following 2nd hour. Please bring a dish to share and plates and utensils for your household.

At last Sunday's congregational meeting, we started the conversation of Assembly's spending and direction. The document presented is attached at the top of this email (scroll to the very top of this email, all the way up. Look for small lettering. It's there, I promise).

Lora Nafziger will be out of the office attending the Wabash Pastoral Leadership program Mon March 25-Wed. 27. The theme is "Community and Pastoral Wellbeing."

Bill Mateer was readmitted to the hospital this past week due to reaction to medication following his bike accident. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

The 2 Percent Committee is proposing this distribution of funds in March: Local: The Window - \$825; ADEC - \$825; Church Community Service Seed to Feed - \$825; Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$650; LaCasa of Goshen - Help A House. World: Christian Peacemaker Teams - \$1031; Latin American Anabaptist Seminary - \$1031; Mennonite Central Committee - \$1031; Mennonite Disaster Services - Puerto Rico - \$1032. Please speak to anyone on the 2% Committee if you have questions or proposals. Committee members are Sandy Fribley, Sarah Horst, Annika Miller, Dave Ostergren, Jose Rocha, Joel Zwier, Phil Good-Elliott (chairperson).

Jon Zirkle is working to organize a plant swap fun-draiser for Assembly (and at Assembly) sometime in May (exact date TBD). Some folks have already expressed willingness to donate plants, and the more the merrier! Plants could be garden veggies and herbs, baby trees, native plants, house plants, etc. We need plant contributors, but also plant buyers! So start saving now for spring plants. All proceeds

will go to Assembly. Contact Jon if you have plants to donate (or any questions) at jon.zirkle@gmail.com.

Central District Conferences' March edition of their newsletter Reporter can be read [here](#).

(repeat) **Former Assembly-ite** David Cortright was a party to an important U.S. Appellate court case, Cortright v. Resor, in 1970, when he and members of the Army Band sued the army over their First Amendment right to protest the Vietnam War. A re-enactment script was created by the Hon. Denny Chin of the U.S. Court of Appeals, and will be presented Monday, March 25, in Notre Dame's Patrick F. McCartan Courtroom. This event is free and open to the public, and a complimentary lunch will be served following the event. More info at <https://tinyurl.com/yfcmftj>

(repeat) **All women are invited** to attend Lunch Bunch at 11:30 Wed, Ap 3 at the Greencroft Community Center. Helen Glick will be showing pictures and sharing about her recent trip to the southwest: Snow or No! We will have a salad for lunch. To sign up and request a lunch, contact Halen at helenliechtyglick@yahoo.com or 330-763-4980 before Friday, March 29.

(repeat) **Tina Schlabach**, pastor at Shalom Mennonite in Arizona, and friend of Assembly, is inviting people to learn more about the immigration work they are doing in their congregation: <https://shalommennonite.org/> She invites you to follow [this link](#) to the Go-Fund-Me site to get more information and possibly support an effort to raise bond for an immigrant currently detained. The money raised will go for her release, and when returned by the court will be applied to future bond needs for others. Thanks for your consideration!

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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 kinds of soup, vegetarian and gluten free options available.

community connections

All are welcome to attend the 18th Annual Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science, Mar 29-31 featuring Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, an evangelical Christian, atmospheric scientist and climate change expert. Dr. Hayhoe will offer two free public lectures on Fri, Mar 29, 7:30pm and on Sat, Mar 30, 10:30am. A third lecture for registered conference attendees will take place on Sun, Mar 31. Lectures will take place in GC's Church-Chapel. More at goshen.edu/religionscience

Lavender Jazz, Goshen College's big band jazz ensemble, will present a free concert in Rieth Recital Hall on Saturday, March 30. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Before Hymnal: A Worship Book, before The Mennonite Hymnal, there was the Church Hymnal. First published in 1927, it was used by many Mennonite congregations for decades. Step back into that bygone era, and request your favorites, at a 1927 Church Hymnal Hymn Sing - to be held Sun, Mar 31, at 4pm, at the College Mennonite Church sanctuary. Bring a copy of the hymnal if you have one.

Celebrate 20 years of the Center for Healing & Hope and help support its future. Fiesta Feast raises funding for the Center to continue to provide medical care for uninsured people and resources for our immigrant neighbors. Buy your tickets now for the event on Sat, Apr 13, 5-7pm, at College Mennonite Church, 1900 S. Main Street in Goshen. Enjoy a delicious Mexican meal, a special 20th anniversary program, a live fundraising auction, door prizes and opportunities to add your support to making our community stronger for all of us. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for youth; children 0-5 eat free. Purchase tickets and make an additional donation at www.CHHclinics.org or call 574-534-4744.

MCC Borderlands Learning Tour: Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes welcomes you to join us on a learning tour designed to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. The learning tour will take place on May 22-26 in

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Arizona and will include crossing the border into Mexico. Attendees will also have the option to participate in the Migrant Trail walk following the tour. For more information, including a tentative schedule and online registration, visit mcc.org/borderlands-may-2019 or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at JuanPacheco@mcc.org or (574) 534-4133.

SWAP volunteers urgently needed: MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program has an urgent need for volunteer groups and individuals. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Individuals or groups, including families, adults or youth can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more info about bringing a group to SWAP, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

Mennonite Mission Network is currently seeking to fill three full time positions: Donor Relations Representative (western region), Editor and Marketing Associate. You can see the position descriptions at www.MennoniteMission.net. Please send a cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

(repeat) **High school seniors:** Apply and get admitted to Goshen College on Instant Admit Day, March 30, to receive up to \$16,000 right away. Plus, find out what other scholarships and grants you are eligible for (our average financial aid package is almost \$26,000!). Why else apply on Instant Admit Day? Your application fee will be waived, you'll get an admission decision on the spot, and you'll be entered to win one of three \$500 GC Bookstore vouchers. Plus, receive a GC T-shirt! It's easy: Just bring along your unofficial transcript (including test scores) to campus between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Welcome Center. Learn more at goshen.edu/instant.

(repeat) **Please join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA)** for our March Business Tour of New Horizons Aviation at the Goshen Municipal Airport -- Sat, Mar 30, at 8:30am. Our morning will begin with a hearty buffet breakfast at Dandino's in Goshen. Then we will travel just a few miles south to the

airport on CR 42 where Roger Yoder and Dave Hawkins will share some of the history and changes they've had at New Horizons Aviation. Several airplanes and the flight simulator will be on display. Please RSVP by noon on Tue, Mar 26, to info@michianameda.org or call/text 574-355-3607. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

(repeat) **Join MCC Great Lakes** for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on Aug 4-9. Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to South Bend, Elkhart, and Bunker Hill, Ind. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome. For more information and registration visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at JuanPacheco@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

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