

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 31	April 7
Worship leader: <i>Jonathon Schramm</i> Sermon: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Cashew & Almond Joy</i>	Worship leader: <i>Regina Shands Stoltzfus</i> Sermon: <i>Tobias Magatti</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Shine</i>
Scripture: <i>Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</i>	Scripture: <i>Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philipp 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8</i>

CALENDAR

Wed	Apr 3	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch
Fri-Sat	Apr 5-6	Mentor/Mentee retreat at Camp Friedenswald
Tue	Apr 9	6:30pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Apr 10	6-8:30pm Childcare at meetinghouse for Lenten & small groups
Sun	Apr 14	12pm JYF gathering following 2 nd hour
Thur	Apr 18	6pm Maundy Thursday service & meal
Sat	Apr 20	6pm Easter Vigil

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Leif Kingsley (K Rock Run) turned 6 on March 27! Leif loves sports and is looking forward GYSO soccer this spring. He enjoys playing the bodhran drum and the ukulele. He likes math and solving problems in his head. He's learning how to roller-skate!

Emerson Landis (6th Bethany) turned 12 on March 25! Emerson has two new cats! This year he ran cross country, played basketball and is currently playing tennis. He enjoys hanging out with friends in the neighborhood and at school, and enjoys playing boardgames with his family.

TODAY is the 4th 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.

Lora is out of the office traveling with her family from until Apr 5. Anna or Karl can be contacted for pastoral needs during this time.

At the March 26 Small Group Reps meeting, the list of potential new elders was shared and groups were asked to discern their top choices before Apr 21. We also reviewed other current agenda before the congregation. Ask your rep for details.

Assembly's pastoral search committee has reopened the Pastor of Congregational Life and Hospitality position. More info can be found at the top of this email and the full job posting is available [on Assembly's website](#).

Its spring! The sun is shining, and the roads are clear. MCC needs Relief kits for all the disasters around the world and as always - for the refugees. And I will get busy shopping! I will be your buyer. It will cost about \$25.00 for a kit. Any amount of money will help. You can write a check to Assembly Mennonite Church and mark it for MCC Relief Kits. Then put it in the offering. Cash can be put in the offering in an envelope or give it directly to me. The need is great! Thank you! - Johanna Sutter

This year we will be observing Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in a combined service on **Thur, Apr 18 at 6pm**. The family friendly part of the service will include a finger food love feast around tables and foot washing. Then we will shift into the new space for a shortened Good Friday service with taize music and candles. Young children may wish to leave after the foot washing. Sign-ups are in the foyer for both attending and bringing food.

The Assembly kitchen could use some more towels for drying dishes. If you happen to have extra dishtowels hanging around that you're not using, feel free to bring them to the meetinghouse!

Summer rental housing needed for an IU grad student intern who will be helping Goshen conduct its first community-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory. He will need housing from mid-May to late August. Please contact Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley with any leads.

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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.

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

community connections

April First Friday meal at The Window Apr 5, 4:30-7pm. Come enjoy Salisbury steak, ranch mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, roll, and cheesecake square. Suggested donation of \$9.

Sorting Out Race: MCC Great Lakes is hosting a traveling exhibit called "Sorting Out Race: Examining

Racial Identity and Stereotypes in Thrift Store Donations" at The Depot MCC Thrift Shop in Goshen during the month of April. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular business hours, Mondays-Fridays: 9-5 and Saturdays: 9-4. In addition, the display will be open special hours on Sun, Apr 7 and 14 from 1-5pm and on Wed, Apr 17 and 24 for evening visits for youth groups. You can learn more about the display at sortingoutrace.com. For more info, contact the Great Lakes MCC office at 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org.

Farmer, talk show host, and Agitator in Chief at [Bold Iowa](#), Ed Fallon will be in town on Sat, Apr 13 to lead a climate [bird-dog](#) training workshop and share the incredible story of his 2014 [Great March for Climate Action](#) as chronicled in his memoir, [Marcher, Walker, Pilgrim](#). The workshop will be in Newcomer 19 at Goshen College from 11am-1:30pm. Questions? Contact Gabe Miller at gabriels3@goshen.edu.

The Project Promise Easter Play will be presented at Middlebury Church of the Brethren at 3 and 6pm on Sat, Apr 13. During this live drama, the actors will interpret the events leading up to Easter. Admission is free; a goodwill offering will be taken. The church is located at 507 Bristol Ave, Middlebury, IN 46540. Project Promise provides spiritual and social support for persons with disabilities.

Apr 26 Fish Fry: Bethany Christian High School's junior class fish fry is 4:30-8pm, Fri, Apr 26. Come for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are \$12 for adults and carryout and \$6 for children grades 1-6 (Kindergarten and younger eat free). Carryout window opens at 4. Tickets may be purchased from any Bethany junior or at the school.

Bright Time Summer Camp, June 3-7, has more than 60 athletic, fine arts, science, and all kinds of fun camps for rising grades 1-8. Camps are \$35-\$40. Additionally, Shine On Campcare will provide a place for children for before, between, and after their camps. View camp listings and register online at www.bethanycs.net/BrightTime.

Love Crosses Borders: *A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants.* Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs,

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they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? What can unwelcomed immigrants teach the Church about love? How can the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement inform and inspire us to a love that crosses borders? Jul 28 to Aug 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more info, visit MennoniteMen.org or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org.

MCC responds to disaster caused by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique and Malawi: On March 15, Cyclone Idai destroyed 90 percent of Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, and affected nearly 3 million people in its path with widespread flooding up to 20 feet high. Bridges, roads, fields, farms and millions of homes were violently washed away. It was one of the worst tropical cyclones ever to hit the southern hemisphere. Your gift will help MCC and our partners provide emergency assistance to those in dire need. You can donate online at mcc.org/cyclone-idai. Donations can also be made by calling 1-888-563-4676 or by contacting your local MCC office.

Mennonite Health Services (MHS) seeks an Administrative Coordinator to provide support for the MHS board of directors, MHS executive staff and assist with the Mennonite Health Assembly conference. MHS is a not for profit, faith-based, membership organization connecting Anabaptist-related health and human services providers together to stay true to our values and achieve the very best outcomes. Believing that we are stronger together, MHS offers centralized resources and values-centered consulting services.
 POSITION: Part-Time Administrative Coordinator
 HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm
 START DATE: June 1, 2019 To apply, send a resume and cover letter to MHS CEO Karen Lehman at karen@mhsonline.org by May 1, 2019 to apply.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 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.

(repeat) **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

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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.

(repeat) **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.

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