

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

<p style="text-align: center;">April 14 Palm Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leader: <i>Bethany Swope</i> Sermon: <i>Holy Week texts and stories</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Alpha</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philipp 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 21 Easter Easter Feast 1st hour, no 2nd hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leaders: <i>Bethany Swope, Jady Good Kaufmann, Sam Ostergren</i> Sermon: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>B & Beta</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: <i>Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18</i></p>
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CALENDAR

TODAY	Apr 14	12pm JYF gathering following 2 nd hour
Thur	Apr 18	6pm Maundy Thursday service & meal
Sat	Apr 20	6pm Easter Vigil
Sun	Apr 21	Easter Sunday; finger food feast during 1 st hour, no 2 nd hour or Sunday school
Tue	Apr 23	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Sun	Apr 28	8am Senior breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Kaia Kennedy (Concord East Side 1st) turned 7 on Mar 19! Kaia enjoys crafts and anything art. She loves to swim in the ocean and playing in the sand any chance she gets. Now that she is 7 she hopes that this year will include more camping and she wants to play bigger piano pieces!

TODAY is Palm Sunday! Children and youth should look for their palms upon arriving, and we can look forward to the children singing! If your child is planning to participate in the singing (organized by Marna Mateer), please arrive 15 minutes early for a final practice before 1st hour.

Maundy Thursday: All are invited to a meal & a service of footwashing at 6pm on Maundy Thursday, Apr 2 at the meetinghouse. **Please note: This is a family-friendly event; children are welcome!** Please sign up in the gathering space so we are sure to have enough tables and chairs ready. You can also sign up to bring a food plate.

On Sat evening, April 20, join us for a family friendly Easter Vigil at 6pm. We will travel through all of the events and emotions of Holy week which will include hearing the stories, Easter eggs and a Hallelujah hunt. This service is open to all ages. Please RSVP to loracn@assemblymennonite.org

Our Easter worship service next Sun, Apr 21 will include an Easter feast near the end of first hour. Everyone is invited to bring festive finger foods to share! The food will be carried with love into the worship space by our children. You are also invited to bring spring flowers, Easter lilies, and other blooms to brighten up the worship space. There will be no 2nd hour or Sunday school.

Reihe Einen Spring Ensemble, conducted by Jeremiah Chico will hold a Benefit Concert at the meetinghouse on Apr 13 at 6pm. All proceeds will be sent to Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Glenn Gilbert is looking for a few volunteers to work Mon evening April 22 and Tues evening April 23 to install the under-carpet antenna system for the T-coil hearing assist system in the new worship space. Experience is not necessary, just the ability to work on your knees and pay attention to detail. See Glenn if you have any questions.

All are welcome to attend a drop-in reception at the meetinghouse on Sat, Apr 27, from 4-6pm, to recognize Yazan Meqbil's graduation from GC. Yazan is an international student from Palestine who has been living with Leon Bauman and Char Yutzky.

Assembly's Eastertide worship series, titled *Extending the Table*, start Sun, Apr 28. The intro to this series is attached at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table.

April's congregational meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 7pm rather than it's regular third Sunday slot in order to avoid meeting on Easter.

Notable Women Concert. Come to hear Notable Women with guest artists Three-Legged Chair on Sat, Apr 20, 7:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 215 E Lincoln Ave, Goshen. Suggested donation of \$10. This group includes a few Assembly women: Karen Graber Roth, Jamie Lake, Lydia Miller, and Becky Overholt.

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 (K and younger eat free). Carryout window opens at 4. Tickets are available from any Bethany Jr or see the sign up sheet on the round white table.

The Elkhart County Jail Ministry Banquet is at 7pm Apr 30 at Maple City Chapel in Goshen. This large ecumenical gathering celebrates the variety of ways local churches and individuals walk alongside inmates at the jail. Assembly has a table reserved (at which you can eat your free pie). The event will be done by 8:30pm. If you're interested, talk to Marshall King or Glenn Gilbert.

May 11 Plant Sale Fun-draiser at Assembly, 9am-12pm. Are you excited about putting plants in the ground this spring? Or looking for houseplants to brighten your home? Come to a Plant Sale Fun-draiser at Assembly on Sat, May 11. Plants for sale will include vegetable and herb starts, flowers, young trees and shrubs, and houseplants, and financial donations will go to Assembly. So save up some money for your spring plant purchases to be spent towards Assembly! This is intended to be an opportunity to sell some useful plants for gardens, lawns, and homes, but also engage the community. Interested in helping? Have plants you'd like to donate to the cause (that would be sold)? Contact Jon Zirkle (jon.zirkle@gmail.com or 269-858-9527). Help spread the word.

LaCasa's annual Help a House is Sat, May 11. Please sign up for a day of work with La Casa's housing projects

for Goshen area low income homeowners needing repairs. All types of work are available for all skill levels. All ages are encouraged to help but Children Jr High and below are expected to be with an adult. Please wear work clothes and bring gloves and small hand tools if you have them. Signup sheet is available in the gathering space (if you have special skills please indicate that on the signup sheet). Talk to Dale Klassen if you have questions.

Some of the mentor/mentee pairs took part in a retreat to Camp Friedenswald last weekend. They had a good time and got a lot done! You'll find a picture from the event on the bulletin board near the north entrance, and there are some more on CF's [facebook page](#).

Bethany Christian Middle School will perform *The Life and Times of Princess Sophia* at 7pm Fri and Sat, May 3 and 4. Assembly's own Tristan Mast is involved! Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, may be purchased online beginning April 15 at bethanycs.net/tickets.

Vacation Bible School is a NEW week this year, June 10-14 from 9-11:30am, and does not overlap with Bethany Bright Time. We are looking for volunteers (7th grade and up), there are positions from everyone from cookie baker to Family group and Then and Now activity leader. We hope to have more children participating and are trying to get as many volunteers to help, as possible. [This form](#) lets you check as many positions as you could like and we will help you get the best position for you. Volunteer early to get your first pick of positions and reduce VBS announcements and VBS committee stress. If you have questions please ask Sarah Horst.

(repeat) **To further reduce our building debt**, small group Well Seasoned invites you to join us in purchasing landscape trees. Families, Sunday school classes and small groups could raise all or part of the \$300 per tree. You could also purchase a tree as a memorial. Make checks payable to Assembly Mennonite Church and indicate "building project landscaping" on the memo line.

(repeat) **Tina Schlabach**, pastor at Shalom Mennonite in Arizona, and friend of Assembly, thanks all who made generous donations toward the bond for a detained immigrant, who has now been released. Funds raised are also being shared with a sister organization for bond of a

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gay indigenous man from Mexico, who has suffered a great deal and is currently in detention.

community connections

Join us for a Comforter Bash! Make plans to join us on Nov 8 and 9 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23). We are also in need of comforter tops (size 60"x80"), so please consider making them now for use at the event. For more information about the event visit mcc.org/comforter-bash or contact Carol Honderich at 574-536-9062. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

Job Opening: Bethany Christian High School is seeking to hire a varsity boys basketball coach next season, effective immediately. Interested applicants should send resumes and contact information to Athletic Director Gary Chupp at glchupp@bethanycs.net.

(repeat) **Stations of the Cross** (Apr 14-20) and Stations of the Resurrection (Apr 21-June 8) have become a Holy Week and Easter tradition at Pathways Retreat in Goshen. Read the written reflections and gaze upon the images posted along our wooded paths. Individuals, families and groups are welcome anytime from dawn to dusk; there is no registration or cost, though donations are always gratefully accepted. A golf cart makes the Stations accessible to all; please make arrangements for the cart in advance by calling or texting Linda at 574-333-1822. Pathways Retreat: 309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen. www.pathwaysretreat.org

(repeat) **Dismas House** invites you to their 33rd annual dinner on Wed, May 8 at 6pm: Dinner with Danny. The keynote speaker is Danny Trejo, former offender and movie star celebrating 50 years of sobriety! For more info or to purchase a ticket [click here](#).

(repeat) **Volunteers needed:** MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) location in West Virginia is completing the move from Elkhorn to Kimball. There is still significant work to be done at the Kimball site in order to be ready for the summer SWAP season. Especially

needed are drywall finishers, painters, trim carpenters, electricians and plumbers to do finish work. To explore volunteering and helping with the need, contact Lee and Peg Martin at 304-585-1103 or PegMartin@mcc.org.

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