

AssemblyLine

April 28, 2019

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Lectionary Texts: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

| April 28 | May 5 |
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| Worship leaders: <i>Jon Zirkle</i> Sermon: <i>Randy Roth</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Ad Lib & 8th St+</i> | Worship leaders: <i>Small Group Cantaloupe</i> Sermon: <i>Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Cardinal & Pizza Seed</i> |
| Scripture: <i>John 20:19-31</i> | Scripture: <i>John 21:1-19</i> |

CALENDAR

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| TODAY | Apr 28 | 8am Senior breakfast 7pm Congregational meeting |
| Wed | May 1 | 11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch |
| Sun | May 5 | 12pm Sunday school teacher/parent meeting & pizza luncheon |
| Tue | May 7 | 6:30pm Leadership Group meeting |
| Wed | May 8 | 6-8:30pm Childcare for small groups |
| Sat | May 11 | 9-12pm Plant sale FUNdraiser |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Mabel Miller Avelar turned 2 on Apr 22! Mabel is affectionate and passionate. She spends lots of time drawing, using her imagination to play, and copying big sister Alyda's activities. If she is talking about something, it likely involves the park, swimming, or baby sharks.

Landon Glick Miller (8th St Preschool) turned 5 on Apr 26! Landon enjoys playing with cars and trucks, putting together puzzles and Legos, and riding his bicycle and scooter. He also enjoys ninja class and playing with his friends and his older brother, Spencer.

Hans Nafziger-Peterson turned 1 on Apr 26! Hans enjoys walking outside, eating small pieces of gravel off the floor, playing with blocks, spending time with his grandparents, riding in the grocery cart, and petting puppies. Hans continues to be the source of so much love and laughter.

Tilly Schramm (4th West Goshen) turns 10 years old on May 5! Tilly's favorite school subjects are writing, reading, and social studies. She plays soccer for Middlebury Magic, plays piano and loves to sing. She looks forward to meeting up with her parents in Germany for 2 weeks this summer!

TODAY is the first Sunday of our Eastertide worship series. The theme is: Extending the Table. Introduction to this worship series can be found attached at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table. During 2nd hour

in Eastertide adults have the opportunity to choose between various elective choices. They are: Exploring Church Rituals, Death has Lost its Sting, Quiet Centering Time, and Some Assembly Required. For more info on these options, see the attached document at the top of this email or the pink half sheets on the lit table.

TODAY we have a congregational meeting at 7pm. We will hear updates about the building, MYF search committee, discuss pastor emeritus designations, and Audio/video policy.

Sunday School Parent/Teacher meeting and pizza lunch is scheduled for 12pm on Sun, May 5 after 2nd hour. Parents will have the opportunity learn more about how we talk in Sunday school about race and to give feedback to Christian Ed committee as we work on Sunday school education topics. Parents, teachers and children please plan to attend! **Help is needed** to provide fruit, veggies, dessert, and aid in setup and take down. **Look for the sign-up sheet on the round table in the gathering space.**

At the April small group reps meeting, the reps selected Anne Horst Hanby and Jamie Lake as new congregational elders. Their names will come to the congregation for affirmation the at the May congregational meeting.

Mary Schertz attended Assembly for many years and we have an opportunity to help celebrate her 70th birthday. On Sat, Apr 27 from 2-4pm there will be a community party

for Mary at the Fellowship of Hope meetinghouse at 1618 S. Sixth Street, Elkhart. In lieu of gifts, contributions toward the repair of Mary's front steps are welcome.

On Friday, May 3rd, the Goshen High School Unified Track and Field team will be hosting their annual invitational at Foreman Field at GHS. The event will start at 5:30pm with a free will offering for Special Olympics at the gate. Assemblyites involved in the team are Head Coach Sean Smuts and athletes Mara Sensenig and Kia Kurtz. Please consider coming to this amazing event and support our local athletes.

All are invited to an evening of Stories of Service on May 8 at 7pm at Silverwood Mennonite Church. Hear meaningful stories from Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure alumni. What they did, what they learned, and what you should know if you are contemplating service. Delicious snacks and great company will be provided. Anna Yoder Schlabach is one of the speakers. See attached poster for more information.

Assembly Mennonite Church has officially changed its address to 727 New York St primarily because we wanted GPS to take visitors to the entrance of the new parking lot. If you donate to Assembly via online bill pay through your bank: please edit Assembly's information with your bank so that the bank is sending checks to this new address.

Small group Shine invites you to bring meals for Nadia and Ella as Nadia recovers from shoulder surgery. Last name: Shank, Password: Nadia
<https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=RFHR0012>

(repeat) **Congratulations to Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley**, recently named a *Hoosier Resilience Hero* for his innovative creation caring work as Goshen forester and revitalizing Goshen's urban forest.

(repeat) **Please join us** for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch at **11:30 on Wed, May 1** at the Greencroft Community Center. Our topic will be "Farewell to this Lunch Bunch Year". Our lunch will be smoked turkey cobb on tandoori naan with fruit or chips. To request a lunch, contact Joyce at joycehos@gmail.com before Apr 26.

(repeat) **Goshen Clay Artist Guild sale** Fri, May 3 6-9pm and Sat, May 4 8am-2pm at the clay artist guild behind the farmer's market. See Bruce Bishop for info: 312-0098.

(repeat) **The St. Joseph Valley Camerata** is performing their Spring concert "Out of the Deep...Into the Light". Music includes Donald McCullough's *HOLOCAUST CANTATA - Songs from the Camps*, John Rutter's *REQUIEM*, and *ALL OF US* from "Considering Matthew Shepard" by Craig Hella Johnson. Sat, May 4 at 7:30pm at Reith Recital Hall. Sun, May 5 at 3pm at AMBS chapel. Tickets available at sjvcamerata.org and at the door. \$15 regular, \$5 student. Assembly involvement includes Jeff Martin, Lisa Rose Martin, Becky Snider, Nate Osborne and Rebecca Dengler Kaufman.

community connections

Final week of exhibit: The "Sorting Out Race" exhibit at The Depot MCC Thrift Shop in Goshen has attracted a variety of people and many have expressed gratitude for bringing this articulate display to our community. This traveling exhibit will only be at the Depot one more week, concluding on Friday evening, May 3. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular thrift shop business hours, Mondays-Fridays: 9-5. You can learn more about the display at sortingoutrance.com.

If you are interested in registering a quilt for the 2019 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, instructions on how to do so plus more info can be found at the top of this email.

Church Community Services is in need of volunteers! Go to www.churchcommunityservices.org/volunteer or contact Jen McOwen to learn more! 574-295-3673 x 112 or volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org

Job Opening: Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, is seeking a Marketing and Communication Manager to help develop school messaging and carry out integrated strategies that reinforce the schools mission, vision, and values. Strategic thinking, excellent writing skills, and the ability to create engaging content for current and emergent social media are required. For more information and to apply, see bethanycs.net/jobs.

(repeat) **Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace** (MV4MEP) will host "Visiting Holy Sites and Listening to

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the Living Stones: Musings on Israel/Palestine." Saulo Padilla, Coordinator for Immigration Education at Mennonite Central Committee, will host a conversation about Israel/ Palestine. Conversation participants include David Maldonado, pastor at College Mennonite Church, and Dr. Loren Johns, professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. David will share from his experience on an Israel-Palestine "Come & See" tour and Loren will speak from his own deep concern about the impact of Christian Zionism on Christian groups and American foreign policy with Israel. Saulo helped organize a learning tour to Palestine/Israel for Latina(o)/People of Color Mennonite Church USA leaders. This is an opportunity to experience and learn as these church leaders share with each other and with event participants. Join us on April 29 at 7pm at Fellowship of Hope, 1618 S 6th Street, Elkhart.

(repeat) **The Window's first Friday meal** on May 3 from 4:30-7pm will include apple barbecue pulled pork, hash brown casserole, green beans with bacon, fruit salad, dinner rolls, and cake. \$9 suggested donation.

(repeat) **The Church Community Services** food pantry benefits from the Letter Carrier's Food Drive on May 11 and we could use your help! Simply put non-perishable food items in a bag or box next to your mailbox by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 11, and they will be picked up! We also need "bag buddies", pairs of people to follow a letter carrier and pick up the food at mailboxes, and volunteers to help sort collected food at the Post Office. Please contact Jen if you can help with a shift on Sat, May 11. 574-295-3673 x 112 or volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org

(repeat) **A Goshen College international** student is looking for a host family for the 2019/20 school year. His name is Kibet and he is from Kenya. He happens to be in Goshen right now so anyone willing to host could meet him upon their request. If you would be willing to host Kibet, contact Rustin Nyce at rustinwb@goshen.edu or 238-3641

(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.

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