

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

April 7	April 14 Palm Sunday
Worship leader: <i>Regina Shands Stoltzfus</i> Sermon: <i>Tobias Magatti</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Shine</i> 2% Offering	Worship leader: <i>Bethany Swope</i> Sermon: <i>Holy Week texts and stories</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Alpha</i>
Scripture: <i>Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philipp 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8</i>	Scripture: <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philipp 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56</i>

CALENDAR

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
Sun	Apr 21	Easter Sunday; finger food feast during 1 st hour, no 2 nd hour or Sunday school

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Reuben Graber Roth turned 2 on April 1! Reuben loves trains, otherwise known as “choo choos”, dancing, rocks, any sport with a ball and running back and forth across the length of the house. He enjoys being in the kitchen and cooking with mom and dad and “washing dishes”.

TODAY is the 5th 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.

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.

Our Easter worship service on 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 that day.

The Elkhart County Jail Ministry Banquet is at 7pm Apr 23 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.

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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](#).

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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 Taizé 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.

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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.

community connections

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

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](#).

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.

Pathway's Retreat's April edition of their newsletter Rhythms [is available here](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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;

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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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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, 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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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