

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelations 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

May 12	May 19
Worship leaders: <i>Small Group Alpha</i> Sermon: <i>Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Soup & Groupyndor</i>	Worship leaders: <i>Small Group Derailed</i> Sermon: <i>Osee Tshiwape</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Auklet</i>
Scripture: <i>John 10:22-30</i>	Scripture: <i>John 10:22-30</i>

CALENDAR

Sat May 11 9-12pm Plant sale FUNdraiser
TODAY May 12 Planting trees during 1st hour
Sun May 19 7pm Congregational meeting
Tue May 28 7:15pm Small group reps meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY is the 3rd 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 are planting trees at the end of 1st hour! Please come dressed for this activity and bring a shovel. No prior experience needed, just a willingness to help throw a bit of dirt around.

Building updates: The chairs were delivered this week, many of the walls in our current worship space are painted, sound system installed, bathrooms are being finished. We continue to wait on doors and permits! Thank you to the many volunteers this week who made this possible! Upcoming volunteer needs: Mon, May 20 Dana and his crew need help pulling up the carpet in the current worship space and cleaning off laminate tiles for reuse. Email office@assemblymennonite.org if you can help!

Lora Nafziger will be out of the office attending the Wabash Pastoral Leadership program Tue, May 14-Wed 15. The theme is "Demographics and Immigration."

May 11 Plant Sale FUNdraiser at Assembly, 9am-12pm. A reminder to swing by and purchase your vegetables and

herb starts, flowers, young trees and shrubs, and houseplants. Financial donations will go to Milk & Honey. If you are dropping off plants, please do so Friday or Sat before 8am. Contact Jon Zirkle (jon.zirkle@gmail.com or 269-858-9527) with questions and help spread the word!

The Search Committee is pleased to share that we are actively reviewing candidates' materials for our fourth pastor (Pastor of Congregational Life and Hospitality) and we are pleased with the pool of applicants. Please keep praying for us as we continue the work of discernment you have asked us to do. Search Committee members are Jeanne Liechty & Brian Mast, co-chairs, Stacey Farran, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Randy Roth & Barb Swartley.

From Leadership Group: We invite and encourage small groups to do fundraisers for the building project. A special thanks to small group Well Seasoned who generated the idea of sponsoring trees and to Jon Zirkle who came up with the plant sale idea. Fundraisers build community and also help lower the amount of the mortgage. So please continue to share and carry out those great ideas. Please contact Lora Nafziger as you begin planning.

The men's vocal ensemble *The Open Fifths* presents their spring concert "Toward the Light" on Fri, May 17 at 7:30pm at the chapel at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart) and Sun, May 19 at 3:30pm at College Mennonite Church (1900 S Main St, Goshen). Assembly's own Jason Kauffman and Adam Graber Roth are both in the group. Tickets are \$10, and \$5 for students, available at the door or in advance from members of the group and online at brownpapertickets.com

Sign your kids up (ages 4 years old-6th grade) for Bible School. June 10-14, 9-11:30am. Located at College Mennonite Church <https://forms.gle/xWB5jysFsPC5ytNR9>
Talk to Sarah Horst with questions or to volunteer.

For your calendar: Assembly's Fall Retreat at Camp Friendenswald will be October 11-13, 2019.

Please change your contact information for Merritt and Ruth Ann Gardner to the following emails: Merritt: gardnermerritt@gmail.com and Ruth Ann: ragardner36@gmail.com

(repeat) **Joy Buschert** is now at Waterford Crossing Rehab in room 109. Though she is not yet able to move around on her own, she is recuperating and getting therapy to regain her strength. Joy welcomes visits and the family requests that you sign the guestbook if you do visit.

(repeat) **A Benefit Concert for** Six-year-old Caleb Gunawan of College Mennonite Church will be held May 10 at 7pm. Caleb has been fighting cancer for more than two years and has made over 25 trips to New York for treatment. Martin and Chika, his parents and Caleb's two siblings have made many of the trips with him. Randy Roth and his five-piece jazz ensemble, Jabberwock, will perform mostly jazz, some blues and a little gospel. A CMC Sunday School class will provide desserts for after the concert. Contributions can be brought to the concert and made payable to the Caleb Gunawan Cancer Fund (at Key bank). For more info, contact Randy Roth.

(repeat) **Summer Tree Watering Volunteers:** The City of Goshen is looking for folks who are willing to give one morning per week from June to September to help water newly planted trees across Goshen. Even if there are portions of the summer which you are not available we would be glad to incorporate your help when you are able. Work with other Goshen volunteers to care for the next generation of our urban forest, to make sure that young trees get off to a healthy, well-watered start! Contact Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley at aaronkingsley@goshencity.com

community connections

Spring Concerts: Bethany Christian Schools grades 4-8 music students will present spring concerts on Tue and Thur, May 14 and 16, in the school chapel. Grade 6-8

choral groups will perform on Tue 7pm; grade 4-8 instrumental groups will perform on Thur with beginning band/orchestra at 6:30 and middle school band/orchestra groups at 7:30. No admission charge and all are welcome!

Please join us at our annual Fair Trade Rug Event at Ten Thousand Villages in Goshen, Wed, May 15 through Sun, May 19. Over 300 rugs will be at our store, sizes from 2x3' to 9x12' including runners, all made by fairly paid artisans in Pakistan. Purchase of these heirloom-quality rugs supports the rug artisans and their families, helping them improve their lives and communities. For more info, stop by Ten Thousand Villages in Goshen, or call 533-8491.

You are invited to participate in Mennonite Central Committee's Borderlands [learning tour](#) May 22-26 designed to bring awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization, environment degradation, effects on habitat and effects on sister communities by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. Borderlands. 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.

He is Risen! We invite you to come walk our Stations of the Resurrection. Read the written reflections and gaze upon the images posted along our wooded paths from April 21 to June 8. 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

Iona Healing Prayer 12pm, May 22 at Pathways Retreat. All are welcome to this 30min service of praying for ourselves, our loved ones, our community, and our world.

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 provides a place for children for before, between, and after their camps. View camp listings and register online at bethanycs.net/BrightTime. Online registration closes May 21.

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The Mennonite Relief sale recycling program the last few years has been run by a couple from Benton Mennonite and they are looking to pass on the torch. If you are interested in learning more about this task and possibly willing to take it on, please contact Aaron Gerber at 574-238-1164.

Local MCC internship: MCC Great Lakes is looking for a fall intern to support young adult program work in the Great Lakes region. Specifically, this intern will help with the planning and implementation of the fall regional gathering for the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) and recruitment for the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program. The intern reports to the Young Adult Coordinator for MCC Great Lakes in Goshen, but will work collaboratively with others in MCC to help strengthen young adult programs. Apply online for this paid internship by May 24 at mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/young-adult-internship-mcc-great-lakes. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

Church Community Services has [many volunteer needs](#). If you are interested contact Jen McOwen at 295-3673 ext. 112 or volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org

Pathways Retreat's May issue of their newsletter, Rhythms, can be viewed [here](#).

(repeat) **Forest Volunteer Day** in Goshen Sat, May 18 9am-2pm. This is a work day to enhance the tree canopy in Goshen, starting at 306 N Greene Rd (park at the church next door). Lunch included if you RSVP to treessforgoshen@gmail.com or aaronkingsley@goshencity.com. See the attached flier at the top of this email for more information.

(repeat) **Peace Camp:** Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is offering a week-long Peace Camp for young adults ages 18-22 who are interested in learning about a Biblical approach to peace and justice. During Peace Camp on July 21-26 at Amigo Centre, young adults will explore the theme of "Responding to Violence" as they are invited by the prophet Micah (Chapter 4) to go up to the mountaintop. The week includes a trip to Chicago with MCC partners working with gun violence prevention. Other hands-on learning will focus on conflict transformation, nonviolence training and community

building as peacemaking. The base participant fee is \$300. Scholarships are also available on a case-by-case basis. For more information, see mcc.org/gl_peace_camp or contact either Jes Stoltzfus Buller (MCC Peace Education Coordinator) at jessicabuller@mcc.org or Brooke Strayer (MCC Great Lakes Young Adult Coordinator) at brookestrayer@mcc.org.

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network**, an international faith-based mission agency, is seeking a full-time interim (1 year) program director for Mennonite Voluntary Service. This position requires a collaborative leader who will work closely with young adults, hosting congregations and MVS staff in financial and unit administration. A bachelor's degree and prior inter-cultural experience in service is preferred. Fluency in Spanish language is a plus. View the position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Send cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net

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