

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelations 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### WORSHIP

May 19	May 26
Worship leaders: <i>Small Group Derailed</i> Sermon: <i>Osee Tshiwape "Where are you from?"</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Auklet</i>	Worship leaders: <i>Small Group Cashew</i> Sermon: <i>Ted and Gayle Koontz</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Derailed</i>
Scripture: <i>Leviticus 19:33-34</i>	Scripture: <i>John 14:23-29</i>

### CALENDAR

TODAY May 19 7pm Congregational meeting  
Tue May 28 7:15pm Small group reps meeting  
Tue June 4 6:30pm Leadership Group meeting

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**Kaylee Martin** (K Chamberlain) turns 6 on May 20! Kaylee's favorite specials at school are art and music. She loves riding bikes with her family, especially on the tag a long. She is good at jumping, observing, drawings pictures, climbing trees and skating in winter. She likes reading fairy books with her mom.

**TODAY** is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**The Assembly Leadership Group** celebrates Anja Kenagy's covenanting with the congregation TODAY. Anja, who graduated from Goshen College recently, has been attending Assembly the past 4 years, and has served as an apprentice elder this year.

**Welcome to Osee Tshiwape** our preacher today. Osee is from the Congo. He attends Prairie Street Mennonite Church and is a [Journey Program](#) participant. Journey is a Missional Leadership Development Program through AMBS; a non-credit certificate program for church leaders around the world preparing for ministry.

**TODAY** children will not be dismissed from 1<sup>st</sup> hour to sing with Marna Mateer who is traveling this weekend.

**Congregational meeting** at 7pm TODAY May 19. Come to hear an update on the congregations that have benefited from our building tithe. The leader selection roster is up for affirmation and we will be discerning pastor emeritus designations. We will also be hearing a proposal for sharing our building space. (To read more about that click on the attachment at the top of the page.)

**Building updates:** The current worship space has been painted this week (which means the painting is officially done)! We continue to wait on doors and permits and water in the sprinkler system. 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. Show up at 8am if you can help!

**Congratulations** to Marlette, Ryan and Cecylia Gomez Wengerd upon the arrival of baby Eliana Carmen Gomez Wengerd on Wed, May 15 weighing 6lb 11oz! All are well and enjoying their baby snuggles. If you would like to take them a meal [click here](#) or go to [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com). last name: Gomez Wengerd password: BabyGW

**Safety Networks Update:** Since a group from Assembly formed Safety Networks 2 years ago, we have been working quietly behind the scenes to provide tangible support to vulnerable immigrants to help ensure a culture of hospitality in Goshen. With volunteers from Assembly and the larger faith community, we have provided free rides to legal and medical appointments, both locally and as far as Indianapolis and Chicago. We bought winter clothing for recent arrivals unprepared for Indiana winters, and school supplies for children. Multiple DACA applications have been funded, as well as other court and legal fees. We

recently partnered with the Center for Healing & Hope to help immigrants they encounter in need of our services. Please consider whether you might join our group of volunteers by reading more and signing up [here](#). See Michelle Shelly for questions.

**Joy Buschert** is still at Waterford Crossing Rehab in room 109. Joy welcomes visits and the family requests that you sign the guestbook if you do visit. She'll turning 92 on May 21. So if you want to send her a birthday card, now would be a great time to do so. Her address is:  
Joy Buschert, Room 109  
Waterford Crossing Rehab  
1332 Waterford Circle  
Goshen, IN 46526

**20 gallon bags to hold water** and hydrate our trees have been purchased and are on their way! These bags will need to be filled 2x per week for 2 years during the growing season (April-October). If you are interested/able to help fill these bags in a rotation with others, please email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) or call 534-4190.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 (which raised over \$2,000!). 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.

(repeat) **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](http://brownpapertickets.com)

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **For your calendar:** Assembly's Fall Retreat at Camp Friendswald will be October 11-13, 2019.

(repeat) **Please change your contact** information for Merritt and Ruth Ann Gardner to the following emails: Merritt: [gardnermerritt@gmail.com](mailto:gardnermerritt@gmail.com) and Ruth Ann: [ragardner36@gmail.com](mailto:ragardner36@gmail.com)

## community connections

**Faith Mennonite is excited to be hosting** a FREE screening of Paris To Pittsburgh, inspiring stories of the local, private sector, and community leaders across the U.S. who are continuing to take action to transition to a clean energy economy - regardless of federal inaction. Faith House, 413 S. 7th St. Mon, May 20, 7pm. It's a must see for people of faith concerned about the future of U.S. climate action. Join us!

**Join Mennonite Mission Network's** webinar celebrating the 75th anniversary of Mennonite Voluntary Service. Learn how God inspired many to live out their faith through service and how the program continues to move young people to put their faith into action. When: May 21, 2019, at 7 p.m. EDT and 6 p.m. CDT Where: ZOOM webinar click [here](#) for instructions to join!

**Dinner with the New MEDA President!** Join us for dinner on Thur, May 23, and hear Dr. Dorothy Nyambi share about her passion for social justice and international development, and how MEDA is unleashing entrepreneurial spirit to alleviate poverty around the world. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, \$5 for students. Dinner begins 6:30pm @ AMBS Lambright Center | 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, IN. Please RSVP to [info@michianameda.org](mailto:info@michianameda.org) or call/text 574-355-3607 by Monday, May 20.

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**Volunteers needed** - Summer Academy at the Roosevelt Center in Elkhart will be offered from June 12 to July 24 and is FREE for students 10-18 years old. Instructors will lead the classes and additional volunteers are needed to assist in sessions for: Nutrition, Choir, Radio/Recording, Drumming, Photography, Fishing, Hip-Hop Dance, Financial Fitness, Basketball – Girls and Boys, Drama, Gymnastics, and Art! More information and a link to sign up are at <https://lacasainc.net/summeracademy/> under the “Volunteers Needed” heading. For more information, please contact Pam McGregor at 574-522-2874 x52 or [pam.mcgregor@lacasainc.net](mailto:pam.mcgregor@lacasainc.net).

**The 2019 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** will be held September 27–28. Keep up with Relief Sale announcements and up-to-date information by following us on Facebook this year! You can “like” the page on Facebook at “Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale.”

**Job Opening:** Bethany Christian Schools seeks a full-time bookkeeper to serve in the school’s business office. Duties include managing accounts payable, cash receipts and bank deposits, account reconciliation, maintaining the general ledger in the accounting software, maintaining appropriate backup records for all financial transactions, preparation for annual audit, and administrative support work. Requirements include excellent Excel skills, accounting software experience, and attention to detail. This position offers flexible hours in a positive work environment. Bethany offers a competitive salary and benefits package, as well as generous vacation. For more information and to apply, see [bethanycs.net/jobs](http://bethanycs.net/jobs).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](http://www.pathwaysretreat.org)

(repeat) **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.

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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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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](http://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](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

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

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