

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### WORSHIP

May 26	June 2
Worship leaders: <i>Small Group Cashew</i> Sermon: <i>Ted Koontz</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Derailed</i>	Worship leaders: <i>Small Group Auklets</i> Sermon: <i>Peter and Mary Graber</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Cantaloupe</i>
Scripture: <i>John 14:23-29</i>	Scripture: <i>John 17:20-26</i>

### CALENDAR

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**TODAY** we continue 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.

**Building updates:** Look around for finished cabinets, doors with glass and closers and final trim. In addition some of floors in our current worship space went in this week! The inspection of the new space is scheduled for this upcoming week. Prayers welcome!!

**Lora Nafziger** is visiting her family and enjoying food at the New Hamburg Relief sale in Canada this weekend.

**At the congregational** meeting we made a decision to name Lois Kaufman and Mary Lehman Yoder Pastor Emeritus. We also heard and discussed a proposal regarding sharing space with Goshen Christian Monestori School. See the proposal with FAQs that came up at the meeting at the top of the email. An update was given about the ways the first half of our tithe money was distributed through Join Hands (a subgroup of MennoniteMen). Attached at the top of this email is information about the two churches that were supported by this tithe money.

**New Assembly Sharing and Prayer listserv.** This summer we are trying out a new way to stay connected, with a weekly e-mail for Assembly Sharing and Prayers. If

you would like to receive this weekly e-mail, you will need to [subscribe here](#). Anyone is welcome to send prayer requests to [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) and the Sharing and Prayer list will go out Wednesdays. This will NOT include sharing from Sunday. If you are sharing a prayer request on behalf of someone in the congregation, you must have their permission. We see this as a way to pray for each other when summer attendance is lower, and since not everyone is on the Assembly third hour facebook page, this is a way to widen the number of people who know about things. It is also a way for people who may not be comfortable sharing on Sunday mornings to let the congregation know significant things in their life.

**The following are proposed** distributions by the 2 Percent Committee for May 2019: Local: Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network (menstruation kits) - \$690; Goshen Farmers Market (Share the Bounty) - \$690; Goshen Ministerial Association - \$690; The Window - \$690; ADEC - \$690. World: MCC Great Lakes (Infant Care Kits) - \$200; Tanzanian Education Aid - \$800, Christian Peacemaker Teams - \$800; Mennonite Central Committee - \$850; Mennonite Disaster Services (Puerto Rico) - \$800. Committee members are Sandy Fribley, Sarah Horst, Annika Miller, Dave Ostergren, Jose Rocha, Joel Zwier, Phil Good-Elliott (chairperson).

**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.

**No Iran war!** A 1-hour protest to slow the creep towards conflict in Iran will take place this Sat, May 25, at 12pm at the Goshen Courthouse. Bring signs! Call Bruce Bishop

with questions: 312-0098 "I protest not to change the world, but so the world does not change me." -A J Muste

**Help celebrate the 20th Anniversary** of the Goshen Farmer's Market by attending the farm-to-table dinner at the Farmer's Market on May 31 at 6pm. All the proceeds will support special events at the Goshen Farmers Market and the Share the Bounty Program. Assembly's own Patrick Coonan, Jeanne Liechty, Matt Lind, and Ally Mast are on the board. You can read more about the event and purchase tickets online [here](#).

**Help us water our new trees!** We could still use a couple more people to help fill the bags around each tree 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.

**Need a summer babysitter?** Contact Sophia Yordy: 574.349.5991.

**Central District Conference's** May edition of their monthly newsletter, Reporter, can be read [here](#) and hard copies can be found on the literature table.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

## community connections

**First Friday meal at The Window** 4:30-7pm June 7. Suggested donation of \$9. Come enjoy Grilled brats and burgers, potato salad, coleslaw, and cookies.

**Join MCC Great Lakes** for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on Aug 4-9. Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to South Bend, Elkhart, and Bunker Hill, Ind. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome. For more information and registration visit [mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison](http://mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison) or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at [JuanPacheco@mcc.org](mailto:JuanPacheco@mcc.org) or 574-534-4133.

**Fall Retreats** at Camp Friedenswald: there are several retreats to enjoy this fall including Women's Retreat Sept 20-22, Men & Boys Retreat Oct 18-20, and Craft Retreat Nov 1-3. [See our website](#) for more information.

**It's planting season** and Church Community Services needs volunteers to help our Seed to Feed program! We need: Help planting transplants and seeds, and putting up trellises for tomatoes, etc. in our garden next to CCS, Help watering in the greenhouse and outside on weekends, Help weeding and doing garden maintenance in June & July. Contact Jen at [volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org](mailto:volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org) or 574-295-3673 x112 if you can help!

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(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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.”

(repeat) **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).

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