

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 12 Easter	April 19
<p><u>Worship today at the meetinghouse has been cancelled.</u></p> <p>10:30am – Live Online Homily & Communion Feast</p> <p>Look for an email from the Assembly listserv on Saturday with worship materials for your household or small group, a way to share prayer requests, and more.</p> <p>Worship Leader: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Preacher: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i></p> <p>Scripture: Acts 10:34-43; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18</p>	<p><u>Worship today at the meetinghouse has been cancelled.</u></p> <p>Look for an email from the Assembly listserv on Saturday with worship materials for your household or small group, a way to share prayer requests, and more.</p> <p>Worship Leader: <i>Small Group 8th St+</i> Preacher: <i>Thomas Bona</i></p> <p>Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31</p>

CALENDAR

To view a Complete Calendar of Events, please visit <https://assemblymennonite.org/about/calendar/>.

Fri	Apr 10	6:30pm Good Friday service ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
SUNDAY	Apr 12	10:30am Live Online Homily & Communion Feast (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153) 11am “Coffee Time” ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Mon	Apr 13	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Wed	Apr 15	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Thurs	Apr 16	3pm Online gathering w/ Michael Miller (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Fri	Apr 17	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)

Note: You need a password to join any of the Zoom meetings (email or message any of the pastors if you don't already have the password). **Also, you can join any of these online gatherings by phone.**

Dial **(312) 626-6799**, and enter the Meeting ID **999-527-5153**, and then **press #**. **Press # again** when prompted, to join the meeting. You will be able to hear and talk, but you won't see any of the video.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Reuben Graber Roth (CCYC) turned 3 on April 1! He loves spending time in the kitchen, playing any kind of sport and lately has been enjoying the many construction vehicles at work in Goshen. His imagination has lately focused on changing out his parents for other aunts, uncles and cousins. He loves being a big brother but is still adjusting to sharing mom and dad.

Join us for our Zoom Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening. To prepare, all households are invited to make a simple Lenten Wreath with materials from around your home. [Click on this link for the instructions](#). This is intended to be a 30-minute family-friendly service. If you want to follow along with the Good Friday service, [click](#)

[here for the script we'll be using](#). (Contact a pastor to receive the Zoom password, and see the Calendar above for [the Zoom link](#) and instructions to join by phone if you wish).

TODAY is Easter Sunday! Join us live online Sunday morning at 10:30am for a homily and Easter communion love feast, followed by “coffee hour.” [Click here for instructions to prepare for the Easter Feast](#). Worship materials for your household or small group were also sent out on Saturday via listserv. (Contact a pastor to receive the Zoom password, and see the Calendar above for [the Zoom link](#) and instructions to join by phone if you wish).

Eastertide is the season following Easter that lasts until Pentecost. During this season, we will have small groups planning worship, and we will focus on the lectionary texts of the Risen Christ appearing to his disciples. Like the disciples, who experienced disorientation and disappointment, may we also be sustained and comforted by stories of Christ showing up in unexpected ways, offering his peace and presence.

Share Prayer Requests by [filling out the online form at this link](#). You may continue to do this throughout each week. Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays, and are also included in the Pastoral Prayer each Sunday.

Join Michael Miller and Lora Nafziger this Thursday Apr 16 from 3-4pm online at <https://zoom.us/j/9995275153> for a fun social gathering including storytelling. Contact [Lora](#) with questions.

Leadership Group met last Tues, Apr 7 to check in with each other, discuss the current elder selection process, and receive an update about current giving/spending at Assembly during the quarantine.

James and Emily Stuckey Weber have a new address: 1405 Ashton Ct, Goshen, IN 46526.

(repeat) **Psalm Reading & Prayer** – Join one of the pastors online at <https://zoom.us/j/9995275153> on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday this week at 12 Noon for a psalm and a couple minutes of silent prayer/reflection. This could last 10 minutes, or people can linger afterward for informal sharing. Contact [Karl Shelly](#) with questions.

(repeat) **Lora sent out a message to parents** full of resources for Holy week and helping children to deal with anxiety. It also accidentally included Advent resources at the bottom! If you didn't get this in your inbox or you are interested in the resources you can find that message and the resource links [here](#).

(repeat) **Healing the world.** Two ways you can join in God's saving work of justice: 1) Support undocumented people in our midst who are laid off and won't be receiving a stimulus check. Perhaps you can donate yours to the [Center for Healing & Hope](#) which is raising funds to assist our neighbors in need. 2) Urge your members of

Congress to halt deportations and protect the health and security of all immigrants, including those who are in detention centers. See MCC's [call to action](#).

(repeat) **ZOOM** is a popular video conference software that we have begun using for many Assembly gatherings and events. You do not need an account with Zoom to participate in Zoom meetings hosted by Assembly. There have been some concerns about uninvited participants joining Zoom meetings and sharing inappropriate content (or "zoom bombing"). Assembly's Zoom meetings only allow hosts to share screens, so we don't expect this to be a problem. **We are also using a password for all meetings. Contact a pastor if you need the password.** All of our Zoom gatherings are moderated by the host, and if an Assembly gathering is "attacked" we will immediately end the meeting.

(repeat) **Offerings are still needed** to support the ministries of the congregation, and the 2% Fund, while we are not meeting at the meetinghouse. Please send your offerings by check to the church office, or you can give conveniently on our website via PayPal (PayPal will receive a percentage of your donation for this convenience). You are encouraged to check with your personal bank about setting up one-time or recurring payments to Assembly (through your bank's "bill pay" service).

(repeat) **In person worship services at the meetinghouse have been cancelled through May 3.** The pastoral team is working to offer creative ways we can be a caring and worshipful community. It is especially important for the at-risk population, in our community and beyond, that we all do all we can to slow the spread of this virus. This is why we are not gathering for worship as a large body (as painful as that is), and it is also why we are cancelling Assembly gatherings larger than a small group. We should all be heeding the important cautions urged on us by public health officials. As of 3/15, CDC guidance includes cancelling gatherings of more than 10 people for organizations that serve higher-risk populations.

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community connections

AMBS online short course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 15 – May 26. Join Betty Pries, Ph.D., to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online course. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by April 13. ams.edu/shortcourses

Join Andrea Sawyer-Kirksey, executive director of DOOR, to learn what it means to engage with one another in our increasingly multicultural world. When & how: ZOOM webinar, April 16, 2020, at 7 p.m. EDT, with Mennonite Mission Network. Discover how a willingness for open and honest communication is key to cultural humility and part of the foundation of building mutually beneficial relationships. [Click here for more information,](#) and [here to register!](#)

Prayers for Creation. For the remaining three Mon nights in April, you are invited to join people from Mennonite Creation Care Network and the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions for online prayer with and for the well-being of our planet. We'll meet by Zoom at 9:30pm EST. [Learn more and join us.](#)

[Caring for Climate: Beyond Denial and Despair](#) on February 27 was the largest webinar the Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA) ever hosted. If you didn't sign up in time to get an electronic spot, the webinar is [posted online.](#) Hear from an engaging mix of climate leaders on moving congregations toward hopeful action.

A note from Center for Healing and Hope: There is still time to purchase Eat•Shop•Give gift certificates. This annual fundraiser offers a chance to support local businesses by purchasing \$20 gift certificates. Half of the proceeds go to benefit our programs! The deadline to order is Sunday, April 19. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to purchase yours today. Please also see our list of "[Top 10 Ways to Support Immigrants & Low-Income Families During the Covid-19 Pandemic](#)" for detailed information about ways you can continue to support our mission during this difficult time. [I want to help!](#)

(repeat) **Lacasa, Inc.** has launched a new limited-time free service to help provide guidance on income, upcoming bills, credit health, or loan options. This 15-minute guidance call provides clarity on next steps and resources to help weather the storm. Submit the form at www.lacasainc.net/guide and a financial counselor will contact you through text or email to schedule a call with you. Our Financial Empowerment Team can help guide you on a number of topics, including: How to stretch your income, How to prioritize your bills, How to communicate with creditors, Protecting your credit, Understanding loan/credit options

(repeat) **Resources for hope and resilience.** The AMBS community offers resources to foster a spirit of hope, trust, resilience and ongoing faith during the global COVID-19 pandemic. We hope these prayers, music playlists, audio files, articles and pastoral care resources can help people to be grounded in and sustained by God's unfailing presence. ams.edu/publishing/hope-and-resilience

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat:** Regular prayers continue virtually via zoom Monday – Thursday and all are welcome. Friday morning's Creation Prayer continues to happen outside, observing social distancing. Stations of the Cross and Resurrection are a way to safely tend your body and spirit during Holy Week and Easter. Go to pathwaysretreat.org to find the latest on what Pathways Retreat in Goshen offers during this time.

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat's** April edition of their monthly newsletter, Rhythms, [is available here.](#)

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