

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship is online weekly. 10am Virtual Worship, 11am Fellowship

WORSHIP

May 10 2% Offering	May 17
<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 Hygge</i> Preacher: <i>Hannah Kurtz</i></p> <p>Scripture: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14</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 Crisalida</i> Preacher: <i>Jonathon Schramm</i></p> <p>Scripture: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21</p>

CALENDAR

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

TODAY	May 10	10am Virtual House Church ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153) 11am "Coffee Time" ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Mon	May 11	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Wed	May 13	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Thurs	May 14	3pm social gathering with Glen Miller (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Fri	May 15	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)

Note: The password for Assembly Zoom meetings was sent out by email on April 4th and has not changed. (If you don't already have the password, email or message any of the pastors). **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

TODAY we continue the Eastertide season which follows Easter and 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.

Watch the service together: If you are interested in "gathering" with others in a casual, virtual house church way, join the AMC Zoom room at 10am on Sunday morning. We'll be done by 11am for coffee hour. (<https://zoom.us/j/9995275153>)

2% Offering. As we neglected to include a reminder about the 2% Offering last Sunday May 3, we'd like to remind

you all this Sunday about the opportunity to contribute to the 2% Fund this month. In our 2% offering we give 2% of our income which is disbursed to impoverished people locally and in the two-thirds world. We do this as an act of restitution for injustices in economic distribution. The Two-Percent Fund Committee makes quarterly decisions about how these offerings are distributed. If you'd like to make a funding request to the committee on behalf of a charitable organization or cause, please contact [Sarah Phend Horst](#), the committee chair. If you have any questions about how the 2% Fund is distributed, please contact [the church office](#).

Thanks to Small Group Hygge for leading worship (look for their contributions to the order of worship sent out by email on Saturday). The following are blurbs with updates about some of the individual households within Hygge:

Shellenberger / Yordy family is keeping busy. Besides e-learning, Luke is staying in shape for soccer and playing Spike Ball. Sophia is running long distances and preparing to start a card business. Meiling is baking a lot and thinking happy thoughts for Marching Band as a senior. Kristy continues to author a book on the Song of Songs. Eric keeps busy as a School Counselor at Westview and helps Dale Klassen with construction. And the soil is being prepared for a garden and native flowers!

Maria Wenger lives on 6th Street with her two dogs, Georgia and Indiana. She teaches 2nd graders at Parkside Elementary School. As an introvert who enjoys being with people, she has found joy during this time in being able to create her own schedule and pace, including visiting friends and family for (distanced) porch chats, organizing at home, hammock swinging in the sunshine, and walking in the woods with the pups.

Shenk Sensenig family is navigating this time of quarantine: Isaac and Mara as GHS students, Donna as a 3rd grade teacher at West Goshen, and Ryan as a GC professor who was on sabbatical this semester. The arrival of a horse on our farm, the birth of a calf, which we all observed, and numerous spring farm projects have provided outdoor activities to keep us sane and hopeful in the midst of this pandemic.

Steve Schrock, Kim Stuckey, Joshua Schrock, and Rachel Schrock. Josh is finishing his junior year at Goshen High School and enjoys soccer and playing his cello. Rachel is finishing up 8th grade and is excited to start high school. She enjoyed her travel volleyball team until the season was cancelled and now, more likely than not, you will find her nose in a good book. Kim and Steve continue their family medical work and are learning to adapt in the changing face of medicine. We all enjoy taking walks with our dog Fritz.

Kurtz Family: Eric has moved his office home and is doing his water consulting work from an upstairs office. Kim is navigating E-learning for her students from Prairie View Elementary School. Hannah has become our head cook and baker. Kia and Yabi stay somewhat occupied with their E-learning studies and sports training. Jacque, a dear friend of Hannah's, is also living with us.

She just graduated from University of Indianapolis. As a family, we are enjoying outside work, candle lit meals, delicious food and baked goods, bike riding, walks, runs, family movies, interacting with neighbors from afar, and a slower pace of life.

Klassen Family: With the help of our small group (in proper PPE) we just moved to N. 8th Street and are slowly nesting. Sara is now in month 8 of pregnancy and feeling good. She has begun meeting with clients virtually for GPC sessions and finds that very fulfilling. Chris is working from home, playing with our cats on breaks, and exercising instead of commuting. We are both enjoying more time together and binge-watching Madame Secretary.

Our condolences to Brian, Cheryl, Mackenzie, Tristan and Toby Mast. Brian's step-father Erv Stutzman died on Monday this week. His obituary is here

<https://www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com/obituary/ervin-stutzman>

Join Lora Nafziger and Glen Miller this Thur, May 7 from 3-4pm online at <https://zoom.us/j/9995275153> to hear Glen talk about the work he did with Mother Theresa. Contact **Lora** with questions. If you missed Assembly children's recital last Thursday, you can watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5xd_OUwYBo

Happy Birthday last week (4/26 – 5/2) to: Nathan Kingsley, Angie Gingerich South, Keith Graber Miller, Steve Schrock, and Ashley Fehlberg. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday this week (5/3 – 5/9) to: Carol Good-Elliott, Johanna Sutter, Keith Johnston, Jodi Beyeler, David Powell and Kyle Schlabach. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Make a plan for if you get sick. Assembly's pastors encourage you to make a plan for what will happen if you get sick with the coronavirus. Consider (1) having a "to-go" bag for hospitalization, (2) identifying a healthcare proxy who can make decisions on your behalf, (3) identifying who would take care of your children/dependents (if you have any) if you became sick. We invite you to [use this form](#) to share the name of your healthcare proxy and any other emergency information you would like to share with

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the pastors. To read more, [click here for the listserv sent out on April 20](#).

Our annual recovenanting ritual is scheduled for May 31. This is when Assembly members renew and celebrate their commitment to this faith community. Your small group rep is asking members about their intention for the coming year, and members not in a small group will get a email from the AMC office. This is also a good time for non-members who have found a home at Assembly to consider formally joining. Contact a pastor to learn more.

Leadership Group met last Tue to talk about the results of the congregational meeting survey results, Assembly's financial standing, and reopening guidelines for Assembly's in person gatherings. Please stay tuned for results of these discussions.

Safety Networks has been active throughout this Covid19 pandemic. Recently they handed out \$2,200 in gift certificates to unemployed immigrant families that have not received any aid from the government. Safety Networks volunteers were recently called upon to aid the Center for Healing and Hope in their work to give local immigrants access to Covid19 tests. [Click here](#) to learn more about Safety Networks and how you can help. Additional questions can be directed to Naomi Roots at roots.naomi@gmail.com

Jon Zirkle is starting an educational farm near Elkhart called Bushelcraft Farm, and the farm has a fundraiser going on. Donate to the farm, and we will give you trees to plant! ([See flyer for details](#)). Get the trees soon to help us protect them from the cold snap coming. Email Jon at: jon.zirkle@gmail.com

Everence is hosting a webinar on June 2 at 4pm related to handling finances in the time of Co-vid 19. Please send Barb Hassan (tmhas7@aol.com) any questions you may have re how to handle your money, debt issues etc. by May 23. She will forward your questions to the presenters and report back to the congregation.

Attention, quilters! Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale board will know by June if the Sale is to happen as normal this Fall. Until then, you can continue to work on your quilting projects and register your quilts using this form.

Questions can be directed to Helen Glick at heleniechtyglick@yahoo.com

(repeat) **Online Baby Shower for Chris and Sara Klassen** Small group Hygge is pleased to invite you to an online baby shower for Chris and Sara Klassen. They are expecting their first baby in early July. While we are disappointed, we cannot host an in-person celebration for them, we hope we can shower them with gifts via online purchases. Chris and Sara are registered at <https://www.babylist.com/baby-sara-klassen/app-guest-view>. Feel free to browse the site and find a gift there. Chris and Sara also ask for children's books in lieu of cards with a note to the parents and baby inside the book. Used children's clothing is also welcome (Once Upon a Child is a good source for that). Chris and Sara are expecting a girl but prefer clothes to be non-gender specific. Gifts should be sent to 207 N 8th St Goshen, IN 46526. Thanks for joining this online celebration! We hope to celebrate in person soon. Eric and Kim Kurtz, Donna and Ryan Sensenig, Kim and Steve Stuckey-Schrock, Maria Wenger, Eric and Kristy Yordy

(repeat) **Small group reps** met on Tuesday for their annual elder discernment meeting and selected Sandy Fribley and Eric Yordy as new congregational elders. Their names will come to the congregation for affirmation at a future congregational meeting.

(repeat) **Maria Wenger** has recorded a video of herself reading a book for Assembly's children! Click this link: <https://youtu.be/q9PHiO6irQk> to watch.

(repeat) **Edith Espinal** has been in sanctuary at Columbus Mennonite Church in Columbus, Ohio since October of 2017, and she needs your support. [Add your name to this petition](#) to voice your support of her receiving a Stay of Removal, which would allow her to live at home with her family without fear of deportation during these unprecedented times.

(repeat) **Worship Committee** has created [this worship feedback survey form](#), and all Assembly participants are invited to fill it out. Questions: rksnider42@gmail.com

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community connections

During this pandemic, we need everyone's help keeping Elkhart County children safe. Elkhart County is currently seeing 50 percent fewer reports of child abuse, in part, because the people who normally care for our children - the daycare workers, teachers, school counselors and others - aren't seeing kids every day. This means children are more at risk. If you can, join us on Mon, May 11, 9-10:30am to hear from Wendy Disher-Taljaard, Elkhart County Local Office Director with Indiana Department of Child Services, and Leah Plank, Senior Director of Prevention Services with Child And Parent Services. They'll lead a conversation and training on recognizing and reporting child abuse to keep our kids safe. [Click here](#) for more information and for the Zoom meeting ID number. No prior registration necessary.

Pathways Retreat, Goshen: The *land and trails* at Pathways are open and available to the public every day during daylight hours. Please practice physical distancing as you connect with nature. *Stations of the Resurrection* are up through the month of May both in our woods and online. We offer prayers virtually via zoom Monday – Thursday and all are welcome. Friday morning's Creation Prayer is on-site at Pathways. Go to pathwaysretreat.org for details.

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

(repeat) **Maple City Health Care Center** is looking for church groups to sew homemade masks for our organization and for the community. Our patients and Goshen neighbors have been asking for these reusable cloth masks. Maple City Health Care Center is grateful to all the individuals and organizations willing to help our staff, patients and community during the COVID-19 crisis. With the expected rise of positive cases, we are taking extra precautions to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all those we serve. We will distribute the masks at our two locations (Vista and Northside). We will offer the masks to Visitors, Patients, Caregivers, Staff, Community. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to contact me by email at ireneb@vistagoshen.org The masks will benefit

the entire community, but most importantly, some of our community's most vulnerable residents. Thank you, Irene Benavidez, Maple City Health Care Center

(repeat) **A member of Hively Avenue Mennonite Church** is making bracelets to raise support for Community Foundation of Elkhart and the United Way. \$10 suggested donation per bracelet. [Click here](#) for a picture and instructions for how to order. [Click here](#) for an order form.

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network's** May edition of their monthly newsletter (which is normally distributed as physical copies via church mailboxes) is available electronically in both English and Spanish by clicking on the following links: [Beyond: Faith in Action](#) | [Mas Allá: Fe en acción](#)

(repeat) **Mennonite Church USA** has released a statement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that denounces anti-Asian racism and provides [tips and resources for helping us recognize and counter racism](#) in our community. Read more at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/statement-anti-asian-racism-covid-19/>

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