

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 17	May 24
<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>	<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 Maple</i> Preacher: <i>Mary Lehman Yoder</i></p> <p>Scripture: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11</p>

CALENDAR

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

TODAY	May 17	10am Virtual House Church ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153) 11am "Coffee Time" ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Mon	May 18	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Wed	May 20	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Thurs	May 21	3pm charades game via Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Fri	May 22	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

Mabel Miller Avelar turned 3 on April 22! Mabel loves playing with big sister Alyda, going outside, and any activity involving water. She has very strong opinions and acts them out with small people or animals in her imaginary world. She is working on learning to cut paper and pedal her tricycle.

Elona Daugherty turns 2 on May 20! Elona is an adventurous friend of nature. From exploring our woods, talking to her chickens, or rescuing a worm off the driveway to go back to his "dirt house", she is happiest outside. While she is missing friends and family during this time, she is discovering new hobbies. One of her favorites is making bread.

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>)

Thanks to Small Group Crisalida 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 Crisalida:

Joel Zwier and Patricia Ebersole Zwier both work part-time at Lacasa and Oaklawn respectively. Hobbies include gardening, cycling and mindful walks in nature.

Leon Bauman and Char Yutzy We are enjoying this time, working less, and having more time for ourselves and others. Leon retired from a career as an elementary teacher and counselor one year ago. Char is a registered nurse, continuing very part-time for hospice. Leon enjoys reading, being with people, and has been catching up on projects around our home, painting, setting up rain barrels, and making corn holes. He has recently become a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Elkhart County, volunteers for Safety Networks and anticipates working for the US Census soon. Char is more of an introvert and is cooking, perfecting recipes, reading and gardening. Together we enjoy spending time with our children and grandkids, riding bike, kayaking, and doing just about anything outdoors. Char's daughter and son-in-law, from NYC are currently living with us. We have enjoyed their presence, great conversations and playing games especially Azul, Fibbage and Pandemic.

Quintana Roots: Oscar continues his work, though mostly from home. Naomi is working with reduced hours, and is usually in Assembly's office on Mon and Fri. Everyone is very happy to be continuing to see Naomi's parents who do a lot of childcare these days. Saya (5) and Julian (3) miss their friends but are enjoying their backyard which includes five new baby chicks (that lately look more like hens).

Marshall King and Bethany Swope watch the "gotta get out of the house" parade on the Millrace Canal path and are restoring a yard torn up by the installation of a 150-foot utility tower. Bethany continues to work onsite as a counselor at Goshen Center for Cancer Care. Marshall works from home part-time for the Community Foundation of Elkhart County. He's cooking and baking daily, working on a local quarantine cookbook, and writing about food. (You can sign up for his weekly email newsletter at <https://hungrymarshall.substack.com/>)

Jonathon, Katie, Erich and Tilly Schramm: Our family has had a LOT of time together recently, returning from an SST time in Tanzania to stay-at-home orders here. We've discovered we like being goofy together, and that it is

worth forcing our kids to play board games and go hiking with us (they inevitably love that time). Both Katie (nurse) and Jonathon (professor) are back to work.

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 Lora Nafziger this Thur, May 21 from 3-4pm online at <https://zoom.us/j/9995275153> to play Zoom charades! Contact [Lora](#) with questions. Due to technical difficulties, the conversation with Glen Miller last Thursday was not recorded.

Happy Birthday last week (5/10 – 5/16) 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!

Happy Birthday this week (5/17 – 5/23) to: Wilma Harder, Joy Buschert, Larry Gautsche, Naomi Chapman, and Marcus Ebright Zehr. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Karl is taking time off from work until May 21, and calls may be directed to other members of the pastoral team during this time.

For Pentecost this year we are inviting everyone to participate in a kite ritual. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit in wind and fire. Worship committee has purchased enough kites for each household to have one. You can pick them out from outside of the church (in a plastic bin) or ask Lora or Anna to deliver one to your house. Please decorate them with your prayers and hopes and fly them. Send a video or a photo of you flying your kite to loracn@assemblymennonite.org by May 27th. We will make a video and show it during our live zoom Pentecost worship service at 10am on May 31.

Live Zoom Pentecost worship service, 10am, May 31 you are invited to gather with others for a live Zoom worship service that includes a mix of recorded and live elements, including communion, recovenanting, and kite flying! More details to come, but mark your calendars and set aside your red and orange clothes!

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Join us in celebrating the graduation of [Jadyn Kaufmann](#) and [Sam Ostergren](#) in a physically distanced, Drive Thru reception on Sat, May 23 from 11am-1pm in the Assembly parking lot! Being able to see and feel supported by the community that helped raise them will be a wonderful way to celebrate, even if it is from a safe distance. Virtual well wishes can also be sent to jadynk1@gmail.com & samostergren@gmail.com - Cynthia & Eric and Janine & Dave

Wanted: mint, oregano and other creeping plants. The playground committee would like to plant wonderful smelling ground cover on the mound in the playground. If you have extra mint, oregano and other low creeping good smelling things that children could run on, please divide them and bring them to the playground and plant them anywhere on the mound that runs between the worship space windows and the play structure. Contact Lora at loracn@assemblymennonite.org with questions.

A documentary worth watching. Adults, if you have access to Netflix, check out *Crip Camp*, an account of the origins and development of the movement for disability rights that started with disabled people gathering as campers in the 1950s. Their persistence, courage and community effort resulted in passage of the American Disabilities Act (ADA)--finally--in 1990. The film includes original footage and striking images such as four policemen arresting a demonstration protestor, lifting him in his wheelchair into a vehicle. Interspersed are images and interviews recounting joyful connections. Gayle Gerber Koontz (Assembly AdNet rep)

Mindy Morehead, Executive Director of Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), sent a personal message after 51 days of being quarantined at IHN. [You can read her message here.](#) If you would like to help in any way, please contact Assembly's IHN rep, Susan Landis at susanmarklandis@gmail.com

Central District Conference's May edition of their monthly newsletter, Reporter, [can be viewed here.](#)

(repeat) **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>

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

(repeat) **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 an 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.

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

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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

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to help us protect them from the cold snap coming. Email Jon at: jon.zirkle@gmail.com

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

community connections

A drive through food drive has been organized for Sat, May 16. This food drive is a collaboration between United Way of Elkhart & LaGrange Counties, the Community Foundation of Elkhart County, and the 12 pantries that will receive the donations. The two drop off locations in Goshen are the Salvation Army and The Window. All drop off locations will be open from 9am-12pm on Sat, May 16. If you'd rather donate to the fund, you can do so at unitedwayec.org/covid-19 or mail a check to United Way of Elkhart & LaGrange Counties at PO Box 3048, Elkhart, IN 46515. Please write COVID-19 Food Drive on the memo line.

A note from Adam Tice of Faith Mennonite: Friends, I'm producing a virtual ensemble video of a song for the Central District Conference virtual assembly. I am hoping to include singers from across the conference. The basic track is here: <https://youtu.be/-1rxfOWsMwC> The score is attached. If you are interested in joining in, please record a video of yourself singing. Use ear buds to listen to the above track as you record so that you don't record the backing sound. Record from your phone or computer in landscape orientation. Please join in singing at stanza two, joining in on either the English (at 1:30) or Spanish (2:14) when those are sung. Starting at 2:57, Tenors and basses begin at the refrain, then go back to the top of the song to sing all the way through in English. Sopranos and Altos,

begin with stanza one and continue all the way through the song in English, finishing by singing the refrain an additional time. Upload your video here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IRm98WHDDeuJoYx_pE5wid_0OBdlbEfb7?usp=sharing or e-mail it to adammltice@gmail.com. Please include your name and congregation. Thank you! Adam

Tue, May 19 at 2pm EST: "Asylum" free immigration webinar. In the continuing six-part webinar series on immigration and border realities, MCC staff and partners from around the country will provide current information and educational tools to understand asylum. In recent years thousands of people have fled persecution and arrived to the U.S. to apply for asylum. Asylum seekers must navigate a difficult and complex process that can involve multiple government agencies. More information and registration, along with recordings of past webinars, at mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series

Wed, May 20 at noon EST: "From hearts to hands: Material Resources" free Facebook live webinar. Featuring stories from MCC staff around the world about how resources like comforters, kits and canned meat make a difference. Join us on MCC's Facebook page (facebook.com/MCCpeace) for a livestream where we'll hear directly from MCC workers in Ukraine, Jordan and Canada.

MCC Great Lakes Centennial Service of Celebration Sun, July 26 at 6:30pm. Livestreamed on mcc.org Join us for an evening of worship as we look back at the past 100 years with gratefulness and look forward to the future of MCC. Speakers will share stories from MCC's global history. *This event will be livestreamed on mcc.org. Please check our website for updates on whether there will be an in-person gathering.*

(repeat) **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

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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.

(repeat) **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.

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

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