

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 24	May 31 Pentecost
<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>	<p><u>Worship today at the meetinghouse has been cancelled.</u></p> <p>10am – Live Pentecost Worship on Zoom</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>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Preacher: <i>Lora Nafziger</i></p> <p>Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23</p>

CALENDAR

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

TODAY	May 24	10am Virtual House Church ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153) 11am “Coffee Time” ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Mon	May 25	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Wed	May 27	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Thurs	May 28	3pm Musical Jeopardy via Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Fri	May 29	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

Eliana Gomez Wengerd turned 1 on May 15! Eliana is an energizer bunny who loves to be chased and explore... everything. She loves to dance to a sick beat, eat strawberries but not cake, yell at neighbors and cars from the window, and hide behind couches to terrify her parents. She has the most adorable laugh and her sign language is precious. We are proud of her even when she sprint-crawls to try and sneak into her sister's room.

Kaylee Martin (1st, Chamberlain) turned 7 on May 20! Kaylee likes to teach her cat, jump on trampoline, especially with Jared and water balloons, eat Strawberries and watch YouTube. Recently she got to sleep outside with

dad in a tent, and have a piñata for her birthday that she helped make. She would like to learn to sew one day.

TODAY we continue the Eastertide season which follows Easter and lasts until Pentecost (next Sunday!). 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 Maple 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 Maple:

Stutzman family: Elena, a freshman at Goshen High School, has completely finished her assignments for eLearning. She likes going for walks and bike rides with a few friends--maintaining distance, of course. It was a disappointment to not be able to compete on the GHS girls track team. Rose has looked at her elementary students' art pieces online and found that eLearning allows more possibilities for individual comments and connection. Stay at home time also allowed time for bread baking and starting a garden. Merv is finishing our new garage and shop area at 707 Fair Oaks. He also does drywall jobs at places with no people around.

Dengler Kaufmans: Emi is keeping busy connecting with friends on zoom, taking care of our new chicks, and playing outside. Zakai has been doing eLearning, playing outside, practicing percussion, and playing video games. Maya has been doing eLearning, practicing flag, and is looking forward to marching band season — fingers crossed! Rebecca continues to teach voice online and is working on an extravagant garden. Josh has kept busy creating one-man jazz combos and is missing his students.

Mitch, Lora, Theo, Adam, Ira and Auggie have been passing the time working outside (Mitch, Lora), digging & forts (Ira), working out (Theo), discovering coding (Adam) and playing bad-guys (Auggie and anyone who will join him). Together we have been enjoying baby chicks, more reading, more movies and more baked goods! With e-learning complete, Mitch has only to clean up at school and we will begin the summer with more of the same!

Betsy McCause has continued working steadily as a midwife these days. With no social obligations, she is taking more walks and noticing the daily changes of spring. She had a vacation recently and spent it at home quarantining with a positive Covid diagnosis. Within a week, the other three people in the house also tested

positive and are in various stages of recovery. Her daughter Zoe has been in Michigan since early March, and finished her freshman year of college at the end of April. They are planning time together soon.

Hannah Friesen has been keeping busy working like normal at Goshen City Behavioral Health, an autism center, and coming home to indulge in the food creations of her quarantined housemates. She's swapped her weekend self-care coffee dates with hiking Indiana's trails and is happy for recommendations for where to explore next! Other than that, Hannah has been busy trying to get her workplace recycling research published and brainstorming ideas for creating raised garden beds at work.

Congratulations to Assembly's graduating seniors! Look for their virtual recognition in this week's worship resources. The following are blurbs about them and their future plans:

Xudong Sun, hosted by Lora Nafziger and Mitch Rhodes, attending Bethany, was asked to return to China by his nervous yet wise parents in March. He is currently enjoying reconnecting with his parents and younger sister from whom he has spent most of the last 3 years separated. He hopes to return here this fall to start Goshen College, to study data and computer science.

Conrad Dickens Liechty In the fall, Conrad plans to attend Goshen College to pursue a double major in Sustainability Studies and Business, with a minor in Music. He is considering SST in China or Ecuador. At Goshen, he would like to continue to play bass in the orchestra, as well as sing in choir.

Sam Ostergren is graduating from Bethany this Sunday where he was involved in soccer, track and theater. He enjoyed coaching soccer every summer during Bright Time Camp and individual coaching. He will be heading to Hesston College this fall to play soccer and study Exercise Science. He's currently enjoying some kayaking adventures on the Elkhart River, back yard fires with friends and hanging out with his parents.

Jadyn Kaufmann is graduating from Bethany Christian High School on Sunday, May 24 with a virtual ceremony. She has excelled as a student and an athlete despite having

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two ACL's surgical repairs. Jady plans to attend Goshen College in the fall to study Nursing & Spanish and to play on the Volleyball team.

Clara Lind is graduating from Bethany and will attend Bryn Mawr College in the Philadelphia area where she plans to study English literature and creative writing. This summer she is working for the family organic produce farm, so you might see her at the Sustainable Greens farmers market stand. Otherwise, she is busy sewing a wardrobe of clothes from thrifted fabric.

Luisa Dutchersmith is planning to serve with SALT in Semarang Indonesia and will be working with Mennonite World Conference to help with preparations for the conference next summer. To keep busy she has been doing a lot of cooking, hanging out with friends outside, and finding things to organize.

Join Lora Nafziger and Ana Yoder Coulter this Thur, May 28 from 3-4pm online at <https://zoom.us/j/9995275153> to hear Ana play piano for a game of musical Jeopardy! This is the last Thursday fun event we will have, as we will take a break for the summer. Stay tuned for other social and distanced events to come! Contact [Lora](#) with questions.

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

Happy Birthday this week (5/24 – 5/30) to: Regina Shands Stoltzfus, Jessica Baldanzi, Elisa Zwier, Xudon Sun, Patricia Ebersole-Zwier, Wil Beachy, and Kathleen Jones. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Giving to Assembly's general fund has been overall good through the first four months of this year, about where we would expect it to be after the first third of a "normal" year. However, the amount given is inflated by the presence of a large gift in late 2019 designated for the 2020 budget and multiple contributions of donors' total annual tithes. While our situation with regard to the budget is stable for now, the future effects of the Covid crisis on it remain to be seen.

Thank you for your continued generosity as we continue to navigate these unfamiliar waters. If you have questions or want more details, please contact Scott Coulter, John Nafziger, or Ben Nelson.

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! Mark your calendars and set aside your red and orange clothes! [Click here for more information](#)

Communion will be part of our live online Pentecost worship. If you are not in a small group (or if no one in your small group is able to bake & distribute communion bread), [please fill out this Google Form](#) (<https://forms.gle/GxAjAwTrVyKaz5UV6>) to let the pastors know you'd like to participate. You will be able to pick up bread at the meetinghouse on Sat, May 30, or we can deliver it to you.

We are grateful for all the time and love that Ally Mast has given our high school youth. She will be completing her three year term as a MYF coordinator at the end of the summer. A search committee has been formed for find one or two people to replace her. If you are interested in working with other adults to coordinate Sunday school, social and service events for our youth or have more questions about this position please contact Lora Nafziger loracn@assemblymennonite.org

Join us in celebrating the graduation of Conrad Dickens Liechty by walking, biking, or driving by our home, Sat, May 30, between 4-5:30pm. Our address is 602 Gra Roy Dr, but our driveway is actually off of Marilyn Ave. We'll be in the driveway with some treats to share. If you want to linger (at a physical distance), walking or biking will be best. We're looking forward to creatively celebrating this transition with Conrad's community. Virtual well-wishes can be sent to cdliechty@goshen.edu.

Spring Work Days for small groups will not be assigned this year. However, there is still some outdoor work that needs to be done. If you have a young healthy group that would be interested in working together outside (in a social distancing manner), email office@assemblymennonite.org

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A note from Steve Johns: I have a turntable that I use for transferring vinyl records to CD; however, it only plays 33 and 45 rpms. I have a customer who brought me some 78rpm records to be transferred to CD. Does anyone have a record player that plays 78rpm records that I could borrow, or could refer me to someone who does?

stevenrayjohns@gmail.com

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.

(repeat) **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 up 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.

(repeat) **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*

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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)

(repeat) **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

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

community connections

Spanish Lessons: Are you interested in learning to speak Spanish. One of the ministries of CASAS, a ministry of SEMILLA, is to offer online Spanish lessons at \$20/hr plus books. If you are interested, please contact Lucy Camel, Spanish coordinator, at luciacamel@gmail.com. Lessons are offered Mon-Fri at a time that works for you.

Mennonite Mission Network Zoom webinar "Spiritual practices for peacemakers: finding your center when you feel pulled apart". June 4 at 7pm. Encounter anew, or rediscover ancient spiritual practices which create a daily rhythm of life. Turn your despair and isolation into hope and community. Join us for this webinar, exploring the practice of prayer, ritual, and community in this time of loss and loneliness. After the webinar, you will be invited to join a 30 day virtual learning community of 12-15 people, that will seek and find this daily rhythm of life together! [Click here](#) for more info and to register.

(repeat) **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

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hoping to include singers from across the conference. The basic track is here: <https://youtu.be/-1rxf0WsMwC> 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/1IRm98WHDeuJoYx_pE5wid_0OBdIbEfb7?usp=sharing or e-mail it to adammltice@gmail.com . Please include your name and congregation. Thank you! Adam

(repeat) **[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.*

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