

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

Our meetinghouse will remain closed until further notice.

WORSHIP

**May 31
Pentecost**

10am – Live Pentecost Worship on Zoom
Join by clicking this link:
<https://zoom.us/j/9995275153>

An order of worship for the 10am live online service will be sent out by email. *There will not be any pre-recorded videos sent this week.* A link to the recording of the worship service will be sent out afterward.

Worship Leader: *Anna Yoder Schlabach*
Preacher: *Lora Nafziger*

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

**June 7
2% Offering**

Digital Summer Worship

Look for an email from the Assembly listserv on Saturday with worship materials for your household or small group.

All are also welcome to join us online Sunday at 10am where we will use these worship materials together.

Worship Leader: *Sophia Yordy*
Storyteller: *Ryan Sensenig*

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20

CALENDAR

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

TODAY May 31 10am LIVE Pentecost Worship ONLINE (<https://zoom.us/j/9995275153>)
11am "Coffee Time" ONLINE (<https://zoom.us/j/9995275153>)
Mon June 1 12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (<https://zoom.us/j/9995275153>)
Tue June 2 7pm Leadership Group meeting ONLINE
Wed June 3 12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (<https://zoom.us/j/9995275153>)
Fri June 5 9:30am Greencroft meetup ONLINE (<https://zoom.us/j/9995275153>)
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

Eli Kauffman (3rd Waterford) turned 9 on May 27! Eli loves sports in general, but especially soccer, basketball, football, track, and baseball. He is an avid reader and really enjoys the "Jimmy" books. He is hoping that over the summer he will learn to skateboard and improve his swing trapeze and bike wheelie skills. The hardest thing about quarantine is not being able to see friends.

TODAY is Pentecost! On this Sunday the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. At Assembly we also "renew" together at Pentecost – reminding ourselves of [our covenant and](#)

[practices](#), and recommitting to one another as a community of God's people.

TODAY Join our Live Pentecost worship service online on Zoom at 10am! Our worship will include a mix of pre-recorded and live elements, including communion, recommitting, and kite flying! [Click here for more information.](#) Following worship, we will have our usual informal online fellowship time in breakout rooms starting at 11am.

Heidi Louise Nafziger-Peterson was born Tue, May 26 at 7:30pm! She was 7lbs, 9oz and 20 inches long. All are doing well. If you would like to take Abby, Alex, Hans and

Heidi a meal, [click here](#). Last name: Nafziger-Peterson
Password: Heidi

Happy Birthday last 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!

Happy Birthday this week (5/31-6/6) to: Jeanne Liechty, Michael Dickens, Scott Coulter, Ryan Rittenhouse, Nadia Shank, and Michael Miller. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

The Leadership Group has received a letter of resignation from Naomi Roots, Church Administrator, effective July 17. With Naomi's permission, [we are sharing her announcement with the congregation](#). Many of us have only a narrow view of the wide range of things Naomi has done over the past five years to keep Assembly organized and running smoothly. We will miss her cheerful competence in the office. This coming Tuesday, Leadership Group will begin the search process for her successor.

Though we are taking a temporary break from singing together as a congregation, in our worship this summer we'd like to feature music from our homes. If you would be interested in sharing music with us - a hymn suggestion or a recording of yourself playing or singing - please let us know. -Summer Worship Committee (contact Maria Wenger at 404-435-1536, frau Wenger@hotmail.com)

Summer Worship Committee is looking for volunteers who are familiar with iMovie to help us put the parts of a Sunday service together digitally. We have guidelines and a format prepared, and we will be happy to support you. Contact Maria Wenger at 404-435-1536, frau Wenger@hotmail.com

Landscaping help The native plant plugs to go in the bottom of the retention pond were picked up this past week. The pond has also been drained and we need to get all the plugs planted before it rains again this upcoming week. If you already volunteered to help, we will reach out to you. If you have not yet volunteered, and would like to, please email office@assemblymennonite.org

Zoom Baby Shower for Emily and James Stuckey Weber Small Group Derailed is pleased to invite you to a virtual baby shower on Sun, June 14, 3-4pm for Emily and James who are expecting their first baby in July! We will share a zoom link closer to the date so you can share your well wishes and wisdom with them in a small breakout room. They are registered at [Amazon](#) & [Target](#). Children's books, in lieu of cards, and hand-me-downs are also welcome. Gender neutral clothing is preferred. Their new address is 1405 Ashton Ct, Goshen, IN 46526. Thanks for joining this online celebration!

Finance Committee would like to inform the congregation that we applied for a loan under the CARES act. We expect to receive \$14,552 by June 1. [Please read this note from the committee for more complete information.](#)

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our Thursday afternoon activities. We ended last Thur with a rousing game of Musical Jeopardy you can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/tvq33pM-wnU>

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) **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

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **A note from Steve Johns:** I have a turntable that I use for transferring vinyl records to CD; however, it only

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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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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:

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Luisa Dutchersmith** is planning to travel to Indonesia with MCC in the fall to help with the global village for Mennonite World Conference. Over Mother's Day weekend, Luisa and Peace, an exchange student from Tanzania who lives with the Dutchersmith family, started a baking business making brownies and tarts to sell to local community members.

(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.

community connections

MCC is offering a free webinar on Tuesday, June 2 at 2 p.m. EST: "Church efforts to address immigration." Before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, churches across the U.S. have been providing safe shelter and filling needs of immigrants and asylum seekers, while also advocating for immigration policies and protocols to change. In the continuing six-part webinar series on immigration and border realities, MCC staff and partners from around the country will provide current

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information on what is happening and how you can get involved. More information and registration, along with recordings of past webinars, at mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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