

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

June 28	July 5 2% Offering
Digital Summer Worship	Digital Summer Worship
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Worship Leader: <i>Maria Wenger</i> Storyteller: <i>Jen Eberly</i>	Worship Leader: <i>Aaron Kaufmann</i> Storyteller: <i>Darin Bontrager</i>
Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42	Scripture: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

CALENDAR

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

TODAY	June 28	10am Virtual House Church ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153) 11am "Coffee Time" ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Mon	June 29	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Wed	July 1	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Fri	July 3	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

Alano Kingsley (rising 5th Rock Run Homeschool) turned 10 on June 8! Alano enjoys playing with his remote-control cars, using wooden swords and clubs, and reading the Brotherband book series. For his birthday he got a blacksmith Forge that he is learning to use. He is also working to improve his mountain biking skills!

Emma Coulter turned 4 on June 21! Emma loves riding her balance bike, jumping on her trampoline, and listening to Music Together CDs. She also likes building with Legos, coloring, reading books, and playing with her baby sister. Some of her favorite things during quarantine have been doing music class on the computer, and asking her favorite grown-ups to read books to her on FaceTime.

Elias Magatti (Rising 4th Bethany) turns 10 on June 29! Elias likes to play tennis and soccer and swing on swings.

He is a fast runner and hopes to run cross country in the fall at Bethany. He enjoys playing games and reading "You Choose" books. During quarantine he enjoys biking with his brothers and dad, being outside and eating popsicles!

Luisa Kingsley (rising 2nd Rock Run Homeschool) turns 7 on July 12! Luisa enjoys mountain biking, especially at Bonneyville Mill, climbing all things, and running. She likes to play soccer and football with her whole family, have water fights with her cousins and spend time with all of her animals.

Today we continue our summer worship series "Small Things." Each Sunday's worship (in iMovie format) will focus on a different "small thing". This week our "small thing" is Small Acts of Kindness. Please [read the Introduction to the Summer Worship series here](#), which includes a wonderful Wendell Berry poem, along with more information. Remember that if you prefer a "live"

format you can join the Zoom group each Sunday at 10 AM with one of our pastors.

Join us Sundays at 10am each week for Zoom worship as we watch the pre-recorded service and make space for live sharing followed by a pastoral prayer. For those of you wishing we would do Zoom worship every Sunday, we encourage you to show up and try it!

Book discussion: Thanks to those who have expressed interest in reading "White Fragility" by Robin Diangelo and discussing it. We will be meeting by Zoom on July 9 at 7pm. The book is a good starting place. It doesn't go into depth about the history of how we got where we are, but I think it is helpful for white people to read as we enter into conversations about race, because it explores why we have such a hard time having those conversations. If you're interested in joining please email annays@assemblymennonite.org

Anti-Racist Intergenerational VBS! This year we have an opportunity to participate in an ecumenical, home-based, intergenerational Vacation Bible School curriculum. Assembly has purchased a group subscription so anyone (young and old) can choose to participate. We will be joining others who are participating the week of July 13-17. Though most components will be done in household (or small groups if you choose), we hope to have a time for anyone who is interested in gathering together in a social distanced way to participate in part of the curriculum in the church parking lot. Visit the website here <https://www.communityalliesvbs.com/> for more information and email Lora at loracn@assemblymennonite.org to indicate your interest and sign up to receive the materials.

Anna is hoping to start up the Caregivers group again. This is a group that former pastor Dawn Yoder Harms started several years ago as a support group for those who are caregivers for aging family members. Covid has added an additional layer of stress for care-givers. If you'd like to be a part of a monthly zoom support group, please email annays@assemblymennonite.org

Happy Birthday last week (6/21-6/27) to: Karla Beasely, Conrad Liechty, Rilynn Good Kaufmann, Jep Hostetler,

Jan Siemens, Donna Shenk Sensenig, and Clara Lind. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday this week (6/28-7/4) to: Mara Sensenig, Bertha Beachy, Paul Horst, and Doug Schirch. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Each week we will feature blurbs with updates about households within an Assembly small group. This week, here are some updates from small group Alpha:

Michelle and Karl Shelly have two cats in the house and two foxes in the little woods behind their house. Michelle is extraordinarily busy providing care for the huge number of people testing positive for Covid-19, and Karl works for a quirky congregation prone to feats of love and beauty.

Farran family: We are enjoying some extra family time this summer with Jonah (college sophomore at University of Illinois) and Jordana (junior at Bethany). Patrick works with MBA students at Notre Dame and is also the owner of Ad Lucem group, a consulting company. Stacey is the orchestra director at Bethany. We are getting out for daily walks and runs and enjoy observing our backyard birds and bunnies.

Herber/Koop family: Breck, Lisa, Eliza, and Leo are spending time these days reading, playing basketball and volleyball, going on walks and bike rides, and finding safe ways to visit grandparents in their backyards. Lisa continues work as an immigration lawyer with the National Immigrant Justice Center. Breck is gearing up for his first year teaching eighth grade at Concord Middle School. Eliza and Leo await the start of seventh and fifth grade, in whatever form that takes.

Hochstetler/Hostetler family: Scott Zoomed his way through virtual musical theater camp at GC this week and spent the rest of the time zooming on the Pumpkinvine on his new bike. He is also working on his jazz piano improv skills. Rachel is enjoying her backyard, where she spends her time reading, weeding and thinking thoughts. Aaron (10) recently fulfilled a life-long dream when he made a rope ladder and scaled the maple tree in the back yard for the first time. He is also learning to juggle while rolling on a giant wooden spool. Leah (12) reads stacks of books,

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bakes, and is a virtuosic whistler, much to her family's chagrin.

Eunice Brenneman lives at Juniper Place and enjoys the view of the pond from her 2nd floor balcony. She also works in her garden, takes daily walks, reads, and keeps connected with phone calls, Zoom and FaceTime. Sorting "stuff" and files sometimes gets done too!

The Christian Ed. Committee has provided a resource for use with small groups, households and friends that compliments the Summer worship theme of Small Things: "Great and Small" Guide to the Okayest Summer Ever! [Click here for the 6-week guide](#) including scripture, reflection questions, and activities for all ages. Each week features a new song that you can download and listen to as well: [here is the song for Week 3: "You Be You"](#). You can [find the rest on the Assembly website](#). Enjoy!

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.

Opening for Part-Time Administrator. Naomi Roots will be leaving her position as Administrator in the church office on July 17. We are deeply grateful for her service to Assembly over the past five years. We are now accepting resumes and a letter of interest for this 25-30 hours/week position. Please express your interest to Scott Coulter in person or at scottc@assemblymennonite.org. [A complete job description can be found on the Assembly website here.](#)

Opening for MYF coordinator. We are grateful for all the time and love that Ally Mast has given our high school youth. Ally will be completing her 3-year term as MYF coordinator at the end of this summer. A search committee has been formed to find 1 or 2 people to replace her. If you are interested in working with other adults to coordinate Sunday school, social, and service events for our youth, if you have candidates to suggest for this position, or if you have any other questions please contact Lora Nafziger, loracn@assemblymennonite.org.

(repeat) **Lora will be out of the office** and house and away from email the evening of June 30th to July 4th. She and her family are taking a short vacation. The other members of the pastoral team will be available during this time.

(repeat) **Message from Leadership Group:** As the pandemic continues, and as the congregation plans for the months ahead, we continue to desire a faithful response that is informed by health professionals, and reflects our theological commitment to care for all. [Please read this document for more information](#). LG, worship committee, and others are in regular discussion about the specific implications of these broad guidelines, and welcome your feedback or suggestions. Send your questions/comments to any of the pastors.

(repeat) **Thanks to those of you who took the time** to fill out the worship survey and also to small groups who sent in responses and suggestions to Karl. As we continue to figure out how we worship together (but separately), your ideas matter! Summer worship has changed the format slightly and we'll likely be trying something new again when fall worship begins again on Aug 9.

(repeat) **The 2020 Central District Annual Meeting** will be held on Sat, June 27, 9a-12p Eastern Time. The meeting will be held via pre-recorded worship video and Zoom. The worship video and delegate sessions will be open to anyone in your congregation who wants to participate. [Click here](#) for more information on how to join the meeting.

(repeat) **Tanzania Education Aid** is holding a Nelson's Port-A-Pit fundraiser on Saturday, June 27 from 830am-2pm. It will be at our usual location at 201 Chicago Ave in the Eastlake/Kroger parking lot. We will be selling chicken \$7, pit-taters \$4, pork ribs \$10, and pork chops \$8. No presale tickets necessary, just come pick up your hot meal before we sell out! Richard Hirschler is delivering pre-ordered food to those who wish at Greencroft, contact him if you want this service (574.238.2938). We are raising money for scholarships and to finish a girls' hostel in Shirati, Tanzania.

(repeat) **Shemaya Magatti** is looking to earn some cash this summer. He is now 14 and has some time on his hands! He is looking for outdoor tasks like mowing or

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basic landscaping jobs. He also can babysit children who are already potty trained. If you have some work, please call or text 574.538.8781. Thank you!

(repeat) **Sophia Yordy** is now selling handmade cards and art at an indoor booth in the Farmer’s Market! Entitled Snail Mail, Sophia’s business hopes to revive the lost art of communicating through beautiful and tangible letters. 12% of profits are donated to NAACP to help bring justice to the world. Email snailmail.sophiamarie@gmail.com for more information or come check out the business for yourself on Saturdays at the Farmer’s Market!

(repeat) **I just want to say thanks to the congregation** for granting money for my classroom this next school year through the public-school fund (distributed by 2% Committee). Students will be able to learn better organization skills and to take pride in their areas based on the seat sacks that were bought with the grant. Thanks so much for helping my kids. - Sean Smuts

(repeat) **A note from Helen Glick** to all quilters interested in donated quilts to the virtual 2020 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale [can be read here](#).

(repeat) **Central District Conference’s** June edition of their monthly newsletter, Focus, [is available here](#).

community connections

Join us (virtually) for an MCC Centennial Celebration on July 26. This year marks the 100th anniversary of MCC! It is not the centennial year we anticipated. Still, we invite you to join us (virtually) on Sunday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. (EDT), as we offer thanks to God and pray for the future of MCC’s ministry of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. We’ll be broadcasting live from Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, site of an important first meeting in the formation of MCC when representatives of various Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren groups met in July 1920. We had hoped to worship together in person, but we’re grateful for the livestream option that will enable more MCC supporters and partners to join us. The livestream will feature a combination of live and pre-recorded speakers and music. Please invite your friends and family by sharing the link: mcc.org/gl-centennial-livestream.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a director to provide leadership and oversight to the Marketing and Communication department. This collaborative leader will participate in Mennonite Mission Network organizational leadership by guiding effective promotion of our distinct brand and storytelling of our domestic and overseas work that inspires constituents. The Marketing and Communication director works closely with the Director of Donor Relations in the Advancement Division and all other department directors to achieve effective stewardship of the Mission Network brand. Previous supervisory experience as well as experience with 501(c)(3) agencies is needed. The ideal candidate will be passionate about God’s reconciling mission to the world and committed to Jesus Christ. Embracing cultural diversity and anti-racism is essential. Anticipated start date is late July 2020. View the complete position description on our website at www.mennonitemission.net or contact staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net for more information.

Bethany Christian Schools seeks the following positions. Send a letter of interest and resume to Tim Lehman at tclehman@bethanycs.net. **Evening Custodian** beginning July 1. Successful applicants have the aptitude to work independently, perform minor repairs on equipment, and supervise student cleaning crews during the summer. Bethany offers a positive community work environment and competitive benefits. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. **Media Center Coordinator** Primary responsibilities include managing the library collections, supervising students, and assisting teachers with lessons. Successful candidates will have a basic knowledge of preteen and teenage literature and enjoy interacting with children. Competitive wage based on education level and experience. **Teacher Aide/Study Hall Monitor** Primary responsibilities include coaching students, monitoring study halls, and managing student activities. Desirable qualifications include at least two years of college, adaptability and love of interacting with kids. Competitive wage based on education level and experience. **Varsity Girls Soccer Coach** For more

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information, contact Athletic Director Gary Chupp at glchupp@bethanycs.net.

(repeat) **Ten Thousand Villages Goshen** is pleased to announce they are reopening on Saturday, June 20, from 10-3. Our hours going forward will be Tuesday through Saturday 10-3, with appointment shopping available 3-6 or 10-6 on Mondays. We are thankful for the community support we have received during these very difficult weeks and we are looking forward to seeing your smiling eyes and masked faces! Please call the store at 574-533-8491, or email goshen@tenthousandvillages.com, if you have questions or want to set up appointment shopping outside customer browsing hours.

(repeat) **Missing Camp Friedenswald? [Here are 3 ways to share in the Camp Spirit at Home.](#)**

(repeat) **Book your Camp Friedenswald Getaway today!** Let us provide the cabin, delicious meals delivered to your door, hiking trails, beach time, boating and a campfire. You bring your book, hammock and the family- and be prepared to leave feeling renewed and reconnected! Visit our website for more about the [Camp Getaway experience](#).

(repeat) **Mennonite Creation Care Network** put together [this video](#) to answer the following question: If your congregation could work on one environmental practice, what would it be? The video also informs viewers of Mennonite Creation Care Network and the work they do.

(repeat) **An Anabaptist Anti-Racist Reading List** has been [posted online by Anabaptist Historians – find it here](#). This list features short and online-accessible articles and essays on the relationships between Anabaptist history and matters of race, racism, and violence. The story of Anabaptism is inextricably bound to race and racism. Some of these readings uncover troubling examples of racism in the church. Others explore cases when Anabaptists meaningfully spoke truth to power within their own denominational contexts or beyond.

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