

# 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.

## W O R S H I P

July 19	July 26
Digital Summer Worship	Digital Summer Worship
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Worship Leader: <i>Mitch Rhodes</i> Storyteller: <i>Kim Kurtz</i>	Worship Leader: <i>Deb Bloom</i> Storyteller: <i>Paul Meyer Reimer</i>
Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Scripture: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## C A L E N D A R

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

TODAY	July 19	10am Virtual House Church ONLINE ( <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9995275153">https://zoom.us/j/9995275153</a> ) 11am "Coffee Time" ONLINE ( <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9995275153">https://zoom.us/j/9995275153</a> ) 1pm Congregational Meeting ONLINE ( <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9995275153">https://zoom.us/j/9995275153</a> )
Mon	July 20	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE ( <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9995275153">https://zoom.us/j/9995275153</a> )
Wed	July 22	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE ( <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9995275153">https://zoom.us/j/9995275153</a> )
Fri	July 24	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE ( <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9995275153">https://zoom.us/j/9995275153</a> )
Sun	July 26	12-2:30pm JYF activity at Mitch & Lora's home

**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.

## A N N O U N C E M E N T S

### assembly life and people

**Rylan Morris** turns 1 on July 20! Her energetic spirit and playful personality keep her on the move exploring new things and chasing her big sister, Avery. Swimming/water play, practicing walking, climbing up on things, listening to music, and being held upside down are some of her favorite things. She gets very excited for meal times, and especially enjoys all the goodies from the garden.

**Leah Hochstetler** (Rising 8<sup>th</sup>) turns 13 on July 20! Leah enjoys writing, drawing, reading fantasy books, and cooking with her brother Aaron and her dad. Leah plays violin, sings in a choir, and enjoys theater (currently via Zoom) She is hoping for a physically distanced sleepover for her birthday.

**Sue Burkholder** (Manor 4, Greencroft) turned 90 on July 12! She spent the day Zooming with her family, seeing friends and eating cake. Before she retired, Sue was a middle school teacher. She is an avid swimmer and looks forward to getting back to the pool.

**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 Remembrance. 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!

**A Zoom Congregational Meeting** is being planned for TODAY, July 19, at 1pm. All Assembly participants are welcome, and encouraged to participate. Topics for the agenda include: affirmation of [the work of Leader Selection Committee](#), when and how we will resume in-person meetings, and the application for the Paycheck Protection loan. The format will include breakout rooms for discussion, and opportunities to ask questions and give feedback to Leadership Group.

**Backyard house church needs you!** Starting August 16 we'll be experimenting with six weeks of in-person neighborhood backyard house church worship. We are looking for two types of "host" for backyard house church from August 16-September 27: (1) backyard hosts, and (2) welcoming/logistics hosts. (1) We need backyards that are big enough to accommodate up to 6 households with physical distancing. You do not need to provide chairs or restrooms. Services will be less than an hour. (2) We also need people who are willing to serve as the "host" (could be the same as the backyard host but not necessarily) who are willing to welcome people, assign worship roles, and either print or pick up worship resources at the church. (3) For all who prefer not to gather in person, we'll still have participatory Zoom worship, so we will also require online hosts who feel comfortable using Zoom. Please email [annays@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:annays@assemblymennonite.org) if you're willing to be a backyard host or a welcoming/logistics host, or a Zoom worship host.

**A group will be gathering to pray** from Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book. We will meet by the pond in Shanklin Park at 9 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on July 28. Everyone is invited, and it's totally okay if you can only come every once in a while! Bring the book if you have it or download the free app [for Android](#) or [for iPhone](#). If you have any questions, contact Becky Snider or Lydia Miller.

**Congratulations to Ian and Lucia Keim** who were married on July 10th in the Keim backyard (Ian is Julie & Paul's son). Karl Shelly officiated.

**Scott will be out of the office** from Friday afternoon July 24 until Tuesday July 28. He will be travelling with his family to visit friends out of town.

**Happy Birthday last week (7/12-7/18) to:** Sue Burkholder, Becca Shantz, Phoebe Graber, John Nafziger, Ryan Gomez Wengerd, and Betsy McCanse. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

**Happy Birthday this week (7/19-7/25) to:** Rose Stutzman, Philipp Gollner, Craig Glick Miler, Ann Hostetler, and Dancy Hirschler. 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 is an update from small group [Cantaloupe](#):

**Lydia Miller** has had the pleasure of getting to know two very precious little dogs while house and dog sitting for Dana and Linda Schlabach Miller this summer. I'm continuing to work at Solution Source as a developer and project manager, and when I'm not housesitting, I live with my housemate and good friend Sadie. (Incidentally, our housing fell through the other week, so if you have any leads on two-bedroom apartments, let me know!). I spend my free time listening to podcasts about politics and the enneagram, spending time with friends and family, and taking opportunities to be outdoors.

**Liechty Dickens household:** Jeanne teaches Social Work at GC currently balancing Fall prep with enjoying time outside with family and friends. Mike is an electrical engineer for National Instruments; he worked remotely before it was a "thing". He's thrilled to be pain-free & mobile with a new right hip. Conrad leaves for college in four weeks (GC).

**Meyer Reimer household:** Paul Meyer Reimer enjoys biking, reading, running and physics, which he teaches at Goshen College. Kathy enjoys gardening, knitting, hiking, playing games, talking with people and working in the Education Department at Goshen College. They are engaged in a vast sorting exercise as part of a downsizing move.

**Keim household:** Last Friday, July 10, our son, Ian and Lucia Martinez were married by Karl in our backyard, in a

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tiny wedding with masks and distancing and a chicken as the ringbearer.

**Meals for the Klassen family.** Small group Hygge is organizing meals for Sara and Chris Klassen upon the arrival of their baby, June Tyler, on July 8. We are hoping to provide meals for them through August. Please follow [this link](#) for more specific instructions and to sign up.

-Small group Hygge

**Elroy Holsopple and Mary Yoder Holsopple** are relocating temporarily to Anchorage, Alaska. They plan to keep a blog called [The Journey Continues](#). You can click on the link to keep updated about their time in Anchorage.

**It is school kit time again!** Johanna Sutter has collected the contents for school kits. If you would like to sponsor some school kits, they are \$3.00 each. You are welcome to put your money for them in the offering as long as your check or cash envelope is labeled for school kits.

**If you are a Kroger shopper,** you can help Assembly's MYF and JYF gain funds by going to Kroger.com and creating an account. Once in your new account, click on Community Rewards and search for Assembly Mennonite Church by name or by our organization number ND605. A small portion of every purchase (when you use your Kroger's card) will go towards Assembly's youth programs. Thanks!

**Central District Conference's** July edition of their monthly newsletter, Reporter, is available [here](#).

**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 6: "Only At Night"](#). 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 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](mailto:loracn@assemblymennonite.org).

(repeat) **Congratulations to Sara and Chris Klassen** on the birth of June Tyler on Thursday, July 9 at 7:02pm! We look forward to seeing photos and learning to know the newest member of your family!

(repeat) **Our condolences to Deanna Risser and family** on the death of her uncle, Marion Yoder, on July 4. The obituary can be found [here](#). Please keep Deanna's mom (Marion's sister), and Marion's wife, children, grandchildren, and extended family in prayer during this time of loss.

(repeat) **The Leader Selection Committee** (Emily Stuckey Weber, Tobias Magatti, and Naomi Chapman) has finished their work of putting together the list of all those who have volunteered to serve in various [Committees and Positions](#) in the congregation for 2020-2021. Thanks to that committee, and to all of you who will be serving in these roles in the coming year! Committee chairs are encouraged to call a welcome & orientation meeting in July or August for your committee.

(repeat) **At last Tuesday's Leadership Group meeting,** the group discussed finances, the [new Leader Selection: Committees and Positions list for 2020-21](#), and planning the first online congregational meeting. If you would like to read minutes from previous LG and Congregational meetings, [you can find them on our website](#).

(repeat) **Anti-Racism Book Group Take 2** A group of us met to discuss "White Fragility." If you'd like to be a part of another round of book reading and discussion, please purchase the book, "Me and White Supremacy" by Layla F. Saad. We'll plan to discuss the first 77 pages on Mon, July 27 at 7pm in the AMC Zoom room. All are welcome.

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(repeat) **Kathy and Paul Meyer Reimer are moving.**

Our new address is 1725 S. 13th Street. Our phone numbers remain the same. We will be selling our house at 618 S. Sixth Street in the next few weeks. We will miss our wonderful neighbors, a number of whom go to Assembly! (But we are also getting some wonderful new neighbors, some of whom go to Assembly!) Let us know if you are interested in seeing the 6<sup>th</sup> St House. -Paul and Kathy

(repeat) **Baby Shower for Joni and Aaron Yost** Small group Groupyndor invites you to shower Joni and Aaron with gifts. They are expecting their first baby in August. Joni and Aaron are registered at

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/joni-yost-aaron-yost-august-2020-goshen/1WU4827FD1HXM> Groupyndor is not hosting an actual shower for them, but you can drop off a gift or card at 1009 S 8th and say a physically distanced hello and share words of encouragement. Joni and Aaron are at home most of the time.

(repeat) **Lacasa Inc thanks Assembly** for Assembly's gift of \$1,000 to the Help-A-House program through the 2% fund. The donation helps bring volunteers together with the materials to repair the homes of low-income homeowners. [Click here](#) for more information about Help-A-House, and contact Sarah Phend Horst at [sphend@gmail.com](mailto:sphend@gmail.com) for more information about Assembly's 2% Fund.

## community connections

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary shares**

"Mourning Our Losses Together During COVID-19: The Good News of Biblical Lament" Tuesday, July 21, 2-3 p.m. EDT. Presented by [Bob Yoder](#), D.Min., Advancement Associate; Pamela Yoder, M.Div., Pastor for Community Life and Pastoral Care, College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana. This free webinar — back by popular demand! — is for those experiencing loss and those journeying with them. Participants will explore the three-act movement of biblical lament as a faithful response to God in both individual and corporate settings. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.

**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 Sun, July 26, at 6:30pm (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](http://mcc.org/gl-centennial-livestream).

**Semilla Latin America Anabaptist Seminary** sent Assembly an update. If you would like to read the update, [click here](#).

**Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** happening virtually September 25-27. Their July announcements can be read [here](#).

**The July edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, you can read how MDS volunteers helped Minneapolis residents clean up following the protests in the wake of the death of George Floyd. You can learn how MDS volunteers are racing the clock to restore homes in Alaska and bring wildfire survivors home. [Click on this link to read more: https://conta.cc/2ChvxXQ](#)

**Bethany Christian Schools** has job openings for Bus Driver and Evening Custodian. Applications are being accepted now and until the positions have been filled. Interested applicants should contact [tlehman@bethanycs.net](mailto:tlehman@bethanycs.net). See Employment Opportunities on our website at [bethanycs.net](http://bethanycs.net) for additional details. Thanks!

**Ten Thousand Villages:** We are currently seeking to hire a full-time manager for our Goshen store. [Click here](#) to see the full job description along with how to apply.

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(repeat) **Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests** encourages all that are interested to attend a four part online series offered by the KirkrIDGE Retreat Center for families with trans or gender expansive/gender nonconforming children. It is led by Dr. Erin Swanson, a Presbyterian Minister and Marriage and Family Therapist who has been a leader and innovator in this area. The series is free, but participants must register. It begins this Sat, July 11. This series could be immensely helpful to families with trans or gender expansive children, please, please forward this information to them. *Trans in the Family: The basics of transgender and gender non-conforming experience from a family perspective.*

<https://kirkrIDGE.org/events/trans-in-the-family/>

(repeat) **The African American Mennonite Association**, a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, has called upon fellow Mennonite congregations to address racism. <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/aama/>

(repeat) **Taking Each Next Step: Anti-racism in Our Homes, Churches, and Conference - July 16, 2pm Eastern.** As followers of Christ, we are all called to work for racial, ethnic, and religious justice in our world. Join members of the Missional Church Committee of Central District Conference in taking each next step in our personal, congregational, and conference journeys toward dismantling white supremacy and racial injustice. The webinar will offer provocations and resources from a recent Missional Church Committee task group to spur you and your congregation on towards God's liberating, all-encompassing peace. [Register here](#)

(repeat) **Climate and Community: Creating and implementing plans for positive change, July 30, time TBA (Amy Huser)** Description: We all understand the need to address the climate crisis, but it can feel overwhelming and even pointless on an individual scale. Where do we prioritize our time and energy? Working in community with others on shared goals can empower us to create positive change. Join Amy Huser and Jenna Liechty Martin of Camp Friedenswald to hear how Camp is addressing climate holistically through the implementation of a triple-bottom-line (environmental, social, and financial) strategic plan to become a more resilient and

sustainable organization. Participants will be encouraged to brainstorm ways to apply a similar framework for their family, congregation, or community.

(repeat) **Join MCC Great Lakes for a virtual Pipeline to Prison learning tour.** Explore the complex dynamics of the U.S. criminal justice system from different perspectives and learn about practical opportunities for engagement and advocacy efforts in your local context. Through five online sessions, participants will explore the connections between broad systemic issues of racism and incarceration down through the local level, all through the lens of Anabaptist faith. This free virtual learning tour will take place each Monday in August from 2-3:30 p.m. (EST). Registration is limited to 25 participants. The goal is for all participants to commit to attending each virtual session to get the full learning experience. For more information and to register visit [mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison-virtual](http://mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison-virtual) or call 574.534.4133.

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a full time Network Systems Administrator located in the Newton, KS office. This position will ensure the stable operation of the organizations Local Area Network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), Internet systems and software applications. The ability to analyze and resolve end user hardware and software computer problems in a timely and accurate fashion is essential. Ability to provide excellent customer service is a must. Committed to denominational and agency goals of anti-racist action. Degree in computer science / information technology or 3-5 years' experience is preferred. View the complete position description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). Submit cover letter and resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net) for consideration.

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