

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Cluster Worship at 10 AM. Join us on Zoom or reach out by email to connect to an in-person cluster group.

WORSHIP

August 16	August 23
Cluster Worship Join your assigned backyard cluster, or join us on Zoom at 10AM Scripture: Genesis 12:1-8	Cluster Worship Join your assigned backyard cluster, or join us on Zoom at 10AM Scripture: Genesis 16

CALENDAR

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

TODAY	Aug 16	10am Cluster Worship: Join on Zoom , or join your assigned backyard cluster
Mon	Aug 17	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Tues	Aug 18	9pm Take Our Moments and Our Days prayer group at Shanklin Park
Wed	Aug 19	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Thurs	Aug 20	9pm Take Our Moments and Our Days prayer group at Shanklin Park
Fri	Aug 21	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)

Note: If you don't already have the password for our Zoom meetings, 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

Cora Landes (5th Parkside) turned 10 on Aug 11! Cora loves her dog Jack (he can fist bump!) and other animals including pigs and pandas. She loves to swim and read and play with her friends and dolls. She has been making a lot of friendship bracelets and enjoys watching movies with her family and walking with her mom. Yellow is her absolute favorite color!

Linden Rothshank (2nd homeschool) turned 8 on Aug 14! Linden is good at building Lego, swimming, and building things. He likes nature, reading, learning Spanish and Greek Mythology. Linden claims always has enough energy to do anything! He likes to go on bike rides with his family and blue and green are his favorite colors.

Saya Quintana (K Waterford) turned 6 on Aug 15! Saya is excited about getting together with friends for a masked outdoor birthday gathering which includes a unicorn cake and piñata! She is both excited and nervous to start school on Monday. She would one day like to take voice lessons to sing Frozen songs even louder than she already does.

TODAY we begin our Fall Worship series: Becoming a People of God. This fall we will be trying something new, taking a break from our weekly Zoom calls and inviting

people to participate in outdoor neighborhood cluster group worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. from Aug. 16 through Sept. 27. The congregation has been thoughtfully divided into neighborhood cluster groups. [Click here for the list of groups](#). If you have not been assigned and would like to visit a group please email [Anna Yoder Schlabach](#). Anyone is welcome to show up for the Zoom cluster group. We'll be focusing on the familiar stories of Genesis, loosely based on the Shine curriculum. [Read the entire introduction to fall worship here](#).

We welcome Kristen Swartley, an M.Div. student at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, who is completing her second-year seminary internship at Assembly. Kristen grew up in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University (B.A.) and Oklahoma City University (M.M), where she studied flute performance. You can find a photo of Kristen and read more about her [on the Assembly website](#). Kristen is drawn to church work especially as it relates to social justice, community building, the arts and ritual, and biblical/theological study. She enjoys learning to garden, trying new recipes, reading about feminist, queer, and other liberation theologies, doing yoga, finding fun ways to safely do social things at a distance, and walking/biking

outdoors. You might see Kristen if you join the Zoom cluster on Sunday, or she may visit some neighborhood backyard clusters this fall. Please remember her in your prayers as she explores what a church ministry internship during a pandemic is like.

Jane Litwiller is beginning her work in the office as the new Administrator this week. Emails and calls to the office will reach her on Monday and Friday mornings. The pastors are excited to welcome her to the team of Assembly staff.

An online memorial service for Al Meyer was held on Zoom, Sat, Aug. 8. You can watch a recording of the service and read written remembrances [by clicking here](#).

College Mennonite Church is searching for a rental apartment or house in the Goshen area for an employed but homeless mother with two teenagers and one child. We are looking for something with at least 3 bedrooms, and under \$1000. If you know of anything that may be available, please contact Madeline Maldonado (madeline@collegemennonite.org) or Matthew Lind (574-535-8068).

Faith Mennonite is promoting the Peddling Potsander 24 Hour Challenge, this Saturday Aug 15. Goal: Raise \$7500 for Jason P medical bills as he fights cancer. Who: Various people riding with Luke and Jason. What: A fundraising bike ride; goal to cover as many miles in 24 hours as possible. Why: Help pay the portion of Jason's medical bills that insurance doesn't cover. Where: start / end @ Pumpkinvine Cyclery, Middlebury. When: 8 am August 15 - to 8 am August, 16, 2020. How: We expect to cover 150 miles or more; we request per mile donations. Suggestion: 33 cpm x 150 mi = \$49.50. To donate, make out a check to Faith Menn. Church, with Potsander / Emerg. Fund in the memo line, and mail it to: Emma Hartman c/o Faith Menn. Church, 1102 S 13th St, Goshen, IN 46526. To pay online via PayPal, email emmarhartman@gmail.com. For details on the ride itself, contact Luke Mast at tsamekul@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday last week (8/9-8/15) to: Aaron Kaufmann and Janine Ostergren. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday this week (8/16-8/22) to: Becky Snider, Cheryl Mast, Jonathon Schramm, Winston Gerig, Vivian Schmucker, Debbie Bloom, Ben Bontrager, Al Shelly, Terri Russ, and Bethany Swope. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Each week we have been featuring blurbs with updates about households within an Assembly small group. This week, we are taking a break from this feature, but watch for it next week!

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) **Join us for weekday prayers.** Join us online for noon prayers on Zoom Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. One of the pastors will read a psalm and lead in a brief prayer. This meeting usually lasts just 10 or 15 minutes. Contact [Karl](#) or [Scott](#) with questions.

(repeat) **You are also invited to join in person** at 9pm Tuesday and Thursday by the pond at Shanklin Park for prayers from Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book. Bring the prayer book if you have it or download the free app [for Android](#) or [for iPhone](#). If you have any questions about this gathering, contact Becky Snider or Lydia Miller.

(repeat) **No Zoom Coffee Hour.** Over the seven weeks of cluster worship (Aug 16-Sept 27), we will not be having Zoom coffee hour on Sunday mornings.

(repeat) **The Assembly Mennonite Retreat Committee** is working with Camp Friedenswald to create a limited retreat in place of our regular retreat. [Please click here to find out more, and to fill out a preliminary interest survey.](#)

(repeat) **Goshen Christian Montessori School** is looking to fill a few more enrollment spots before we open on Sept 8. We have moved into the Assembly building and have openings for one class of preschool children ages 3-6. The schedule is 8:45am-2:30pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with full day, half day morning or afternoon and lunch options available. We plan to make good use of the

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playground for outside work and play as much as possible, this year. Children are required to wear masks. To enroll or ask questions please contact Sarah Horst, GCMS Director, at sphend@gmail.com.

(repeat) **Lacasa Inc.** The church office received a copy of Lacasa's 2019 Annual Report, along with a letter thanking us as one of the sponsors of the cancelled 2020 Annual Luncheon. You can [read the letter here](#), and you can [read the annual report online here](#).

community connections

Pathways Retreat will hold its first online Silent Auction September 12-19, concluding with an Open House on the 19th from 1-4 pm. In October, Ruth Judy will teach a four-session online workshop exploring contemplative practices from different spiritual traditions. Find more information about both events at pathwaysretreat.org.

The August Pathways Retreat Newsletter can be read [here](#).

(repeat) **The MCC Great Lakes 2020 Comforter Bash in Goshen has sadly been cancelled.** However, the planning committee would still like to make as many comforters for MCC as possible. But we need your help! There are packets with materials available for you to make comforters at home or in small groups in your churches and communities. For more information including packet pick up times and locations, visit mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash or call 574.534.4071.

(repeat) **Virtual MCC alumni gatherings.** You're invited to MCC-hosted virtual alumni gatherings for four of the world regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean (LACA), Asia, Europe and Middle East (EME) and Africa. Join us for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors about current programming, share stories of service experiences and engage in small group discussions to connect with your MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. Feel free to join the gathering for the area where you served, your home region or any area of interest! Register and learn more by visiting mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings. The

Zoom link will be emailed to you closer to the date of the event.

(repeat) **Central District Conference offers resources** related to dismantling racism and white privilege, and webinars from this year's CDC annual meeting, including: Aug 26 @ 7:30pm – SEMILLA Learning Tour Group; Sept 16 @ 6:30pm – Anabaptism as Spiritual Practice, with Jamie Pitts. [For more, click here.](#)

(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS)** is offering a course with Susannah Larry, Ph.D. on "Confronting Sexualized Violence in the Bible", meeting on Thursdays from 8:30-11:30am (Sept 1 – Dec 11), which can be attended via videoconference. [For more information click here.](#)

(repeat) **Volunteers are needed** to help pick and process community garden produce for the Church Community Services Food Pantry, at Creekside Church of the Brethren, 60455 County Road 113, Elkhart. Masks are required indoors and encouraged outside. [For more information click here.](#)

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** is delivering its periodical [Faith in Action](#) electronically. [You can read it here.](#)

(repeat) **Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** is happening virtually September 25-27. For [updated](#) announcements, events, and ways to help out with the sale, [please read this flyer.](#)

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