

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

September 6	September 13
Cluster Worship Join your assigned backyard cluster, or join us on Zoom at 10AM Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34; 27; 32:1-15; 33:1-17	Cluster Worship Join your assigned backyard cluster, or join us on Zoom at 10AM Scripture: Genesis 37

CALENDAR

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

TODAY	Sept 6	10am Cluster Worship: Join on Zoom , or join your assigned backyard cluster 7:45-9:45 pm MYF Drop-in Outdoor Movie Night
Mon	Sept 7	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153) 4-5:30 Memorial Garden Meeting
Tues	Sept 8	8:00 pm Take Our Moments and Our Days prayer group at Shanklin Park
Wed	Sept 9	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer ONLINE (https://zoom.us/j/9995275153)
Thurs	Sept 10	8:00 pm Take Our Moments and Our Days prayer group at Shanklin Park
Fri	Sept 11	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

Julian Quintana turns 4 on Sept. 11th! Julian is really good at swinging and weeding. He likes to dig potatoes with his dad and play cars. He has been glad for opportunities for playdates with friends and is eager to go to school. He is already a fast runner but is learning to run faster. Nachos are his favorite food!

Holden Ebright-Zehr (GMS 6th) turned 12 on August 28. Holden plays multiple sports including soccer, basketball, baseball, and tennis. Basketball is his favorite though during quarantine he has been learning pickleball which is also a lot of fun! He is also learning to play the clarinet and gained landscaping skills working at home on projects this summer. He enjoys swimming, reading, and was glad to visit cousins this summer.

TODAY we continue our Fall Worship series:

Becoming a People of God. This fall we are 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.](#)

Update on Joel Zwier: During Joel Zwier's post-op appointment with his brain surgeon, they found bleeding continued in Joel's brain. They quickly scheduled a 2nd surgery (larger and more invasive this time) which took place this past Monday. We are happy to report that the surgery went well and that Joel is back home recovering! He and Patricia would appreciate meals. You can sign up here: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=LQXM0725> If you're prompted for a password, it's "brain". Thank you for your support and continuing prayers!

School Kits update: You can still contribute to the school kit fund. MCC is getting more requests for school kits than in previous years. Let's make this happen, so that they can fill their orders! \$3.00 will help send a child to school to get an education. Please write your check to Assembly Mennonite Church, marking it MCC kits on the memo line. Thanks! ~Johanna Sutter

This Sunday the MYF will be having a drop-in outdoor movie night at Josh and Rachel Schrock's house. Their address can be found in the church directory or by contacting one of the sponsors. In order for it to be dark enough to watch the movie outside, this week's drop-in will be from **7:45-9:45pm**. Please wear your mask and bring an easy to share snack, plus a blanket or chair to sit on. The forecast is currently calling for rain on Sunday. If this happens, we will need to reschedule - an update will be sent out closer to the event.

Assembly Student Aid It is the time of year again where we support learners at church related educational institutions. If you are unsure if you have been supported financially, or would like financial support, please contact me, Steve Schrock, at sdschrock@hotmail.com. If you have questions about Assembly support, please follow the [link](#) for more information.

Happy Birthday last week (8/30-9/5) to: Graham Ebright Zehr, Byrdalene Horst, Jeremiah Chico, and Carmen Horst.. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday this week (9/6-9/12) to: Tara Swartzendruber-Landis, Lora Nafziger, Elroy Holsopple, Lydia Miller, Scott Hochstetler, Brooke Rothshank, Lois Kauffman, Jamie Lake, Lenora Hirschler-Magatti, and Benjamin Shelly. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

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

Mask Policy: Even though we are not currently meeting together regularly in the building, there are still many frequent users of the space. This is a reminder that wearing masks (covering nose and mouth) is required when entering the church building. Please put your mask on **before** you enter and leave it on for the duration of your time indoors. This is in alignment with Elkhart County Health Department guidelines as well as the State of Indiana mandate issued by Governor Holcomb on July 27 that has recently been extended until the end of September. Please

assume that AMC's policy requiring masks in the meetinghouse will remain in effect until further notice. Contact [Jane Litwiller](#) with questions.

(repeat) **Time Change: Prayers at Shanklin Park have moved to 8:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** You are invited to join in person. Bring your copy of Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book, 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) **Christian Education Committee needs your feedback:** Parents of children through grade 5 are invited to respond to a [brief survey](#) from the Christian Education committee about possible resources and activities during this time without Sunday school. Please complete the survey by Sept. 6, and Zoom into the Fall Parent meeting on Sept. 27 at 2pm for chances to connect with other parents and hear about upcoming plans.

(repeat) **Small group reps** met this week and discussed the start of this year's "small group shuffle" and whether Assembly should change the way it funds Mennonite mission agencies. [Ask your rep for details.](#)

(repeat) **Small group shuffle.** This is the time of year when people change small groups and new groups form. If you're interested in joining or changing small groups, [contact Karl Shelly](#) for a list of options.

(repeat) **AssemblyLine Announcements:** This is a friendly reminder from your new Administrator to please use the assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org email address to submit announcements for the inclusion in the weekly AssemblyLine. Please submit all announcements by 8am Friday. This will help me be more efficient. Thanks. -Jane Litwiller

(repeat) **Sign up to bring a meal for Joni and Aaron Yost**, as we celebrate the birth of Winnie Marie on Aug 14! You can sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qa-LGgfPGKiTSGpHSFB6P_XLCzlbsXVkwytTU7sPiQ/edit
Dates are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from Sept. 14-Oct. 9

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(repeat) **Sign up to bring a meal for Dominique Burgunder-Johnson and Patrick Coonan**, as we celebrate the birth of Xavier on Aug 18! You can sign up here: www.TakeThemAMeal.com/MMXZ3866. Password: Xavier. Dates available include Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from August 31-Sept. 25.

(repeat) **Camp Friedenswald Retreat Opportunity**. Sadly, we are not able to have a church-wide retreat at Camp Friedenswald this year. The Assembly Retreat Committee invites you to participate in Camp Friedenswald's "Getaway Retreat" as a partial substitute. Oct 9-11 is reserved for Assembly people only. Assembly will cover the entire cost of any Assembly participants who wish to participate on this or any other weekend. Contact Camp Friedenswald if you're interested and let them know you're from Assembly. Spots are limited, and registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. If you are able, we invite you to reimburse Assembly for all or part of the cost of your retreat. [For more details please click here.](#)

community connections

Answer to last week's Relief Sale quiz: Nate Osborne, Ben Beyeler, Bethany Swope, Helen Glick, Kimberly Glick, and Jep Hostetler are among those working behind the scenes to transform the annual Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale quilt auction into an online live auction this year. Mark your calendars for the "100 quilts for 100 years of Mennonite Central Committee" auction on Sept. 26 starting at 9:30am.

Tanzania Education Aid will hold a second fundraiser with Nelsons chicken, potatoes, pork chops, and ribs this Saturday, September 5, in our usual location at the Kroger parking lot, from 9 AM to about 2 PM. We will not be holding an African dinner fundraiser this year, so please come out and support the work we are doing for students in Shirati, Tanzania. No tickets needed. Questions? Contact Tobias Magatti 260.894.0530

Bethany Swope's Sept. 1 presentation about uncertainty was postponed by technical issues. There will be a resilient second attempt on Sept 15 at 11am. It's still a free Zoom webinar, and participants must still pre-register

at <https://goshenhealth.com/Thrive>. Second time's the charm?

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. The registration deadline for this workshop is September 25. Find more information about both events at pathwaysretreat.org. Pathways newsletter is available [here](#).

50th Anniversary! On September 26, Armand and Ginny Martin, active members of Assembly in the 80s and early 90s, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children are coordinating a card shower in honor of this celebration spanning friends and community from across the years of their marriage. Please consider sending them a card this month: Armand and Ginny Martin, 404-20 Saint George St., Kitchener, Ontario, N2G 2S7, CANADA.

SB BLM: Arts & Justice Curriculum, Episode 1/5
South Bend BLM is hosting a series of five podcasts for individuals interested in exploring the current movement for racial justice through the lens of Arts and Justice. Each episode will take place every two weeks on Wednesday from 6:00-7:30PM and explore a facet of social justice through a discussion of art, centered around a particular theme. Dr. Dé Bryant, a community psychologist who founded the Social Action Project and expanded it into neighborhoods in Michigan, Nigeria, Rwanda & South Africa, will present her curriculum. Episode 1 will be about the topic of Identity & Race, and discuss the psychology of identity, and discuss art from artists such as rapper Lil Baby, designer Telfar Clemens, and filmmaker Kiri Davis.
Episode 1: Identity & Belonging, Sept. 9, 2020
Episode 2: Norms & Normal, Sept 23, 2020
Episode 3: Desire & Power, Oct. 7, 2020
Episode 4: Faith & Spirituality, Oct. 21, 2020
Episode 5: Loss & Recovery, Nov. 4, 2020
RSVP using this form!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSff - Ci0eTq86aL2uz2P1_zbWc7Daw7xozYtSJvuFLXilQrEg/vi ewform?usp=sf_link You'll receive a Zoom link the day of

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via email.

Israel-Palestine and the Book of Jonah: Join Darel Grothaus and Hanan Schlesinger for a discussion of the themes of justice, compassion, forgiveness, empathy and relationship to the Other as they play themselves out in the biblical Book of Jonah which is part of both Jewish and Christian Scripture. It is read in synagogue on Yom Kippur, which falls this year on Monday September 28. The two speakers will also talk about how the messages of the book are relevant to the Palestinian Israeli conflict. This free event is happening Sunday, Sept. 13 from 2:30-4:00. You must register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/a-christian-a-jew-and-a-prophet-in-the-belly-of-a-whale-tickets-114966594178>.

Shared via Ted Koontz from former AMBS student:

My name is Osee Tshiwape. Three years ago, I purchased a house in the South Central neighborhood of Elkhart (1721 Prairie Street) and am living with my nephew. I am seeking out friendly housemates to share this beautiful house with! If someone is seeking to rent a room in Elkhart and wants to build community with others, please let me know. I would love to make use of the space that I have by contributing to other people’s needs for housing. Contact me if you have interest in talking about the possibility further, or if you would like a tour of the space! My email is: otshiwape@ambs.edu or osetshiwape@yahoo.fr My mobile number is: 574-370-9994

(repeat) **Police, Fairness & Security - Register by Aug 31 for this free webinar offered by MCC and Great Lakes BIC** Framed with a time of biblical reflection, Bishop Lynn Thrush will facilitate a panel discussion with people who have interacted with the police at varying levels including: Ohio State Senator Cecil Thomas who served as a police officer in Cincinnati, OH. The free webinar will take place on Thursday, September 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (EST). Participants will come away with a better understanding of the narrative of racial difference and how this is related to policing. Please register by August 31 at mcc.org/gl-webinar-police to receive the webinar link.

(repeat) **AMBS online courses:** “A Worship Leader’s Introduction to Voices Together” and “A Song Leader’s

Introduction to Voices Together” will be offered this fall and last for 6 weeks. Visit their website for more information. <https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/anabaptist-short-courses>

(repeat) **RECORDINGS AVAILABLE: MCC Great Lakes Centennial Service of Celebration** We had a wonderful virtual gathering celebrating the 100th anniversary of MCC with music, reflections, greetings, children's time and a powerful sermon livestreamed from Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart. Did you miss the livestream on July 26 or want to re-watch it? You can now view two recordings of the MCC Great Lakes Centennial Service of Celebration: English or Spanish subtitled. Thank you for joining the celebration and continuing to support the work of MCC around the world in the name of Christ. View the videos at: mcc.org/gl-centennial-livestream.

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