

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Join us for Online Worship Sundays at 10 AM

## WORSHIP

October 4	October 11
<p style="text-align: center;">World Communion Sunday in the Parking Lot (Or, we will meet on Zoom if it rains)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Leader: Becky Snider Preacher: Anna Yoder Schlabach Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10</p>

## CALENDAR

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

TODAY	Oct 4	10:00 am Parking Lot World Communion Service 6:30-8:30 pm MYF Drop-in
Mon	Oct 5	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Tues	Oct 6	7-9 pm Leadership Group
Wed	Oct 7	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a> 1-2:30pm Women's Lunch Bunch via Goshen Health Zoom link- <a href="#">Preregister here</a> .
Fri	Oct 9	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Sun	Oct 11	10:00 am Worship <a href="#">on Zoom</a> , followed by coffee break & electives 11:30 am MYF Second Hour 12-3 pm JYF Gathering

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

**CONGRATULATIONS!!** Ally, Daniel and Beck Mast welcomed Finn Brooks (7lbs 15 oz, 21.5 in) into the family this Sunday, September 27 at 6:30 a.m. All are doing well. If you would like to support the Masts when Daniel returns to full-time work, please consider signing up to [take them a meal](#). Proudly, Small Group Derailed

**TODAY Parking Lot World Communion Service Oct 4th:** We will gather at 10 a.m. in the parking lot for World Communion Sunday. Please bring your own chairs, masks, and communion elements. You may want to consider bringing bread from a part of the world where you have spent significant time. There will be a few juice boxes and individually packaged rolls available in case people forget. We will eat the bread and juice in our seats; no one will receive them from servers. This time we will try to keep worship to less than an hour. And once again, you can choose to stay in your cars and either listen via the radio or open your windows and hear the mics. (If we have to move

to Zoom because of rain, there will be an announcement on the public AMC Facebook page as well as on 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour).

**Fall Exodus Bible Study: Who will we serve?** Gathered in cluster groups, we have been telling the stories of God's people from the book of Genesis. On **October 11**, we will pick up where those stories left off and begin the journey out of Egypt with the book of Exodus. The stories we encounter in Exodus invite us to ask "Where does our allegiance lie? And what false gods do we need to be freed from?" Join us for **Zoom worship at 10am** and read the full intro [here](#).

**Indoor Gatherings.** Does your committee or small group need a place to meet indoors? We have a new policy regarding indoor gatherings at the meetinghouse. [Click here to read it](#). Note that all indoor gatherings should be scheduled by contacting Jane in the church office at least 48 hours in advance. If you want meeting indoors to be your "rain plan", please also check with the church office in advance. All groups are strongly encouraged to meet outside whenever possible. Please remember that meeting

indoors, even in a large space with masks and distancing, is a higher-risk activity than meeting outdoors. Consider providing access to the meeting on Zoom to accommodate persons at higher risk for developing a severe COVID infection.

**Women's Lunch Bunch Update:** On Wednesday October 7th at 1pm Bethany Swope will be speaking on "Resilience in Uncertainty". When life takes an unexpected turn, the ideas and plans that seemed rock-solid can suddenly feel shaky. Bethany will discuss ways to foster resilience and a sense of balance through uncertainty and change. **This webinar is being presented through Goshen Health and preregistration is required.** You will receive a confirmation email after registration.

**Pastors' Schedule update:** Anna will be out of town this weekend at a Friedenswald Pastor Retreat. Lora will also be there on Saturday, so if you need to contact a pastor, contact Karl or Scott.

**Lora will be out of the office** Monday Oct. 5-7th for the Wabash Pastoral leadership program. This is the final session of the two-year cohort. It has been a wonderful time and I am so grateful for all of the support in the congregation. The learning tour that was scheduled for October has been rescheduled for 2021 (COVID dependent). I would love to talk with any of you about my experience. -Lora

**An update from the Ross Richer Family** on their ongoing mission work in Ecuador can be found [here](#).

**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

**Happy Birthday last week (9/27-10/3) to:** John Blosser, Leon Stutzman, and Ellen Kennel. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

**Happy Birthday this week (10/4-10/10) to:** Cynthia Good-Kaufmann, Darin Bontrager, Abby Nafziger, Susanna Cabezas, Breanna Daugherty, Lois Nafziger, Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley, and Dale Klassen. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

(repeat) **New Assembly small group.** There is a small core of people forming a new small group which, in addition to building community together, will have discussions about the current volatile and potentially transformative time in our country's history. Discussions over the coming year will include topics like the relationship of our faith to politics, how to advocate for our political values, how to avoid despair, and how some of us struggle in family systems that have very different perspectives around faith and politics. If you have interest in joining this group, let [Karl Shelly](#) know.

(repeat) **Thank you for your prayers and expressions of care** and love following the death of Marshall's father Jonas King on Sept. 4 from Covid-19. Marshall's mother Esther is doing well as she recovers from the virus and a burial took place on Monday. This faith community has surrounded us and lifted us up in countless ways and we are deeply grateful. - Marshall and Bethany

(repeat) **Housing needed:** Aaron Yost's parents from Arizona are planning to come to Goshen for a couple months this winter to help out with childcare for Winnie as Joni transitions back to work. They are seeking a short-term house rental or house-sitting gig for late December to early March. If you have any leads, please contact Joni or Aaron. [jonellayost@gmail.com](mailto:jonellayost@gmail.com), 419-371-6656 [aaronpyost@gmail.com](mailto:aaronpyost@gmail.com), 928-242-5599

## community connections

**Pathways Retreat** will hold its annual St. Francis Animal Blessing on Sunday, October 4 at 4 pm. We invite you to take a look at our updated Spiritual Direction page and consider how this practice could impact your life. Daily prayers continue to happen via zoom. Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](#). Pathways Newsletter is [here](#).

**Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network Annual Dessert Fundraiser** will be held as a drive-thru at Harvest Community Church on October 15 from 6-8 pm. See [flyer](#) for more details.

**The National Immigrant Justice Center's (NIJC) office** in Goshen is excited to announce that NIJC's second 5K

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Run/Walk for Immigrant Justice virtual this year! Please join us from Sunday, November 8, 2020 through Sunday, November 15, 2020! [Register here](#). Choose any day during the event week, pick your favorite trail or route near you, and run or walk together (virtually) with people around the U.S. to support immigrant rights and fund life-changing legal services. Register before October 12th to get a free T-shirt with your registration.

**Creation Care Survey:** Mennonite Creation Care Network is helping the [Mennonite World Conference](#) Creation Care Task Force distribute a survey. The survey asks about the impact of environmental degradation on MWC congregations--and how congregations are responding. We anticipate a wide range of answers from all over the world and look forward to sharing the results with you. You are welcome to take the survey regardless of your religious affiliation; we are able to sort the data by denomination if needed. The survey takes about 15 minutes. We appreciate your time. [Take the creation care survey.](#)

**Job Opening.** Silverwood Mennonite Church is looking for a **part-time tech person**. [Read the job description here](#)

(repeat) **Black Lives Matter: Worship and the Church A conversation with Rev Kaji Dousa and Dr Jacqui Lewis** On October 5 at 8 pm EST Raleigh Mennonite will host a webinar to engage two pastors who are also activists in the movement for Black Lives. We are delighted to learn from the conversation between Rev Kaji Dousa (Park Avenue Christian Church) and Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis (Middle Collegiate Church). Both women are the first black pastors of these historic churches in New York. We are making this available to the public on Facebook Live through our church Facebook page, but for our CDC congregation we've also set up a Zoom Webinar. You can register [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

(repeat) **Mennonite Creation Care Network Cookbook Club** Three online sessions, Mondays Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7, 7:30 EST Conversations about eating for human and planetary health. We'll discuss MennMedia's latest cookbook, [Sustainable Kitchen: Recipes and Inspiration](#)

[for Plant-based, Planet-conscious Meals.](#) A Kindle version is also available on Amazon. You'll meet the co-authors of the book and have a chance to swap stories with others who have tried recipes in the cookbook. [Sign up here](#).

**October 5:** With Jaynie McCloskey

**November 2:** With Heather Wolfe

**December 7: TBA**

(repeat) **Goshen College virtual event details** can be found [here](#).

(repeat) **Central District Conference's "Reporter"** is [here](#).

(repeat) **AMBS is partnering with the Kroc Institute** for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, to co-sponsor a four-session series exploring intersections of the pandemic, racialized violence, hate-filled political rhetoric and strategic nonviolent responses. The series is part of AMBS's Semester One Witness Colloquium course, taught by Janna Hunter-Bowman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Peace Studies and Christian Social Ethics. In the series, voices from different streams of nonviolence — including communal, liberationist, and strategic nonviolence — will speak as witnesses to the power of nonviolence in action:

Sept. 23: Sarah Nahar (MDiv 2011)

Sept. 30: Maria J. Stephan, Ph.D. & David Cortright, Ph.D.  
Oct. 7: Rev. Liz Theoharis, Ph.D.

TBD: Half-day training in nonviolent direct action

These sessions, which will be held via videoconference on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. ET, are open to the public at no charge. [Registration is required](#).

(repeat) **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

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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!

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