

# 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 11	October 18
<b>Parking Lot Worship Service</b>	
Worship Leader: Becky Snider	Worship Leader: Lydia Miller
Preacher: Anna Yoder Schlabach	Preacher: Karl Shelly
Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10	Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15

### CALENDAR

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

TODAY	Oct 11	10:00 am Parking Lot Worship Service
		11:30 am MYF Second Hour
		12:00 pm JYF Gathering
		1:00 pm Informational Meeting <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Mon	Oct 12	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Wed	Oct 14	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Fri	Oct 15	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Sat	Oct 17	2:00 pm MYF Fall Festival
Sun	Oct 18	10:00 am Worship <a href="#">on Zoom</a> , followed by coffee break & electives
		6:30 pm MYF Drop-in
Tues	Oct 27	7:15 pm Small group reps meeting

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

**Sawyer Beachy** (7th Bethany) turned 13 on Oct. 1st! Sawyer is glad to be at a new school and is looking forward to soon being in a new house (with a swimming pool and close to friends)! Sawyer like social studies, math and gym. He LOVES soccer and this fall was playing on a school team, club team and state team. During this COVID time it has been fun to hang out with his family and read The Hunger Games books.

#### THIS SUNDAY we begin our 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. Now 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?" Read the full intro to this series [here](#). **This week only, we are gathering in the**

**parking lot** for masked, distanced, outdoor worship on Oct 11; for the following weeks of the series, join us for Zoom worship at 10am.

**The MYF will meet for 2nd hour** on Sunday, October 11th at 11:30am. We will meet at Goshen College under the tent in the courtyard of the music building. Please contact one of the sponsors if you need directions. See you then!

**This Sunday you're invited to an informational meeting on Zoom at 1 PM**, regarding a proposed resolution for Mennonite Church USA. "[A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation](#)" was authored by the Inclusive Pastors leadership team, including Assembly's own Regina Shands Stoltzfus. The resolution calls for rescinding denominational membership guidelines that explicitly exclude LGBTQIA persons from full participation in the Mennonite Church, but also names deep harm done to LGBTQIA people by the church and calls the church to

repentance and transformation. Assembly has been invited to sign on to the proposed resolution as a congregational sponsor. In order to make a congregational decision about signing on before the November 8th deadline, we are holding this informational meeting on short notice, inviting small groups to discuss this in the coming weeks, and planning a congregational meeting on Zoom for November 1st to test for consensus. [Read the listserv message about this here.](#)

**If you missed our Zoom worship service on Oct 6** for World Communion Sunday, you can watch a recording on our YouTube Channel [at this link](#). Thanks to everyone who helped make this service happen.

**The MYF invites** all members of the Assembly community to a Fall Festival on October 17th from 2-4pm. The Fall Festival will take place in the Assembly parking lot area and will feature fall-themed activities and booths suitable for all ages. We ask that you please wear your mask and physically distance while participating. Please bring your own pumpkin if you are able. We look forward to seeing you then!

**Mark your calendar for a Congregational Meeting, November 1st, at 7 pm on Zoom.** At this meeting we will (1) test whether we have consensus to be a congregational sponsor for the proposed resolution from Inclusive Mennonite Pastors, and (2) continue the conversation about a [proposal to equalize our congregation's giving to the Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Central Committee](#). All Assembly participants are welcome to participate in congregational meetings (you don't have to be a covenanted member to attend). Reach out to one of the pastors or elders if you have questions.

**Calling all AMC public school educators!** It is that time again: time to apply for Public School Funds! Just follow [this link to the application](#)! In the past we have funded models of the solar system, maps, mindfulness tools, a sand tray, shop tools, wobble stools, a CD player and many books. If you are an AMC member or regular attendee you can apply for funds for your classroom/office at any public P-12 school. Non-AMC affiliated educators can apply, too, but they must work for Goshen Community

Schools. Applications are filled on a first come first served basis until the funds are gone. Please make a clear list of what you are asking us to fund and how much it costs. Keep in mind that we cannot fund consumable/disposable items. If you have any questions, please ask Sarah Horst ([sphend@gmail.com](mailto:sphend@gmail.com))

**Pledging for the Assembly Mennonite 2021 Spending Plan.** At this time of year, we ask all Assembly participants to prayerfully consider making a pledge of financial giving to the congregation for the coming year. How much is pledged plays a large role in the Finance Committee's work of drafting a Spending Plan for 2021. [Please click here to download a pledge form](#), and return it to John Nafziger by Sunday October 25. Thank you for your consistent and generous support of the ministries of the congregation!

**Financial Update.** As of Sept 30 (75% of the year), offerings have made up 70% of our budget for the year. Again, thank you for giving! In an average year, we would have received 64% of our budget at the end of this quarter. Our year-to-date expenses as of Sept 30 total 66% of the budget. Last year at this time we had spent 68% of the budget. Also: as of Sept 30 we have spent all of the funds received from the Payment Protection Plan loan. The loan funds were used for payroll.

**The country after the election.** What will happen after Nov 3? What if it takes days, even weeks before results are in? What if there is violence, a need for nonviolent resistance, or protest? What will be called for from followers of Jesus and of the God in Exodus who hears the cry of the oppressed? A colloquium at AMBS has been addressing these questions, and one document shared there is "[10 things you need to know to stop a coup](#)." If you have thoughts about what is needed in or from the Assembly community around the election, [contact Karl Shelly](#).

**The Goshen Farmers' Market** has rescheduled its Charcuterie Board Fundraiser. Originally planned for a dine-in event in March, the fundraiser has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 22nd and will take the form of a Charcuterie-inspired-Meal-To-Go to enjoy in the comfort of your home! Original ticket holders don't need to do

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anything except show up at Goshen Brewing Company between 3 - 7 pm on Thursday, Oct 22. There are still a few tickets available; purchase online [here](#). If you have any questions please contact the Market Manager, Jo Ellen, at [goshenfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:goshenfarmersmarket@gmail.com). The Farmers Market Board (which includes Assembly-ites Jeanne Liechty, Ally Mast & Matthew Lind) thanks you for your support during this challenging year.

**November Women's Lunch Bunch** will be back on AMC zoom on November 4 @ 1pm and will feature Dawn Farmwald from The Window. Dawn will inform us on how the pandemic has impacted homelessness in our community.

**Assembly Mennonite now has a public Facebook page** (<https://www.facebook.com/assemblymennonite>). Any official, public announcements (for example, about public congregational events) will be posted there by church staff. This is separate from the "3rd Hour" Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AMC3rdHour>) which is a private group for Assembly participants, moderated by volunteers. If you want to join "3rd Hour", simply visit the page to submit a request to join. Don't have Facebook? Don't worry! We will continue to share important information on our website (<https://assemblymennonite.org/>), through our email listserv, and here in the Assemblyline. (Email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) if you want to be added to the listserv). Also, you don't need a Facebook account to view the public Facebook page.

**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 (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!

**Happy Birthday this week (10/11-10/17) to:** Gretchen Krause, Kate Shantz, Jordana Farran, Adam Graber-Roth, Katie Schramm, Deb Johns, Jesse Bontrager, Bev Lapp,

and Els Shelly. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

(repeat) **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](#). For a picture of Finn, [click here](#). Proudly, Small Group Derailed

(repeat) **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 72 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.

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

### community connections

**Call for Volunteers!** Looking for something to fill a few hours every week? Something that is fun, fulfilling and makes a difference? Ten Thousand Villages, our local fair trade store, is seeking volunteers. At Ten Thousand Villages, your work makes it possible for families to eat, children to go to school and have access to health care. To learn more about this great opportunity to help your neighbors around the world, email [goshen@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:goshen@tenthousandvillages.com).

**Lacasa classes:** To continue equipping our community to rebound from the stress of the pandemic, Lacasa has waived all class fees through 2020. Getting control of your finances gives you peace of mind. We have many classes coming up, from conquering debt to saving for the future,

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including a new morning weekday class time over school's fall breaks. All classes are held virtually, sign up at [www.lacasainc.net/classes/](http://www.lacasainc.net/classes/).

**Celebrate With Us!** Wherever you are, we invite you to be part of Celebration 2020: MCC at 100, a [livestreamed](#) centennial celebration on Saturday, October 17. The event will include videos, storytelling, music and a message of inspiration from longtime MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow. "MCC at its best," Dow says, "has a prophetic imagination. We are patiently persistent, and we have a willingness to get into 'necessary trouble' as we respond to basic human needs and work for peace and justice." [Learn more about Celebration 2020: MCC at 100.](#)

**Hesston College Admissions Counselor** position is open now. For more information, click [here](#).

**Mennonite Disaster Service Opportunities** can be found [here](#).

**First MennoCon21 Newsletter** is available [here](#).

(repeat) **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.

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

(repeat) **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.](#)

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

(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 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  
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