

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Join us for Online Worship Sundays at 10 AM

WORSHIP

January 24	January 31
Worship Leader: Small Group Beta	Worship Leader: Small Group Cardinal (Jep Hostetler)
Preacher: Alma Boyle	Preacher: Scott Coulter
Scripture: Mark 1:14-20	Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

CALENDAR

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

Sun	Jan 24	10:00 am Worship on Zoom , followed by fellowship time 1-3 pm JYF activity at Abshire Park
Mon	Jan 25	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom 6-8 pm Interplay Dance Group on Zoom
Tues	Jan 26	7:15 pm Small Group Reps Meeting on Zoom
Wed	Jan 27	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Thurs	Jan 28	5:30 pm Hymn Recording in Worship Space
Fri	Jan 29	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Sun	Jan 31	1pm, 2pm, 3pm Sledding for PreK-5th (sign up) 6:30 pm MYF Drop-in at AMC Worship Space 7 pm Congregational Meeting on Zoom
Tues	Feb 2	7 pm Leadership Group meeting on Zoom
Wed	Feb 3	1pm Women's Lunch Bunch on Zoom
Fri	Feb 5	9:30am Greencroft meetup on Zoom

Note: We are no longer requiring a password for public Zoom meetings (including Sunday morning worship). When you join the Zoom meeting, you will be placed in a "waiting room" until the tech host lets you in. You can also join our Zoom meetings 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

THIS SUNDAY the Season of Epiphany (Jan 3 - Feb 7) continues, inviting us into up-close stories of Jesus' ministry from the Gospels of Mark and John, including his baptism, the call of the disciples, and healing the sick and rejected. In witnessing these Jesus stories, come ponder how we can experience newness and offer newness to those around us. Small groups will take turns leading worship during this series. The full series introduction can be found [here](#).

Zoom Worship Chat Etiquette: During this season, we are changing the chat settings on Zoom so that you will be able to chat privately with people instead of only chatting publicly. We especially hope that you share your words of affirmation or expressions of care with a private chat just to the person for whom the message is intended. Affirmation

is good and important, but we don't want our worship to be a space where some get lots of public affirmation and others don't. This leads to some people feeling undervalued and others feeling like worship participation is about getting "likes" rather than deepening our relationship with the One who proclaims that all of us are beloved by God. (See Epiphany intro above for the full rationale)

The 2nd Hour series on Progressive Christianity continues this week, 5 min. after worship. Paul Keim will focus us on the Bible -- how Progressive Christians read, interpret, and understand it.

Small Group Beta is leading worship this week:

Mary and Glenn Gilbert: The stay-at-home work arrangement due to the pandemic gave the Gilberts a gradual transition to Glenn's retirement this summer from Goshen College. He continues to volunteer in various

ways on campus and with tech troubleshooting at AMC. Mary is still sewing for the MCC comforter project and began this month serving on the Depot Board. Reading about racism and keeping up relationships at a distance keep us challenged these days. We look forward to more normal times in 2021.

Alma Boyle and Jerry Lapp: I, (Jerry) have resided in Goshen since 1987. Some of you at Assembly may know me as, carpenter, artist, potter, or otherwise. Alma and I met first in Northern Ireland 2002. Alma traveled here in 2016, when she agreed to marry me. Some of you have met her through yoga, walking, or at The Electric Brew. She teaches yoga and mindfulness meditations. We love nature, art, walking, traveling, and more.

Marna and Bill Mateer: They relocated to Goshen in 2012, upon their retirement, with Marna having been a teacher for special needs preschoolers and with Bill working in the mental health field. Both are also musicians and enjoy participating with a variety of musical groups.

Small Group Beta also includes Arden & Meribeth Shank, and Susan Lanning.

Our January JYF activity will be this Sunday (1/24) afternoon 1-3 pm for some outdoor fun. Drop-off and pick-up at Abshire Park. Dress warm!

Sledding day Rescheduled! Sledding for Children PK-5th grade has been rescheduled due to the snow melt yesterday. All are invited on Sunday January 31st for sledding and hot chocolate at Jim and Lois Kaufmann's house (18166 CR 48 New Paris) Parents are invited to join and there will be a fire and restrooms available. To increase peer connection and reduce numbers we are suggesting children sign up according to their age group. Sign up [here](#). Feel free to contact [Lora Nafziger](#) with questions.

Congregational Meeting rescheduled for Jan 31st at 7pm on Zoom. All Assembly participants are welcome to attend. Our agenda will include an opportunity to reflect & give feedback on recent church life, and the first reading of the 2021 Spending Plan. [Click here to view the proposed Spending Plan.](#)

Lunch Bunch will meet by zoom on February 3rd 1 pm when Lora Nafziger will share from her Wabash Leadership experiences.

Join us every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the worship space to record two hymns for Sunday worship. Each Thursday during the season of Epiphany we'll be seeking singers to sing and record an "old" hymn and a "new" hymn for worship. Please sign up using the [link here](#) and as always, please wear a mask and plan to sing six feet apart. It should take 20 minutes and we'll cap it at 20 people.

Voices Together Hymnals are finally here! Worship committee is creating an elaborate check-out system so that you can borrow the hymnals from the church. More details to come next week!

You are invited to join the annual Great Decisions study group in Goshen, to explore U.S. foreign policy and global issues. The group will meet Wednesdays, February 3 to March 24. Each of the eight sessions begins with an educational video at 9 am; open discussion follows at 9:30 am. This year we will meet via ZOOM. The study guide, essential reading for each meeting, is available at the Greencroft Community Center for \$25. Be sure to give your phone and email address when you purchase the study guide. Mary Ellen Meyer and David Powell are helping to organize this year's event. If you have questions, call or email: davidpowellbus@gmail.com, 574-238-5086.

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 (1/17-1/23) to: Emily Stuckey Weber, Duane Shank, Heather Bridger-Ulloa, Tom Kauffman, and Barb Hassan. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday this week (1/24-1/30) to: Deana Baker, Michelle Shelly, Roberta Stutzman, Richard Hirschler, Eunice Brenneman, Mary Beechy-King, and Eric Yordy. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

House for Sale: Susana Cabezas' daughter is moving and her Historic Southside neighborhood property is for sale.

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307 E Purl St - Mixed Use Commercial. Upstairs: 1290 sq ft, updated 3 BR apartment. Downstairs: independent salon, office space, art studio, retail space, etc

<https://pamfrench.bhhsnorthernindianarealestate.com/ListingDetails/307-E-Purl-Street-Goshen-IN-46526/202041389>

(repeat) **Lora sent an email out to parents at Assembly this week** with some thoughts about the events of the past week, the pandemic and life. It included stories for children during crisis and a podcast for adults on beauty. If you would like to read this email you can find it [here](#).

(repeat) **Instant Church Directory Update:** Please continue working on updating your personal information in the [new online directory](#). Here is a [document with more information](#), including step-by-step instructions on how to create an account as well as other general information about the service. Please let [Jane](#) know if you have any further questions or concerns about any of this.

(repeat) A **“thank you” from MCC Material Resources** and other updates are available [here](#).

community connections

Announcements from Central District Conference are [here](#). The Central District Conference “Reporter” Newsletter is [here](#). Printed copies of the Reporter are available on the lit table at AMC if interested in a paper copy.

Mennonite Disaster Service’s “On the Level” Newsletter is [here](#).

The **“Engage” Newsletter from Mennonite Men** is [here](#).

Updates from Mennonite World Conference are [here](#).

(repeat) **Join MCC for a free webinar: The Spiritual Cost of Doctrine of Discovery.** Mark Charles, a Navajo activist, speaker, and author will be presenting on The Spiritual Cost of Doctrine of Discovery. Along with Soong-Chan Rah, Mark is the author of *Unsettling Truths: The ongoing, dehumanizing legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*, Intervarsity Press (2019). The free webinar will take place on Thursday, January 21, from 11-12:30 EST. Please register by January 20 at mcc.org/webinar-registration-dod to receive the webinar link.

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat** invites you to join us for our Candlemas and Crepes Celebration via zoom on February 2 at 7 pm. Learn more about how the spiritual practice of retreats has been life-changing for one Pathways guest. After a holiday break, daily prayers are again happening via zoom. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org. The “Rhythms” newsletter is [here](#).

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Schools** is seeking an Art teacher for the 2021-22 school year. [Learn more and apply at bethanycs.net/employment/](#).

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Schools** is seeking a Director of Enrollment beginning July 2021. [Learn more and apply at bethanycs.net/employment/](#).

(repeat) **Central District Conference’s “Focus” newsletter** is [here](#) and the “Reporter” is [here](#).

(repeat) **Camp Friedenswald’s “Friedensword” newsletter** is [here](#).

(repeat) **Announcements and event updates from AMBS** are [here](#).

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