

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Join us for Online Worship Sundays at 10 AM

WORSHIP

February 28	March 7 2% Offering
Worship Leader: Scott Coulter	Worship Leader: Jonathon Schramm
Preacher: Mary Lehman Yoder	Preacher: Anna Yoder Schlabach
Scripture: Mark 8:31-38, Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Scripture: John 2:13-22, Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, Psalm 19

CALENDAR

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

Sat	Feb 27	10 am Hymn Recording in Worship Space
Sun	Feb 28	10:00 am Worship on Zoom , followed by Second Hour 11:30 am MYF Second Hour in Worship Space
Mon	Mar 1	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Tues	Mar 2	7 pm Leadership Group Meeting on Zoom
Wed	Mar 3	9 am Leader Selection Committee on Zoom 12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom 1-2:30 Women's Lunch Bunch on Zoom 4-6 pm Lent Stations at the meetinghouse
Thurs	Mar 4	8-9 pm Voices Together Exploration on Zoom
Fri	Mar 5	9:30 am Greencroft Meetup on Zoom 12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Sun	Mar 7	8:30 pm Anti-racism Support Group on Zoom
Mon	Mar 8	6-8 pm Interplay Dance Group 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

Eleonora Gollner (5th, Bethany) turned 12 on Feb 23! Eleonora loves to swim, watch movies and read. She reads many books at the same time and can't tell you a favorite. Though her favorite foods are pizza and tomato soup with grilled cheese. She enjoys rollerblading and hates math. She and her sister like to build Lego and play games. A picture of Eleonora is [here](#).

Ellie Hirschler (5th, Bethany) turned 11 on Feb 25! Ellie really likes to read and she really likes cats! A few of her favorite things are yellow, *The Amazing World of Gumball*, and history! She loves realistic and historical fiction, playing games with her family and running (fast), playing

soccer, violin and volleyball. Her pandemic zoom skills are great! A picture of Ellie is [here](#).

Spencer Glick Miller (3rd, Parkside) turns 9 on Feb 27! He is really good at learning and excellent at making people laugh. He likes to run (even though it makes him tired). He knows a lot about cars and likes to play with them. He also likes to draw, shoot a bow & arrow and help his mom with her video games. 17 is his lucky number. A picture of Spencer is [here](#).

Magdalena Horst (5th, Parkside) turns 11 on Feb 28! Magdalena loves being an Ambassador at school, she loves to perform, choir, piano, theatre. She also really likes to think about big ideas and outer space. At school art and science are her favorites and she is working at liking math

more. She loves to bake and play board games and go sledding. A picture of Magdalena is [here](#).

This is the second Sunday of Lent. Our theme this week is Deep in the Woods, Called into Deep Commitment. This season's theme "Deep calls to deep" is not only about deep pain, it is also about deep belovedness. Enter into this season hearing the voice that urges you to see yourself as God sees you. Allow yourself to be led into deeper relationship with God and others. [Read the full intro to Lent here.](#)

Zoom Chatting: During Lent, we have left the chat settings so that you can privately chat with each other during the service, but we encourage you to limit public chatting until Sharing our Joys and Concerns, as some find the chat feature distracting during worship.

Lenten Second Hour Options: Each week there will be two options for the second hour: 1) "Visio Divina," led by Kyle Schlabach is a class that will be exploring the images from Voices Together. It will be kid-friendly, all-ages, and very intergenerational. Kids (and adults who want to) will be given the chance to draw their own pictures in response, so paper, crayons, markers, pencils, etc. would be helpful to have. 2) "Podcast and Conversation" led by a rotating group of people, will be discussion based. Each week a podcast on a current issue broadly related to social justice and racial justice will be in the Assemblyline, please listen ahead of time and come prepared to discuss.

"Podcast and Conversation" Second Hour option: Following worship this Sunday, Feb. 28, Susan Mark Landis will lead a discussion on Brené Brown's Jan. 13, 2021 podcast: [Brené on Words, Actions, Dehumanization and Accountability](#). If you prefer, [you can read the transcript here](#) rather than listen. For more detail on her contrast of shame and accountability, being shamed and feeling shamed, see <https://brenebrown.com/podcast/brene-on-shame-and-accountability/>. Perhaps our discussion will focus on how to recognize when we dehumanize others and how to stop others from dehumanizing in our presence. Next Sunday, March 7, we will discuss [Peggy McIntosh's TED talk](#), "How to recognize your white privilege--and use it to fight inequality." Please listen ahead of time and come

prepared to discuss.

The MYF will meet for 2nd Hour on Sunday, February 28th at 11:30am. We will meet in the Worship Space, so please wear your mask and plan to physically distance. Some of the topics we will be discussing this week include sexual orientation, gender identity, and questions about our bodies. We hope to see you there!

Lenten self guided "mini-retreat" stations: Each week of Lent from **4-6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings** we are offering in-person faith formation stations. Walk through the worship space, gathering space, and labyrinth, visiting different stations that family groups or individuals can move through at their own pace. Each week the materials will change according to the lectionary and the theme. There will be a pastor there during that time to offer a ritual blessing (ashes, oil, water, etc). These rituals are for all. Please wear a mask and distance yourself from others. If you can't come to the meetinghouse, [a virtual lent retreat is also on the church website.](#)

Are you a photographer or artist? The themes and scriptures for Lent introduce images from nature: deep in the sea, the woods, the sky, the wilderness, the earth and the current. **Each week, you are invited to send in your own images or artwork on the theme for a slideshow we'll use in worship.** Please send to Anna at annays@assemblymennonite.org by Friday each week.

Miss singing with others? Recording "Familiar and Unfamiliar" Hymns for worship is moving from Thursday evenings to **Saturday mornings (starting Feb. 13) at 10am.** Sign up to join [here](#). As always, we'll be distanced and masked, and singing out of the new Voices Together hymnals.

Voices Together Exploration: Becky Snider will be leading an exploration of our new hymnal, Voices Together, in the coming weeks on Zoom. Designed for anyone who is curious to learn more about this new worship resource, the five sessions will each consider the hymnal from a different perspective, so while it would be most meaningful to attend all five, you're welcome to join as often as is possible for you. To participate fully, you'll

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want to have a copy of Voices Together at home; they're available to check out at the Meetinghouse, outside the worship space. We'll meet in the Assembly Zoom room on Thursday evenings at 8 pm, March 4 through April 1. Hope to see many of you!

Lunch Bunch will be on the church [Zoom link](#) on Wednesday, March 3 at 1PM. It will be a conversation about experiences volunteering at the Covid test site run by the Center for Healing and Hope.

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 (2/21-2/27) to: Ben Beyeler, Kathy Beachy, and Mary Amstutz Gilbert. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday this week (2/28-3/6) to: Aysia Adkins, Sara Morris, and Natasha Sawatsky-Kingsley. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

(repeat) **Volunteers needed:** The kitchen in the meetinghouse is currently under renovation. Dana is asking for volunteers to paint walls. He'd also like volunteers to put a coat of finish on the kitchen cabinets. If you think you have the skills and time to assist with one of these projects, please SEND AN EMAIL to Jane in the church office (office@assemblymennonite.org).

(repeat) **Meetinghouse use:** Friends, while we are happy for you to use the meetinghouse, please remember that due to the pandemic we need you to [contact the church office](#) to reserve a space before just showing up. This will help us avoid unintended scheduling conflicts, as well as to ensure that spaces that are being used are being properly ventilated. [You can read our policy here](#). Questions? [Contact Scott Coulter](#).

(repeat) **Small Group Reps: Leader Selection Forms are due by Sunday Feb 28.** If your small group has not yet completed the form, please be sure to do that this week. Thanks to those of you who have already done this important work!

(repeat) **Anna will be on vacation from February 18-28.** She may still be responding to text and email, but likely slower than usual.

(repeat) **Central District Conference's "focus" newsletter** is [here](#) and it highlights Assembly's anti-racism support group.

community connections

The Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS) is inviting anyone interested to a series of interactive webinars entitled "For the Beauty of the Earth: A Series on Climate and Racial Justice." It will explore the interconnectedness of climate and racial justice, while being grounded in Anabaptist values and theology. Each session will feature a speaker and a time for discussion. Visit their [facebook page](#) for more details and registration information! The first session is on March 4 at 8pm EST. Entitled "Anabaptist Eco-theology and Environmental Justice," Peter Dula will help to root us in Anabaptist theology for the series. CSCS is an Anabaptist effort to respond to the challenges of climate change.

Virtual Coffeehouse: Join the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions for a virtual "Climate Justice Coffeehouse" via Zoom on March 13 at 4:00 pm. For more information and to sign up to perform, click [here](#).

Free Webinar: MCC Immigration Policy Update on March 3 at 5 p.m. EST: Immigration policy changes in the U.S. are one of the central pieces that the new administration is addressing during the first one hundred days. Join MCC and National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) staff for an immigration policy update in which we will discuss the policies and what the possibilities are for a larger reform to the U.S. immigration system. For more information and to register for the Zoom link: mcc.org/gl-immigration-webinar.

You're invited to join MCC Great Lakes for two virtual MCC Alumni & Friends gatherings: While we won't be gathering in person like most years, we hope you will join us for one or both of these sessions where we'll hear first-hand stories from current or recently returned MCCers.

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~Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. EST: Andrew and Katie Geddert, former MCC Representatives for Ukraine, will share stories from MCC's work in Ukraine followed by time for questions and discussion. More information and Zoom registration at: mcc.org/gl-ukraine-webinar.

~Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m. EST: Vurayayi Pugini and Thelma Sadzamari, MCC Area Directors for Southern and Central Africa and Nigeria, will share stories about MCC's work in the region including how partners have adapted in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. More information and Zoom registration at: mcc.org/gl-africa-webinar

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes is seeking applicants for two open positions:

~MCC Great Lakes Donor Relations Associate: Based in the Great Lakes region, the donor relations associate is responsible for helping implement the donor relations strategy for MCC Great Lakes by stewarding major donors involving face-to-face contact. This position also includes publicly representing and speaking on behalf of MCC in various settings and finding ways to engage MCC constituents in strengthening support for MCC. This position can be located anywhere within the Great Lakes region. Apply online at mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/donor-relations-associate-0.

Application deadline is March 22.

~MCC Great Lakes Material Resource Warehouse Manager: Based in Goshen, Indiana, the Warehouse Manager oversees warehouse maintenance and safety, coordinates workroom and administrative tasks to allow for efficient processing and shipment of material resource donations and assists with volunteer management. Apply online at mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/material-resource-warehouse-manager. Application deadline is March 15.

“Prayers for Mennonite Education” from Mennonite Education Agency for the month of March is [here](http://www.mennoniteeducation.org). Job postings in Mennonite education are [here](http://www.mennoniteeducation.org).

Mennonite Mission Network's “Beyond: Faith in Action” newsletter is [here](http://www.mennonitemissionnetwork.org).

Mennonite World Conference updates can be found [here](http://www.mwc.org).

Updates from Church Community Services can be found [here](http://www.churchcommunityservices.org).

(repeat) **Save the Date for Lacasa's Annual Luncheon:** Please mark your calendar to join us at 12 Noon on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. In a year that is anything but typical, our Annual Luncheon traditionally held in March is moving to June! More details and sponsorship opportunities will follow in the coming months.

(repeat) **Eighth Street Preschool is accepting registrations** for the 2021-2022 school year. More information is [here](http://www.eighthstreetpreschool.org).

(repeat) **Mennonite Men's “Engage” Newsletter** is [here](http://www.mennonitemen.org).

(repeat) **Mennonite Disaster Service's “On the Level” Newsletter** is [here](http://www.mennonitedisasterservice.org).

(repeat) **Announcements from Goshen College:**

~Miss the Performing Arts Series? Join us for a virtual concert with Carrie Newcomer: "Remembering Radiance, Acknowledging Grief, Claiming Love" on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10-\$50 and parts of the proceeds will benefit the Goshen College Music Center. Visit gcmusiccenter.org for more information.

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