

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Join us for Online Worship Sundays at 10 AM

## WORSHIP

<b>March 7 2% Offering</b>	<b>March 14</b>
<p>Worship Leader: Jonathon Schramm</p> <p>Preacher: Anna Yoder Schlabach</p> <p>Scripture: John 2:13-22, Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, Psalm 19</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Karl Shelly</p> <p>Preacher: Bethany Swope</p> <p>Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21, Ephesians 2:1-10</p>

## CALENDAR

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

Sat	Mar 6	10 am Hymn Recording in Worship Space
Sun	Mar 7	10:00 am Worship <a href="#">on Zoom</a> , followed by Second Hour 8:30 pm Anti-racism Support Group on Zoom
Mon	Mar 8	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a> 6-8 pm Interplay Dance Group on Zoom
Tues	Mar 9	8-9 pm Voices Together Exploration <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Wed	Mar 10	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a> 4-6 pm Lent Stations at the meetinghouse
Fri	Mar 12	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Sun	Mar 14	11:30 am MYF Second Hour
Tues	Mar 23	7:15-8:30 pm Small Group Reps Meeting 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 is the third Sunday of Lent.** Our theme this week is Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing. 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. On Sun Mar 7, Glenn Gilbert will lead a discussion on White Privilege. Sun Mar 14 will be a discussion of Philip Metres' work. (See details below).

**"Podcast and Conversation" Second Hour (Mar 7):** For most of the past four centuries, white privilege has been both implicit and explicit in the construct of race in North America. The consequences have been huge even though most white people have hardly been aware of its existence. Likely many of you are familiar with the work of Peggy

## [McIntosh, White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#)

Almost all contemporary conversations about this important idea circle back to this article, written over 30 years ago, describing how she came to understand and list some of the advantages she experiences simply because of the color of her skin. In preparation for our 2nd hour conversation this Sunday, I encourage you to read (or reread) her 1989 document, and listen to [this interview](#) on a podcast recorded 25 years later. Consider what white privilege looks like in 2021, think about what you might add to her list based upon your experiences, and please join me in a conversation about white privilege in 2021.

~Glenn Gilbert

### **Sunday, March 14 the Podcast and Conversation**

**second hour class** will discuss Philip Metres' work. Join his [Goshen College S.A. Yoder Lecture by webinar](#) this Tuesday, March 9 at 7pm, "The Place Where Peace and Justice Meet in Palestine/Israel."

**The MYF will be meeting for a drop-in at the church on Sunday from 6:30-8:30 .** This week's activity will be assembling care packages for the 9 college freshmen and sophomores from the Assembly community. For those of you who are less familiar with the care package tradition, everyone is asked to bring 9 of one thing (one for each package). Try to stick with things that are non-perishable as some of them will need to be mailed. See you - with your nine things - then!

**Assembly's anti-racism accountability/support group** meets the first Sunday of the month, on Zoom, at 8:30 pm. This group consists of those who want to be more proactive in their anti-racism advocacy and would benefit from encouragement and accountability of others. If you'd like to participate, contact [Karl Shelly](#), and write a short description of what action you'd like to take that can be shared with the group.

**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: for Mar 10, anointing with oil. 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](mailto:annays@assemblymennonite.org) by Friday each week.

**Date Change for Voices Together Exploration:** Becky Snider will be leading an exploration of our new hymnal, Voices Together, [on Tuesday evenings at 8pm on Zoom](#), through Mar 30. 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 want to have a copy of Voices Together at home; they're available to check out at the Meetinghouse, outside the worship space.

**Thank you** to the Assembly people who helped move Bertha Beachy's possessions from Manor 2 at Greencroft last month: John and Sandy Fribley, Glenn Gilbert, Jeff Martin, and Kathy Meyer Reimer. And thanks to Sandy Fribley for packing up the kitchen. We (and Bertha) appreciate very much all you did! Bertha is making progress in rehab/healthcare but we don't yet have a discharge date for when she can transition into her assisted living apt. In the meantime, she loves notes and phone calls, especially since she doesn't have access to her email right now. Her address in healthcare is: 1225 Greencroft Dr., Rm 52, Goshen, IN 46526; ph: 574-537-4868 (This is the same number she had in Manor 2, but she doesn't currently have voicemail.) Thank you for being such a caring community for Aunt Bertha, aka Sister Beachy!

~Rose (niece) & Leonard Shetler

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**Safety Networks Needs:** Recent elections have brought new hope for immigrants without documents. But financial resources are needed to turn these hopes into reality. Please consider making a donation to Safety Networks at this critical time. Safety Networks (SN) is a project initiated by Assembly in 2017 which supports the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) and others aiding immigrants. In 2020, SN paid out almost \$14,000 to provide finances to DACA applicants and others who can't afford the filing fee, transportation to those who can't legally drive, food cards to people who've lost their jobs, and rent assistance to immigrants threatened with eviction. With the change in the White House, the number of people eligible for life-changing help has ballooned, and we want to be there for them! Tax-deductible contributions can be made by writing a check to "Assembly Mennonite Church" with "Safety Networks" in the memo line. For more information about SN or the current need, contact [Karl](#) (pastor) or Michelle Shelly ([mshellymd@gmail.com](mailto:mshellymd@gmail.com)). "*I can't overstate how meaningful Safety Networks' support is to immigrants in our community and to us*" – Lisa Koop, NIJC Associate Director.

**Time to get cooking!** Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network (Goshen's program to help people without homes become stable) is slowly opening to having volunteers come in to help with meals. They've been quarantined several different times the past year when guests and staff had Covid. Staff now are always present for meals but are delighted for help from volunteers who leave food off or help to serve. They appreciate anything we bring any time. We can bring food for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner. Our dates (all Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays) are: May 24, 25, 27; Sept 3, 14, 16; Dec 20, 21, 23. Please contact [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com) for more information and to volunteer.

**Assembly's Annual State of the Congregation report and Statistics for 2020** were recently completed and have been posted to the church website, here:  
<https://assemblymennonite.org/about/history/congregation-reports-and-statistics/>. We can celebrate creativity, resilience, and growth, in the face of 2020's significant

challenges. Thanks especially to Jane Litwiller, Regina Shands-Stoltzfus, and Jonathon Schramm for their work on these documents.

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

**Happy Birthday this week (3/7-3/13) to:** Adam Siemens-Rhodes, Sam Ostergren, Lisa Koop, and Patrick Farran. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!  
(repeat) **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.

## community connections

### Goshen College Events:

~All are invited for a virtual GC Talk on Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m., by poet, translator and scholar Philip Metres. Metres will present a reading and lecture titled "The Place Where Peace and Justice Meet in Palestine/Israel." Learn more or watch at [goshen.edu/gctalks](http://goshen.edu/gctalks). This talk is sponsored by the S.A. Yoder Lecture Series.

~Goshen College's Conference on Religion and Science will offer two free lectures by guest speakers Dr. Ann Pederson & Dr. Jennifer Gubbels: Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., "Seeing the Place of Science and Religion: Epigenetics and Extended Mind," and Saturday, March 13, 10:30 a.m., "Inherited Trauma: Epigenetics and Preterm Birth." Watch them online at [goshen.edu/livestream](http://goshen.edu/livestream).

~View upcoming performances at Goshen College at [goshen.edu/livestream](http://goshen.edu/livestream):

\*Concerto-Aria, Saturday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

\*Goshen Monologues, Saturday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

\*GC Winter Choral Concert, Sunday, March 14, 4 p.m.

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\*International Student Club (ISC) annual coffeehouse, Saturday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. Support ISC at [goshen.edu/give/isc](http://goshen.edu/give/isc).

\*Spring Mainstage Opera, "Orfeo ed Euridice" March 19, 26 & 27 at 7:30 p.m., and March 21 & 28 at 2:30 p.m. EST.

**From Hesston College:** Join us for "Dyck Arboretum's Conservation Stewardship in the Flint Hills" (Online Lecture), March 30, 2021 - 7 to 8:30 p.m. - Register online [here](#).

**Virtual Coffeehouse (date change):** Join the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions for a virtual "Climate Justice Coffeehouse" via Zoom on April 10 at 4:00 pm. For more information and to sign up to perform, click [here](#).

**From Bethany Christian Schools:** We're so excited to share our Winter 2020 Bulletin with you, and hope you enjoy the chance to see what Bethany students both past and current are up to in the world. We're also sharing our 2019-20 Annual Report which includes the recently approved 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. You're invited to take a look and learn more about the recently reimagined mission and vision for the school. The Bulletin and Annual Report are accessible on our website at [bethanycs.net/bulletin/](http://bethanycs.net/bulletin/) and the Strategic Plan can be found at [bethanycs.net/strategicplan/](http://bethanycs.net/strategicplan/).

**Bethany Christian Schools is hiring!** Now seeking: Marketing and Communications Manager, Director of Enrollment, Evening Custodian. Learn more and apply at [bethanycs.net/employment/](http://bethanycs.net/employment/).

**An update from the Ross-Richer family, who serve with Mennonite Mission Network in Ecuador** is [here](#).

**Mennonite Central Committee's "In Touch" newsletter** is [here](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

**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](http://mcc.org/gl-ukraine-webinar).

**Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m. EST:** Vurayayi Pugeni 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](http://mcc.org/gl-africa-webinar)

(repeat) **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](http://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,

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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](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/material-resource-warehouse-manager). Application deadline is March 15.

(repeat) “**Prayers for Mennonite Education**” from Mennonite Education Agency for the month of March is [here](#). Job postings in Mennonite education are [here](#).

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network’s “Beyond: Faith in Action” newsletter** is [here](#).

(repeat) **Mennonite World Conference updates** can be found [here](#).

(repeat) **Updates from Church Community Services** can be found [here](#).

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