

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Join us for Online Worship Sundays at 10 AM

WORSHIP

April 18	April 25
Worship Leader: Lora Nafziger	Worship Leader: Kim Stuckey
Preachers: Becky Snider & Lydia Miller	Preacher: Jamie Lake
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:12-15, 19-20	Scripture: Isaiah 42:14

CALENDAR

[Click here to subscribe](#) to Assembly's Calendar of Events on Google Calendar, or visit <https://assemblymennonite.org/about/calendar/>.

Sat	Apr 17	10:00 am Old and New Hymn Recording in Worship Space
Sun	Apr 18	10:00 am Worship on Zoom , followed by Second Hour
Mon	Apr 19	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Wed	Apr 21	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Fri	Apr 23	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Sun	Apr 25	7:00 pm Congregational Meeting on Zoom 2-9 pm MYF Live-in at AMC
Mon	Apr 26	6-8 pm Interplay Dance Group on Zoom 3-9 pm MYF Live-in at AMC
Tues	Apr 27	7:15-8:30 pm Small Group Reps Meeting on Zoom 3-9 pm MYF Live-in at AMC
Sun	May 2	8:30-9:30 pm Anti-racism Support Group on Zoom
Tues	May 4	7:00 pm Leadership Group
Wed	May 5	1-2:30 pm Women's Lunch Bunch on Zoom
Sun	May 9	7:00 pm Congregational 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

Join us for live worship on Zoom this Sunday as we continue to celebrate Eastertide: the liturgical season from Easter to Pentecost, with the theme "At Home in Our Bodies." Living during a pandemic has given us a unique perspective as our bodies and our breath have become a danger to each other. So after a full year of worshipping at home and gathering as "disembodied" faces on screens, the worship committee decided it was time to talk about how we experience life and faith through our visceral selves. Read the full series intro [here](#).

Following worship, join us for one of these electives for Second Hour discussion on Zoom:

--*Body Talk* offers space for sharing personal stories and other responses to the morning's theme, this week: "Modesty and Purity." This week, Mary Lehman Yoder and Anna Yoder Schlabach will begin with storytelling, then other participants will be invited to share.

--*After the Storm: CoVid Wisdom* is an intergenerational elective, led by Rose Stutzman, with a focus on viewing and creating art in response to the pandemic. This week: join in to explore creative ways to maintain relationships during COVID. ([Click to join via Zoom](#))

--*Some Assembly Required* is for anyone curious about how Assembly works, especially newish attendees. This week: Karl Shelly will speak about "Leadership and Decision Making." ([Click to join via Zoom](#)) (Zoom links for each elective will be found in the Order of Worship and shared in the chat at the end of the first hour of worship.)

Hymn Recording: Join others in singing "Familiar and Unfamiliar" hymns for worship Saturday mornings at 10am. Sign up to join [here](#). As always, we'll be distanced and masked, and singing out of the new Voices Together hymnals.

Plan to join us for two Congregational Meetings on Apr 25 & May 9, both at 7pm via Zoom. (These dates have changed since the announcement last Sunday; sorry for any confusion). Each meeting will be dedicated to a single, important topic for discussion: (1) on Apr 25, we'll discuss how upcoming changes to state public health restrictions, and the availability of the COVID-19 vaccines, may affect how we engage in church life together, and (2) on May 9, we'll talk about how we might engage in the work of racial reparations as a congregation. [For more details click here.](#)

Subscribe to Assembly's Public Google Calendar: If you are a Google Calendar user, we encourage you to subscribe to Assembly's calendar of events [by clicking here](#). Let [Jane](#) know if you have any questions.

Mail Delivery Problems Update: We are hopeful that the mail delivery problems are nearing resolution. We now have two mailboxes and have been assured by the local postmaster at USPS that the carriers should not be returning mail to senders. Please do let [Jane](#) know if you continue to have problems or if you have any questions.

Instant Church Directory: If you have not yet updated your information on the [Instant Church Directory](#) website or app, please do so. Additionally, it would be helpful if all phone numbers included the area codes (even if they're local) to avoid any confusion. Let [Jane](#) know if you have any questions.

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 (4/11-4/17) to: Beck Unternahrer, Chris Bowers, Aidan Ebright Zehr, Dominique Burgunder-Johnson, Merritt Gardner, Anne Birky, Peggy Metzler, Marshall King, Elena Stutzman, James David Leonard, and Eric Good Kaufmann. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday this week (4/18-4/24) to: Helen Glick, Dennis Landis, Naomi Roots, Amy Kauffman, Alta Good-Elliott, Glenn Hochstetler, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Caleb Morris, Shemaya Magatti, and Molly Kauffman. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

(repeat) **Did you know** Everence donated more than \$1.3 million to charitable organizations via the My Neighbor program? You can join those individuals and businesses who give, by obtaining your My Neighbor credit card. Cards are available thru Everence Federal credit Union! How about helping your neighbor? ~Barb Hassan

community connections

Who Will be a Witness: Getting Into Good Trouble This video is a presentation done by Drew Hart from Messiah University for Bluffton University's Spiritual Life Week Forum. It is an excellent and informative talk, tracing the history of white supremacy from "Christian" supremacy going all the way back to Constantine. He describes the corruption of theology and the Christian life as a result of such supremacy and illustrates these deformations with his own personal experiences as a college student. And he offers a stirring call to recover the story and life of Jesus as the center of the Christian life as a ground for living faithfully and making "good trouble."

<https://youtu.be/wAC7vmzzF0E>

Church Community Services has several upcoming events. More information is available [here](#).

BMC's "NewsNet" is [here](#).

The CDC's "focus" newsletter is available [here](#).

(repeat) **Center for Community Justice's "Restorative Justice Summit: Second Chances"** is on April 21 from 10-

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11:15 am. Reentrants need to feel welcome. The stigma of incarceration, whether emotional or legal, follows them for the remainder of their lives. Second chances are a tangible way of welcoming reentrants back into the community. Their lives have been full of struggles or issues that sent them to prison or jail. Alleviating their basic struggles upon their release goes a long way toward helping them acclimate and become contributing members of society. Register [here](#).

(repeat) **Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar on April 21 & 22 at 8 p.m. EST.** MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. Join us for this free two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America. Register at mcc.org/hurricanes-webinar.

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat has Stations of the Resurrection** up in the woods and available online in a virtual format until Pentecost, May 22. Pathways welcomes Betty Schrag as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Daily prayers continue via zoom Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org. The Rhythms newsletter is available [here](#).

(repeat) **Mennonite Creation Care Network's Newsletter** is [here](#).

(repeat) **MCC's "In Touch" Newsletter** is [here](#).

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