

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

727 New York St, Goshen, Indiana 46526

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Join us for Online Worship Sundays at 10 AM

WORSHIP

April 4	April 11
Easter Sunday Parking Lot Service 2% Offering	
Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach	Worship Leader: Randy Roth
Preacher: Regina Shands Stoltzfus	Preacher: Sara Klassen
Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9, John 20:1-18 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Scripture: John 20:19-31

CALENDAR

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

Fri	Apr 2	9:30-10:30 am Greencroft Meetup on Zoom 12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom 8pm Good Friday Service on Zoom
Sat	Apr 3	3 or 5pm Saturday Easter Vigil (Please RSVP)
Sun	Apr 4	7:10am Easter Sunrise Service 10:00 am Easter Sunday Parking Lot Worship Service 8:30-9:30 pm Anti-racism Support Group on Zoom
Mon	Apr 5	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Tues	Apr 6	7:00 pm Leadership Group
Wed	Apr 7	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom 1-2:30 pm Women's Lunch Bunch on Zoom
Fri	Apr 9	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Sun	Apr 11	10:00 am Worship on Zoom , followed by Second Hour
Mon	Apr 12	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

Holy Week Services:

~Good Friday service: join us on Zoom at 8 p.m. for a 40 minute tenebrae service with music, scripture, and art. You can prepare by creating your own Lenten wreath with seven candles.

~Easter Vigil Sat Apr 3: we will gather outdoors at the Rothshank's house. Please RSVP to Lora Nafziger, and see the blurb below for more details.

~Easter Sunrise Service: we will gather outdoors at 60728 CR 27 at 7:10am to welcome the sun with a simple service of scripture and song

~Our Easter Sunday worship will be at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at the meetinghouse (727 New York St). Join

for pre-service singing at 9:40am! Bring your own chair, wear a mask, and remember to maintain distance from other households. You are also invited to bring cut flowers/greenery to transform the cross with flowers. Also if you have a VT hymnal checked out, please bring it on Sunday. Please park in the north parking lot, unless you wish to stay in your car, then park along the milk factory west side.

Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 3, at 3 & 5 pm.

This is a chance for children, families, and all of us to travel through all the events and emotions of Holy week. This year we will have the vigil outside and move through the woods at Justin and Brooke Rothshank's house (63786 CR 33). We will hear stories, sing songs, pray and find and open Easter eggs! **Please RSVP to Lora Nafziger at**

loracn@assemblymennonite.org with the time you want to participate so that we can be sure there are enough supplies and treats for everyone.

As you prepare for Easter, I am eager to share a series of audio stories that we purchased to tell the story of Easter. They are from Sparkle Stories and they are on the church website [here](#). There are 10 stories (over 5 hours of audio) you can listen to all at once, or listen to the stories each day of Holy Week and maybe you will find some new practices or traditions your family wants to develop. -Lora

Eastertide is the liturgical season from Easter to Pentecost. This year we'll be focused on 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 intro [here](#).

Women's Lunch Bunch will meet Wednesday April 7th from 1-2:30 pm [on Zoom](#). Gayle Gerber Koontz will share her gift of poetry.

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

Pastors Out of the Office:

~Lora will be traveling to the Great Smoky Mountains with her family Monday April 5th-Sunday April 11th.
~Anna will be on vacation April 5-8.
~Karl will be out of the office April 9-11.
Please contact Scott if you need a pastor.

Mail Delivery Problems Update: The mail delivery problem is still ongoing. All mail addressed to 727 New York St. is being returned to senders. If possible, in the meantime please deliver mail in person and slide under the office door or delay mailing items at this time. Also, since we'll be meeting in person on Sunday, feel free to bring returned offerings or other mail at that time. We hope to

have the issues resolved with USPS in a couple of weeks. 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 (3/28-4/3) to: Paul Keim, Justin Rothshank, Andre Hirschler, Jeanette Hughes, Deanna Risser, Jewel Lehman, Dave Ostergren, and Rebecca Dengler Kaufman. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday this week (4/4-4/10) to: Annika Miller, Patricia Roth Nuyken, Elaine Martin, Isaac Bontrager, Steve Johns, Deborah Johnston, Nate Osborne, and Lucas Swartzendruber-Landis. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

(repeat) **Bertha Beachy's new address:** 1300 Greencroft Dr., Apt. 12 Goshen, IN 46526 (Central Manor of Evergreen Place) Phone is the same: 574-537-4868.

(repeat) **Small Group Reps met this week** and received the names of those willing to be considered for the Assembly Elder and Leadership Group chair positions. This discernment process will conclude a month from now. Reps also received instructions for how small groups can participate in giving half of our 2020 surplus to worthy organizations. Ask your rep for more information.

(repeat) **The Bethany Fish Fry** is coming up on April 23rd from 4:30-8:00 and will be drive-thru carry out style. Ticket sales are all online and available for purchase [here!](#) There is also an option to just donate if you don't want tickets. Select Jordana Farran from the drop down menu to help support her ticket sales!

(repeat) **Want a volunteer job** that only lasts 5 months, is yearly, has a lot of excitement, and has very few committee meetings? Consider joining the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Online Auction committee! Duties include collecting items for sale, helping set up the items at the Fairgrounds, and helping with the actual weekend of the MMRS event. The committee has a lot of fun, finding items, obtaining the items, and preparing them for sale. Jep Hostetler has been

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involved with this committee for 7 years and has chaired for a number of years, so we are also looking for someone to receive training this summer to take on the chairing role next Summer. Jep will be stepping down at the end of this year. If you are interested, give Jep a call at 614-561-1076 or send him an email at hostetlerjep@gmail.com.

community connections

The Spring Issue of the “AMBS Window” is available [here](#).

(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 [here](#).

~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 [here](#).

For more information about either position, please contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

(repeat) Advancement Associate: Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen, IN, serves grades 3-12 and is currently seeking a full-time Advancement Associate. Working on a 5-person team, the Associate primarily oversees annual fundraising and alumni relations. Successful candidates are creative and detail-oriented, able to coordinate events and volunteers. The position requires proficiency in Microsoft and Google suites, along with attention to detail and excellent communication skills. Accepting applications until April 21 or until position is filled. Contact Head of

School Tim Lehman at tlehman@bethanycs.net or call (574) 534-2567 to inquire or apply.

(repeat) Marketing and Communications Manager: Bethany Christian Schools is seeing a full-time Marketing and Communications Manager, responsible for the overall success of the school’s marketing strategy. This position manages internal and external communication, social media accounts and the website, press releases and other PR, creation of advancement and enrollment materials and more. Successful candidates will be strategic thinkers with excellent communication skills. Necessary experience includes writing, graphic design, project management and team collaboration. Adobe Creative Suite proficiency a plus and familiarity with G Suite an advantage. Accepting applications until April 21 or until position is filled.

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(repeat) The 2nd MennoCon Newsletter is [here](#).

(repeat) The Mennonite World Conference Newsletter is [here](#).

(repeat) Mennonite Men’s “Engage” Newsletter is [here](#).

(repeat) The Church Community Services Newsletter is [here](#).

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