

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Join us for Online Worship Sundays at 10 AM

### WORSHIP

May 16	May 23
Worship Leader: Jon Zirkle	Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach
Preachers: Glenn Hochstetler & Joyce Hostetler	Preacher: Karl Shelly
Scripture: Matthew 11:25-30	Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

### CALENDAR

[Click here to subscribe](#) to Assembly's Calendar of Events on Google Calendar, or visit

<https://assemblymennonite.org/about/calendar/>.

Sun	May 16	10:00 am Parking Lot Worship Service at AMC
Mon	May 17	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Wed	May 19	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a> 4-8 pm Memorial Garden Work Day
Fri	May 21	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Sat	May 22	GCMS Yard Sale
Sun	May 23	10:00 am Pentecost Worship in AMC Parking Lot 11:30 MYF Second Hour
Mon	May 24	6-8 pm Interplay Dance Group on Zoom (Meals provided for Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network)
Tues	May 25	7:15-8:30 pm Small Group Reps Meeting (Meals provided for Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network)
Wed	May 26	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Thurs	May 27	(Meals provided for Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network)
Tues	June 1	7:00 pm Leadership Group Meeting

**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

**Eliana Gomez-Wengerd** turned 2 on May 15th! Eliana is happy, outgoing, and strong-willed! She and her best friend, "gato" (cat), love looking out the open window together. She enjoys time in her big sister's room, being outside on the trampoline, swinging, watering plants, eating handfuls of dirt, and cheering on her sister at her soccer games! A picture of Eliana is [here](#).

**Elona Daugherty** turns 3 on May 20th! Elona enjoys building. She is looking forward to running through the sprinkler with her neighbor Auggie. Elona is a good caregiver to her four chickens and even gives them rides on her tricycle. This fall Elona will attend preschool here and is counting the days to be a part of a class and make new

friends. A picture of Elona is [here](#).

**This Sunday May 16 at 10 AM we will gather for outdoor worship in the west parking lot for the final Sunday in our Eastertide series on At Home In Our Bodies.** (Read the Eastertide series intro [here](#).) This service will recognize heavy burdens we carry--grief, addiction, discrimination, burnout, etc--and consider ways that we can accept love and support from others and from God. A particular ritual will take place during worship, an embodiment of a vision experience Jon Zirkle had about Assembly in late 2012.

Also, there will be opportunities for movement and percussion for children, youth, and adults during the service. Given the range of emotions that could arise, extra

support options will be offered during and after worship. As you prepare for worship, you are invited to think in advance about burdens you carry that could be symbolized with stones (provided Sunday) or other objects you wish to bring from home and leave at Assembly. Note that there may be slightly less parking available in the west lot this Sunday (park in north lot and along 11th St if the west lot fills up).

**For this Sunday and in the coming months as we gather for outdoor worship:** Plan to wear a mask when you are moving around or singing and bring your own chair. We will still be streaming the service on Zoom. We will cancel parking lot worship if there is a 30% chance or more of rain. Look for an email by 5 p.m. on Saturday to see if we'll be meeting in the parking lot or only Zoom. (We know this means there will be some Sundays where we could have met, but we can't risk getting the sound equipment wet.) If we need to cancel, worship participants and their families should still plan to come to the worship space and we will run zoom live from the church.

**Kristen Swartley** has ended her internship, but we are delighted that she is covenanting with Assembly this Sunday, May 16. Please speak to her with your words of affirmation and encouragement.

**Our prayers are with** Mary Martha Metzler, Joyce and Jep Hostetler, and the entire family upon the death of Ed Metzler on May 12. A Zoom memorial service is being planned for June 12. More information will be available at a later date.

**Memorial Garden Work Day:** On May 19 from 4-8 pm the Memorial Garden Committee will be facilitating a work day at the AMC Memorial Garden. Periwinkle, liriopie, shrubs, and annuals will be planted. Please contact [Julia Gautsche](#) if you are available to help with this endeavor.

**Summer Worship Committee needs your help!** If you're interested in playing, leading, or singing music this summer, please sign up [here](#).

**Volunteers Needed for Summer Worship:** There are needs that need to be filled as we move to meeting in person this summer. Specific responsibilities will still look

a little different obviously than pre-COVID. If you're willing to help with welcoming, setup & teardown, attendance taking, etc [please consider signing up here](#). A specific list of responsibilities for each position is forthcoming. Contact Jane in the office if you have questions and/or if you're willing to help.

**Providing meals for Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network:** Friends, our turn serving at the local hot meals/housing program is May 24, 25, 27. You may take a 13x9 for any meal of the day. See further details and sign up at <https://takethemameal.com/ZLDH6898> or contact Susan Mark Landis. If you'd like to help serve please contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com. Many thanks! - Susan

**Spring Work Days tasks have been assigned.** Please find your group's assignments [here](#). Many groups, but not all, are assigned to similar tasks as in the fall. Most tasks continue to be outdoors. Let [Jane](#) know if you have any questions or concerns about your assignments. Also, please let Jane know if tasks remain unfinished on your list at the conclusion of your time. Please coordinate tasks and times with the groups your group is collaborating with on these assignments.

**Assembly small groups gave away \$34,848 -- half of the unspent monies from the 2020 general fund -- to 32 organizations outside of Assembly.** The organizations receiving the most funding are the National Immigrant Justice Center (Goshen), the Center for Healing & Hope, and the Goshen Boys & Girls Club. See the list of all the organizations with amounts being sent [here](#). **Noon prayer on Zoom** will change its schedule after Pentecost Sunday to meeting only once per week, on Wednesdays. All are welcome to join us online for a short (10 min) service. We read the lectionary psalm for the week, take a moment for silent prayer, and end with a spoken prayer. We will continue this new schedule at least through the summer. Contact Scott Coulter with any questions.

**Need to borrow something from the church?** This is a friendly reminder to please contact [Jane at the church office](#) if you need to borrow equipment. This will help ensure its availability and limit any schedule conflicts.

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**Congratulations to AMC's 9 graduating seniors!** They are: Kora Beasley, Northridge; Isaac Bontrager, Northridge; Jeremiah Chico, GHS; Rilynn Good Kaufmann, Bethany; Naomi Lapp Klassen, Bethany; Josh Schrock, GHS; Isaac Sensenig, GHS; Theo Siemens-Rhodes, Bethany; and Meiling Yordy, GHS. Open house information is below:

-Rilynn Kaufmann: You are warmly & enthusiastically invited to an outdoor celebration of Rilynn Kaufmann's high school graduation. Friday, May 28 7-9pm at the College Cabin (400 Reservoir Pl, Goshen) If unable to attend in person, well wishes can be sent to her home address, 1307 Wilson Ave., Goshen, IN 46526 or email [rgkaufmann22@gmail.com](mailto:rgkaufmann22@gmail.com). She plans to attend Bluffton University in the fall to study nutrition and dietetics and play on the women's soccer team.

-Theo Siemens-Rhodes: graduation open house Saturday May 29, 2-4pm at 307 Parmley Dr.

-Kora Beasley: Let's celebrate! Join us for cookies and Electric Brew coffee bar at the Beasley home at 500 Bristol Ave. Middlebury on June 5th from 11am-2pm. More info. [here](#).

-Jeremiah Chico is holding their Senior Open House Wednesday June 9th, at 1628 Aspen Dr, Goshen, IN 46526, from 12-5pm. We invite you to do a drive-by. Hope to see you then!

**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 (5/9-5/15) to:** Carol Good-Elliott, Johanna Sutter, Keith Johnston, and Jodi Beyeler. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

**Happy Birthday this week (5/16-5/22) to:** David Powell, Kyle Schlabach, Wilma Harder, Joy Buschert, Larry Gautsche, and Mary Martha Metzler. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

(repeat) **Karl will be taking a 3 month sabbatical this summer**, beginning May 24. His sabbatical will focus on the theme of healing. As the past year has revealed

widespread human sickness--not only the coronavirus but also spiritual, systemic, political, ecological sickness--the Good News offers a remedy that impacts both our inner life and how we live in the world, a healing that requires deepening one's spiritual maturity and learning to see my healing is not simply about me but is connected with the liberation of all. [Please read more of what Karl has to say about his sabbatical theme and plans here.](#)

(repeat) **Goshen Christian Montessori School yard sale & carnival fundraiser:** We are holding an outside yard sale and carnival to help raise funds for our grand 2021 reopening! Come buy gently used toys, furniture, clothes and MORE! Come play \$1 carnival games and crafts! Fun for the whole family. May 22 starting at 8:00 am in the AMC parking lot.

(repeat) **Guidance for indoor meetings:** Instructions for groups using the meetinghouse have been revised to give clearer guidance to persons who are fully vaccinated. Please continue to wear a mask in public, open areas indoors even if you are vaccinated. Groups meeting in classrooms may choose to meet without masks if everyone in the group is fully vaccinated. Please verbally check in with each other before taking off your masks, and be sensitive to the preferences of more cautious people in your group. Spaces need to be reserved with the church office in advance: contact [Jane](#) or [Scott](#) to reserve space. [Please read the instruction sheet posted here.](#)

(repeat) **Defund the Police, an Abolition Curriculum:** Curious about [this new curriculum](#) from MCUSA? Join the anti-racism accountability group for a sneak peak. We will explore only the first week of this nine week series as a way to figure out the best format to use the whole series at a later time. 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 6th in the Assembly Zoom Room.

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office essay and video contest:** Mackenzie Mast of Goshen won grand prize for the top essay in the [Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office essay and video contest](#). Naomi Klassen also earned honorable mention.

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(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network wrote to thank Assembly Mennonite Church for our gift of \$12,416 in 2020.** "Your prayers, participation and generous financial support empower us to bring inspiration and innovation to the church and our partners across the street and around the world, so that people of all cultures may be transformed by Jesus Christ."

**community connections**

**Pathways Retreat** will host an online silent auction June 12 - 19 and an open house on June 19. A new Front Line Worker Fund makes \$120 gift certificates available for workers affected by the pandemic. Stations of the Resurrection are still up in the woods and are available online until Pentecost, May 22. Daily prayers continue via zoom Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org). Our monthly newsletter is [here](#).

**Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for a free webinar featuring Raymond Chang on Wednesday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m. EDT.** Raymond Chang, the president of the Asian American Christian Collaborative, will examine historical and present day examples of how racism impacts Asian Americans in the church. This webinar is part of MCC's yearlong study of *Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby. Please register at [mcc.org/webinar-raymond-chang](http://mcc.org/webinar-raymond-chang) to receive the webinar link. For more information and past webinars in the series, visit [mcc.org/color-of-compromise](http://mcc.org/color-of-compromise).

**MC USA Events:**

- **"The Land is Not Empty" webinar | June 3, 7 p.m. EDT** Join author Sarah Augustine as she shares about her new book, "The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery." A question-and-answer time will follow. Spanish interpretation provided. This webinar is cosponsored by Mennonite Church USA and MennoMedia. [Register here.](#) -**Mennonite Church USA | Webinar: Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training in Dismantling Patriarchy | May 27, 7 p.m. EDT | Save the date!**

-**ReconciliAsian | Webinar: Called to Hate, Called to Justice | May 28, 7 p.m. EDT | Save the date!**

-**Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions and Seattle Mennonite Church | Moving the Story on Climate Change, Our Obligation to Respond, a virtual town hall (Part of the Climate Ride) | May 30 @ 7 p.m. CDT | [Register here.](#)**

**Camp Friedenswald Summer Camp Registration information is [here](#).** (Space is limited due to COVID precautions)

**8th St. Preschool is hiring:** We are seeking candidates for an assistant teacher position in one of our 3's classes. The hours for this position are Tuesday/Thursday 7:45-12:00. We are primarily looking for candidates that are bilingual or that have or are working on an early education degree. Please pass this along to anyone you know that might be a good fit.

**Little Eden Summer Staff Needed:** We are looking for college-aged young adults to work at Little Eden Camp for the whole summer on our Summer Staff team or for one week during Youth Camp as a counselor. It is more than just a job, it's an opportunity to serve Christ by serving others. If you or someone you know is interested, apply online at [littleeden.org](http://littleeden.org) or contact KJ at 231-889-4294.

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) currently has several open positions:**

-**SWAP summer staff:** MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is in need of Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but these paid roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-staff](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-staff) or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org).

-**Human Resources Generalist:** This position will join the MCC U.S. Human Resources Team in carrying out an organization-wide recruitment strategy and selection processes to fill vacancies in MCC U.S. This includes ensuring that all on-boarding logistical details flow smoothly from lead candidate to start of employment/service with MCC. This position can be located in the MCC U.S. office or any regional MCC

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**-Creation Advocacy Teams program for young adults:** Through the [Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions](http://Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions), this program is an opportunity for young adults who are interested in climate justice, community organizing and advocacy in the context of Anabaptism. Participants have the opportunity to engage more deeply in their local community, learn about advocacy and receive remote training on organizing, lobbying and getting their community involved in climate action. This 11 month position will include a stipend of \$500 and will be manageable for someone with full-time employment or schoolwork. The application can be found at [sustainableclimatesolutions.org/creation-advocacy-teams-application](http://sustainableclimatesolutions.org/creation-advocacy-teams-application).

**MHS, an agency of MCUSA, has an opening for a full-time Program Manager in our Goshen office:** Are you looking for an opportunity to employ your skills of communication and program management? Would you like to tap into your faith to support those who are the hands and feet of Christ to those in need? MHS is seeking a Program Manager for the Goshen, IN office. MHS, an agency of MCUSA, is a national association of health and human service ministries who share Anabaptist values. Our mission is to inspire and strengthen our member organizations to fulfill their missions. Read more [here](http://here). Interested persons are invited to send resumes and cover letters to Cynthia Miller at [cynthia@mhsonline.org](mailto:cynthia@mhsonline.org).

**Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Announcements** are [here](http://here).

**Central District Conference's "Reporter"** is [here](http://here).

**Mennonite Creation Care Network Newsletter** is [here](http://here).

**AMBS' "Anabaptist Witness"** is [here](http://here).

**Mennonite Disaster Service's "Behind the Hammer" Newsletter** is [here](http://here).

**Mennonite Mission Network "Faith in Action" Newsletter** is [here](http://here).

**The third MennoCon Newsletter** is [here](http://here).

(repeat) **Goshen College is again offering a variety of summer camps for youth**, including Broadway Bootcamp (high school), basketball fundamentals (grades 3-6), and creative kids camp (grades 4-6). Learn more or sign up at [www.goshen.edu/summercamps](http://www.goshen.edu/summercamps).

(repeat) **MCC Great Lakes Virtual Borderlands Learning Tour:** Join MCC on a virtual learning tour to the borderlands between Mexico and the U.S. on June 28-July 2 from 3-6 p.m. EST each day. This tour is designed to engage participants with the reality of immigration from a different perspective. Through Zoom video conversations, participants will hear first-hand from folks on the ground about the complexities of the U.S. immigration system, U.S. immigration policies that have worked to dismantle the asylum-seeking process, and the human factor on various sides of the spectrum. The cost of the learning tour is \$75. More information and registration at [mcc.org/gl-virtual-borderlands](http://mcc.org/gl-virtual-borderlands).

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network, Elkhart, IN is seeking to fill two senior level positions.**

*Senior Executive of Ventures:* Help create, foster, and deliver collaborative programs and services to our constituents and partners.

*Senior Executive of Operations:* Oversee administrative and operational functions of the organization.

Detailed position descriptions are [here](http://here). Letters of interest and resumes should be emailed to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

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(repeat) **The Dove's Nest May Newsletter** is [here](http://here).

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