

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 23	May 30
Worship Leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach	Worship Leader: Mary Gilbert
Preacher: Karl Shelly	Storyteller: Dana Miller
Scripture: Acts 2:1-21	Scripture: TBD

CALENDAR

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

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

Sat	May 22	8:00 am GCMS Yard Sale
Sun	May 23	10:00 am Pentecost Worship in AMC Parking Lot Immediately after Worship-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 on Zoom
Thurs	May 27	(Meals provided for Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network)
Tues	June 1	7:00 pm Leadership Group Meeting
Wed	June 2	1-2:30 pm Women's Lunch Bunch
Fri	June 4	9:30-10:30 am Greencroft Meetup
Sun	June 6	8:30-9:30 pm Anti-Racism Support Group
Sat	June 12	Ed Metzler's memorial service 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

Kaylee Martin (2nd Chamberlin) turned 8 on May 20th! Kaylee is looking forward to smashing her COVID piñata as part of her party. She likes to make and watch videos and play Gacha Life on her iPad. Pink and purple are her favorite colors. She likes to laugh and tell funny stories and read weird but true books. She and her brother have their own kitty language. A picture of Kaylee is [here](#).

Join us this Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship in the NORTH parking lot, please park in the west parking lot. We'll be celebrating Re-covenanting and Pentecost and creating a fiery fingerprint art piece. Wear your fiery finest. In keeping with the evolving CDC guidelines, please wear a mask if you are unvaccinated and older than two. If you are vaccinated, you are free to wear a mask or not. When

setting up your chair, please remember that not everyone is vaccinated and people have different comfort levels for personal space.

For this Sunday and in the coming months as we gather for outdoor worship: 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.

The MYF will be meeting for a brief 2nd hour session

directly following the worship service this Sunday, instead of our usual time. We hope to see you there!

Philipp Gollner is covenanting with Assembly this Sunday May 23! Please share your words of welcome and affirmation to him. Philipp is a member of Small Group Polar Bear.

Outdoor Summer Sunday School will be offered starting NEXT Sunday, May 30, during the last part of worship and concluding at the same time as the worship service. Please read [this document](#) for more information. Contact a member of the Christian education committee with questions: Bethany Swope, Lois Johns Kaufmann, Lisa Kauffman, Kyle Baldanzi Schlabach, or Lora Nafziger, co-pastor.

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.

Vacation Bible School- We have been invited by Silverwood Mennonite to join other area congregations in four weeks of Vacation Bible School (June 20-July 18th). There will be in-person and virtual participation options and story videos will be sent out each week. There will be a Wednesday night drop-in outdoors at Silverwood that will include activities based on the week's stories. Sign up [here](#) to participate in one or all of the weeks. [You can watch a short video about this VBS here](#). For more information contact Lora loracn@assemblymennonite.org

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.

Karl Shelly will be gone on a 3 month sabbatical starting May 24, through the end of August. The purpose of a pastoral sabbatical is to encourage growth in ministry and to provide for a regular rhythm of reflection and renewal. This benefits both the pastor and the entire congregation. Please contact Lora, Anna, or Scott with any pastoral care needs during this time. Karl's 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](#).

2% Committee Distributions: The 2 percent committee recommends the following distributions of 2 percent funds: *Local-* \$500 each to Church Community Service Seed to feed, Goshen Farmer's Market - Share the Bounty, Goshen Interfaith Hosp. Network, The Window, Walnut Hill, Ten Thousand Villages Goshen. \$1000 each to LaCasa Help a House and Maple City Healthcare Dental Clinic. *World-* \$500 each to MCC Great Lakes kits, SEMILLA Guatemala, Tanzania Education Aid, Mennonite Disaster Services, Mennonite Central Committee, National Immigrant Justice Center, Jubilee Partners, Dove's Nest,

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Christian Peacemaker Teams, Association for a More Just Society Honduras.

Please talk to a member of the committee with any questions. -Sarah Horst (chair), Sandy Fribley, Joel Zwier, Glenn Gilbert, Kathleen Jones, Barb Swartley (Finance Committee Link).

Thank you from Association for a More Just Society:

We wanted to reach out with an update from ASJ for you and your congregation at Assembly Mennonite church. First, we are so grateful for your support as a church partner! Your church is a part of a group of 35 churches who partner with ASJ through financial and prayer support. Last year, these 35 churches **raised about \$55,000** to support the work of ASJ - Wow! And your church gave \$2000 of that in 2020. We are so grateful for your commitment. Second, we wanted to give you an update on our work. ASJ works to bring justice and transparency in many areas, including in **reforming the education system** in Honduras. We can imagine this past school year has been difficult for many of your parents in your congregation as well. In Honduras, we faced similar difficulties due to both COVID and also the after effects of the hurricanes that hit Honduras.

We wanted to share what we are doing within education in Honduras - [check out this video update from Mario in Honduras](#). -ASJ

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. 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.

-Naomi Lapp Klassen will have a graduation open house on Saturday, May 29 from 7-9:30 p.m. outside at 619 S. 7th St. All are welcome to stop by and celebrate. Naomi will be attending Goshen College next year where she'll study history and criminal/restorative justice unless she follows her sister's path and changes her major several times.

-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 (5/16-5/22) 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!

Happy Birthday this week (5/23-5/29) to: Naomi Chapman, Marcus Ebright Zehr, Regina Shands Stoltzfus, Jessica Baldanzi, Elisa Zwier, Xudon Sun, Patricia Ebersole-Zwier, and Wil Beachy. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

(repeat) **Kristen Swartley** has ended her internship with the pastoral team, but we are delighted that she covenanted with Assembly on Sunday, May 16. Please speak to her with your words of affirmation and encouragement.

(repeat) **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.

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(repeat) **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](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(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) **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.

community connections

The Right to Stay and the Right to Go: Migration for Human Dignity: This free MCC webinar will be offered on Wednesday, May 26 at 8:00 p.m. EDT. Join Bonnie Klassen, area director for South America, Mexico & Cuba, and Anna Vogt, MCC Ottawa Office director to learn how MCC understands the different faces and forms of

migration in Latin America. Explore the role of advocacy and community organization for supporting human dignity and enabling people to stay rooted within their local communities. More information and registration at mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series. *Este webinar incluirá traducción al español.*

MC USA Event: How to use Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy | May 27, 6 p.m. CDT Join Bonita Croyle of MC USA's Women in Leadership steering committee for an introductory panel discussion (featuring Regina Shands-Stoltzfus) about Laboring Toward Wholeness, MC USA's new Bible-based curriculum on dismantling patriarchy. Croyle will be joined by the writers of the curriculum, who will share highlights and personal insights. The curriculum explores the history and impact of systemic patriarchy – and how God calls us to respond through an intersectional lens. [Register here.](#)

Responding to conflict in Gaza: You can provide emergency relief today through MCC. The recent violence has made poor humanitarian conditions in Gaza worse, at a time when hospitals were already overwhelmed with COVID-19. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed and damaged with thousands displaced. Your gifts will help MCC partners provide emergency relief, like emergency food, hygiene supplies, household items, housing reconstruction and trauma healing. Thank you for supporting vulnerable families, your compassion and care will be felt across borders and walls. You can donate online at mcc.org/gaza-relief, by phone at (888) 563-4676, or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

The May edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS celebrates the wrap up of its multi-year long Hurricane Harvey response, volunteers are working on two new homes damaged by tornadoes in Ohio and the 2021 Spirit of MDS Fund (MDS Canada) issues 43 grants, worth \$104,900. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3hA4mgR>

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat** will host an online silent

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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. Our monthly newsletter is [here](#).

(repeat) **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 to receive the webinar link. For more information and past webinars in the series, visit mcc.org/color-of-compromise.

(repeat) **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!**

-**ReconcilAsian | 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.](#)**

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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 or contact KJ at 231-889-4294.

(repeat) **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 or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or 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 office. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/hr-generalist-1 or contact Amber Falcón at (574) 534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

-**Creation Advocacy Teams program for young adults:** Through the 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

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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.

(repeat) **MHS, an agency of MCUSA, has an opening for a part-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](#). Interested persons are invited to send resumes and cover letters to Cynthia Miller at cynthia@mhsonline.org.

(repeat) **Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Announcements** are [here](#).

(repeat) **Central District Conference’s “Reporter”** is [here](#).

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

(repeat) **AMBS’ “Anabaptist Witness”** is [here](#).

(repeat) **Mennonite Disaster Service’s “Behind the Hammer” Newsletter** is [here](#).

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network “Faith in Action” Newsletter** is [here](#).

(repeat) **The third MennoCon Newsletter** is [here](#).

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