

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Join us for Worship Sundays at 9:30 AM (Outdoors or on Zoom)

WORSHIP

June 20	June 27
Worship Leader: Susan Nelson	Worship Leader: Becky Smuts
Storyteller: Maria Wenger	Storyteller: Ryan Sensenig
Scripture: Job 38:1-11; Mark 4:35-41	Scripture: TBD

CALENDAR

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

<https://assemblymennonite.org/about/calendar/>. [Click here to subscribe](#) to the space reservation calendar to see availability.

Sun	June 20	9:30 am Worship in the North Parking Lot 11 am Bike Blessing following Worship 7pm Congregational Meeting on Zoom
Wed	June 23	9-11 am Drop-off Playdate at the church playground 12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer on Zoom
Mon	June 28	6-8 pm Interplay Dance Group on Zoom
Fri	July 2	9:30 am Greencroft Meetup at Greencroft and on Zoom
Tues	July 6	7pm Leadership Group Meeting

*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 Sunday at 9:30AM for our summer worship series: "What could possibly go wrong?" After a year of disasters we step into the summer with a mixture of hesitation and hope. At Assembly, this is a season to pool our collective wisdom about stepping into the unknown. Our theme is a lighthearted doubletake suggesting paths forward, while holding our worries, fears, and hesitations. We ask "where is God in all this"? Read the full series introduction [here](#).

Ride your bicycle to worship this Sunday if you can. The annual Blessing of the Bicycles will immediately follow the worship service. After the benediction, parents will pick up their children from the playground and everyone will be invited to get their bikes and regather in the west parking lot for a litany, sprinkling, and song. Contact Scott Coulter with any questions.

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.

Outdoor Summer Sunday School continues this week. Please read [this document](#) for more information, and note that all unvaccinated participants over age 2 are expected to wear a mask, including while seated for the circle time. 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.

Flowers this Sunday: If it brings you joy, please bring potted or vased flowers this Sunday to distract from the brown wall behind. If you like, you can share your flowers with others after the service.

Congregational Meeting June 20 at 7pm Mark your calendars and plan to attend this month's congregational meeting on Zoom. Agenda will include [adoption of a proposed employee grievance resolution policy](#). We will aim to adopt this policy by consensus at the June 20 meeting. Other agenda items: [approval of the Leader Selection slate](#), an update on church staffing, update on plans for moving worship indoors.

Drop-off playdate at AMC: Childcare will be provided on Wednesday morning June 23rd from 9-11. Drop your children off at the church playground and run an errand, drink some tea or go on a walk. Children will be supervised by vaccinated Assembly participants as a gift to parents who have had too little childcare or time off this year. It is a little, but it is something.

Small Group Hygge is excited that Ryan Sensenig will be covenanting with Assembly on June 27th. We invite you to send him your words of welcome.

A few more "Thank You's" have been received at the church office from organizations expressing their gratitude for Assembly's generous donations as a result of the 2020 surplus discernment process. You can read them [here](#). And one more from EduVida [here](#). You can read the full list of receiving organizations and amounts given by AMC Small Groups [here](#).

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:

-Meiling Yordy: Join us to celebrate the graduation of Meiling Yordy from Goshen High School Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Shellenberger Yordy residence at 215 Gra Roy Dr, Goshen. RSVP to 574.536.0617 or meiling.yordy17@gmail.com

Jane Litwiller's last day as the Church Administrator was Friday, June 18. We are thankful to Jane for running the church office since last August, and we send our blessings and prayers with Jane and her family as they transition to Camp Friedenswald.

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 (6/13-6/19) to: Tobias Magatti, Kathy Meyer Reimer, Breck Herber, and Rod Hanby. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

Happy Birthday this week (6/20-6/26) to: Chris Klassen, Karla Beasley, Conrad Liechty, Rilynn Good Kaufmann, Jep Hostetler, Jan Siemens, and Donna Shenk Sensenig. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

(repeat) **Update on using spaces at the Meetinghouse:** We're continuing to navigate the changing needs and guidance for COVID mitigation here at the church. At this time, we are still not using indoor spaces for meals. Any fellowship activities including food should happen outdoors. Nor are we using the multipurpose space for ANY group gatherings as the ventilation system in that space is not adequate to accommodate groups safely. Please continue to contact the [church office](#) a couple of days in advance of the need as same day reservations are difficult to accommodate. Spaces are reserved on a separate Google Calendar ([available here](#)) and the lack of an event on the Public Calendar, DOES NOT indicate availability of spaces.

(repeat) **Sharing from Ellen Kennel:** On June 2nd, my beloved sister Grace died. As I wrote to my small group

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Zed and my Support Group. While my heart is broken, I am thankful that she has been released from all her pain. When Grace was 5 yrs. the heart specialist told my mother to take her home and make her remaining days as happy as possible. There is nothing we can do. Grace was 63 when she died. So many miracles and so many wonderful memories! On Saturday Duane & I will attend her memorial service via Zoom to celebrate her amazing spirit and her joy of life and family.

(repeat) **Sponsoring families?** Phyllis Stutzman sent information about two families sponsored by Voices from the Border who urgently need groups to sponsor them. Commitment varies from situation to situation but would likely include assistance with finding housing, connecting to legal support, basic daily needs and financial help until they find employment. Anyone want to take on forming such a group? Contact phyllis.d.stutzman@gmail.com.

(repeat) **Opening for Part-Time Church Administrator.** We are now accepting resumes and a letter of interest for this 25-30 hours/week position. Please express your interest to Scott Coulter in person or at scottc@assemblymennonite.org. [A complete job description can be found on the Assembly website here.](#)

(repeat) **Lora Nafziger** will be on vacation traveling with her family June 9-24. Please contact Scott or Anna if you need a pastor while she is away.

community connections

The Gift of Love: Doing our part for healing and wholeness in the world: This free MCC webinar will be offered on Tuesday, June 22 at 8:00 p.m. EDT. Join James Wheeler & Linda Herr, Area Directors for Europe & Middle East, to hear how MCC partners in challenging settings are speaking love with words and actions, and how we can all do a part of something bigger than any one of us. This presentation will highlight various aspects of MCC work in programs in Europe and the Middle East, including refugees and displaced people, basic human needs and material resources. More information and registration at mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series.

Pathways Retreat online silent auction and open house

scheduled for June will now be held August 21 - 28 with the open house on August 28, 1-4pm. Pathways invites guests to come walk trails and labyrinths during the month of July, its sabbatical month. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org. The Rhythms newsletter is [here](#).

The June edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS and the Brethren Church formalize a partnership of caring, the last houses in the Land of Hope are dedicated, bringing to completion a three year effort, and youth across the U.S. are packing their bags to embark on MDS Summer Youth programs. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3gsx0PZ>

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

(repeat) **Virtual author events at AMBS:** June 21-22. Join the AMBS Library and Bookstore team on Zoom as we interview authors of recently published books. Registration is free, and participants in each live event will be entered into a prize drawing for a free book! Monday, June 21, 4-5 p.m. ET: *What is God's Mission in the World and How Do We Join It?*, with Juan Francisco Martínez and Jamie Pitts. Tuesday, June 22, 7-8 p.m. ET: *Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith*, with Sara Wenger Shenk. ambs.edu/author-events

(repeat) **Conversation with Melissa Florer-Bixler:** On Saturday, June 26, just after the CDC Annual Meeting, at 4:45 pm on Zoom, Melissa Florer-Bixler will talk about her newest book "How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger & the Work of Peace." All are welcome! ~organized by CDC Mennonite Women

(repeat) **Jail Ministry of Elkhart County Virtual Banquet 2021:** Visit www.elkhartcountyjailministry.org to view five videos highlighting some of the ways the Jail Ministry serves the men and women in the Elkhart County Jail. Donations to the Jail Ministry can also be made via the website. Thank you for your support.

(repeat) **Church Community Services is Hiring:** We are looking for a full-time Soup of Success Production Manager. This position oversees all aspects of production and order fulfillment in our Social Enterprise and trains and

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oversees program participants and volunteers in the production of SOS food, textile and scented products. Please apply by visiting Indeed.com or our website, www.churchcommunityservices.org.

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

(repeat) **Central District Conference's "focus" Newsletter** is [here](#).

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

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