

# 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 27	July 4
Worship Leader: Becky Smuts	Worship Leader: Barb Swartley
Storyteller: Ryan Sensenig	Storyteller: Jonathon Schramm
Scripture: Job 38:4-15	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 27	9:30 am Worship in the North Parking Lot MYF Breakout (during worship service)
Wed	June 30	12 Noon Psalm Reading & Prayer <a href="#">on Zoom</a>
Sun	Aug 1	Worship Service at Oxbow

\*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

**Elias Magatti** (rising 5th, Bethany) turns 11 on June 29! Elias is a vegetarian who hopes to be a veterinarian. He loves his cat, Lilly, and would really like to get a dog. He's looking forward to a week at Camp Friedenswald and several other camping trips this summer. He thinks the chai they make in Tanzania is the best he's ever had and he would love to travel to Italy someday. [A photo of Elias is here.](#)

**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](#).

**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. If we cancel parking lot worship due to the weather forecast we will also cancel Sunday school.

**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.

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

**Update from Sue Burkholder.** To my Assembly friends and supporters. I will always remember the "parking lot" farewell you gave me on my last Sunday at AMC, May 30. I am getting settled into my small "independent living" apartment here at Landis Homes. Thanks for your help and support on making the move possible which was safely accomplished. I think about you often, but it has been a good move. --Susan (Sue) Burkholder.

**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](#).

(repeat) **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 this week (6/27-7/3) to:** Mara Sensenig, Bertha Beachy, Paul Horst, and Doug Schirch. May God bless you. We are glad you are part of Assembly!

**Happy Birthday last 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) **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](mailto:scottc@assemblymennonite.org). [A complete job description can be found on the Assembly website here.](#)

**Anna Yoder Schlabach** will be on vacation June 30-July 2. Please contact Lora or Scott if you need a pastor during that time.

## community connections

**Goshen College's Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center** (Wolf Lake, Ind.) offers many hands-on summer educational opportunities for adults and children, including Tales & Trails, Boating & Birding Family Workshop, and Nature Pre-K programs. Visit [goshen.edu/merrylea](http://goshen.edu/merrylea) to learn more!

(repeat) **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](http://pathwaysretreat.org). The Rhythms newsletter is [here](#).

(repeat) **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>

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

Please email announcements to [assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org) by 11 PM local time Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

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**Assembly Mennonite Church** seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999