

AssemblyLine

March 13, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship at 9:30am, Sunday school at 10:45am

WORSHIP

March 13

Worship leader: *Carmen Horst*
Sermon: *Borderlands tour group reflections*
Welcoming & tear-down: *Cheers & Espanol*
Fellowship Meal

Scripture: *Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126*
Sunday School: *The Last Supper (Luke 22:1-28)*

March 20

Worship leader: *Caitlin Lanctot*
Sermon: *Dawn Yoder Harms*
Welcoming & tear-down: *Net & Derailed*

Scripture: *Passion Week Narratives*
Sunday School: *Jesus' arrest and death (Luke 22:39-23:56)*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Mar 13	12pm Fellowship Meal
Sun	Mar 20	7pm Congregational Meeting
Tues	Mar 22	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Wed/Thur	Mar 23/24	Maundy Thursday service with small groups in homes
Fri	Mar 25	7:30pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross service
Sun	Mar 27	7:15am Sunrise service, home of Steve & Kate Shantz (60728 CR 27, Goshen) 9:30am Easter worship & feast at the meetinghouse, no Sunday school

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Adam Siemens-Rhodes (4th Bethany) turned 10 on March 12! He likes reading the *Warriors* book series about a clan of wild cats, and playing imaginary games outside. He and brother Ira recently created an imaginary game called "Generators." He's looking forward to celebrating his birthday at Sky Zone Trampoline Park with friends.

Fellowship Meal TODAY, after second hour! Bring a comfort food favorite, or create a new delicious dish. Please bring plates, cups and utensils for your family.

Leadership Group has completed the 2015 State of the Congregation report. It is attached to the electronic version of this week's AssemblyLine (look at the very top left-hand corner for the link). Several printed copies are also available on the literature table. The report offers a succinct overview of congregational highlights of 2015.

The sculpture that's currently a part of the worship space visual is looking for a home after the Lenten season. If you want to know more about the piece you can contact Maddie Gerig at mjane.gerig@gmail.com.

The Facilities Renovation Task Force and individuals have met more than ten times since September. We have worked with the architect, the city and an engineering firm

to revise and redesign our space for Assembly and Faith to worship and nurture our children. The new design will have flexible space that can be used for community projects yet to be defined. The Task Force is now ready to bring a plan to the congregation for your evaluation and response. Come to the congregational meeting Mar 20 at 7pm when these plans will be presented.

Maundy Thursday, Mar 24, service will be held in the homes of small groups rather than at the meetinghouse. It will be a child-friendly service and includes a light meal. Groups may schedule this event for whatever day that week is most convenient. A signup sheet will be available the next two Sundays for folks not in a small group who would like to participate. Groups planning to participate please contact Dawn (dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org) for the service outline and instructions. Also please indicate if you have space to include others around your table.

Good Friday service, Mar 25 at 7:30pm will be a contemporary Station's of the Cross service held at the meetinghouse, and will focus on Jesus' presence in the suffering in Israel/Palestine and the Borderlands.

Easter sunrise service, Mar 27, 7:15am at Steve and Kate Shantz's farm (60728 CR 27, Goshen), led by Wilma Harder and Barb Swartley. *If the service is canceled*

because of weather, a listserv message will be sent by 6:30am Sunday.

Easter worship, Mar 27. Bring festive finger foods to share for the Easter feast near the end of the service. K-12 children/youth will be invited to carry the food into the worship space (instructions will be given during the service). Plates, cups, and napkins will be provided, but not utensils (again, please bring *finger foods* to share). Easter lilies and other blooming plants are welcome and can be placed on top of the chair cabinets for the service (and then taken home with you). There will be no Sunday school

You are invited to a gathering to explore starting a Moral Mondays group in Elkhart County. Moral Mondays is a movement that originated in North Carolina under the leadership of Rev. William Barber to gather people of faith and others who believe in a moral universe to advocate for justice for the most vulnerable at the state level (see indianamoralmondays.org). The meeting is Apr 12, 7pm, at the Assembly meetinghouse. Contact Karl Shelly for more details.

(repeat) **Gone missing!** The computer projector normally stored in the sound cabinet in the worship space has been missing for several weeks. The projector is property of Faith Mennonite, and is used regularly by both Faith and Assembly. If you know of its whereabouts, please let anyone on staff know as soon as possible.

(repeat) **The relief buckets** are packed and ready to go! THANK-YOU for the generous contributions to this project. With \$1,545 Johanna Sutter was able to get supplies for 70 buckets. Our prayers go with these buckets to bring joy and hope to the refugees.

(repeat) **Thank you to Assembly Mennonite Church** for giving \$17,100 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2015! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission are deeply felt across the street and around the world.

(repeat) **Your prayers and expressions of care** are invited for Jim and Lois Kaufmann, as they remember and miss Jim's mother, Helen Nafziger Kaufmann, who died Tue evening (2/23) at the age of 96. Her memorial service will be held Mar 5, at Willow Springs Mennonite Church, Tiskilwa, IL.

(repeat) **Vesper Chorale presents Handel's Messiah** on Sat, Mar 12 at 7:30pm in the St. Joseph Chapel at Holy Cross College (54515 SR 933 N, Notre Dame, IN) and Sun, Mar 13 at 3pm in the First United Methodist Church (333 N Main St, South Bend). Tickets are \$26 adults, \$23 seniors, \$12 students if you purchase them from Chorale member Emily Stuckey Weber before Mar 10.

(repeat) **Free concert to be held at Assembly's** meetinghouse! Thur, Mar 17, 8pm, by internationally-recognized cellist Steuart Pincombe and singer Michelle Pincombe featuring spirituals and music from the early shape-note tradition in America, the program takes us on a believer's journey from repentance to hope in life eternal. Concert sponsored by Credo Music, as part of the *Music in Familiar Spaces* tour.

(repeat) **A student at Goshen College** is looking for off-campus lodging beginning now and continuing through the summer. The parents of this young man are Mike and Teresa Sherrill, Mennonite mission workers in Japan and AMBS graduates. This young man is struggling with adjustment to North America and is taking a break from studies for this short period of time as he continues the transition to living in the US. His mother will arrive in the next few days to help him make the move. If you know of someone who could rent a room, please contact Marc and Judy Roth, mjbcroth@frontier.com or 294-3207.

community connections

Peace Gathering in Elkhart: You are invited to join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes and Elkhart Advocates for Peace & Justice (EAPJ) for an informative evening on conscientious objection and military recruitment. The gathering will take place on Sat, Mar 19, from 6-7pm at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church in Elkhart. Joshua Russell, Legislative Assistant for the MCC U.S. Washington Office, will be the speaker.

Friends of Amigo Banquet: Mar 31 at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church. Meet and greet the staff and board at 6pm followed by the dinner at 6:30pm. If interested in attending, please contact Amigo by Mar 21 either by phone 269-651-2811 or email info@amigocentre.org.

Love: Sacred and Profane: A Recital for Voice and Piano. Songs by Liszt, Bach, Michael Head and others.

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Located at Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart, IN) Sun Apr 3, 4-4:45pm. Light refreshments afterward, admission is free.

West Coast MCC Global Anabaptist Peacebuilding seminar Jun 16-24 in Fresno, CA for students 18-26 years old. \$300 includes all expenses. Four tracks - creation care, migration, food security, and restorative justice with integration of shalom and peacebuilding concepts. More details [here](#).

HELP!! The Depot MCC Thrift Shops needs your help. If you have a passion to work with clothing and enjoy fellowship with others, then we have an opportunity for you! The Depot is making a push to gain ten additional volunteers to work with sorting, preparing and pricing the donated clothing that helps support the work of the Mennonite Central Committee. Please consider some of your time and contact Karen or Doug at 534-1828 or stop in at 1013 Division St. Goshen

Goshen College's Men's Basketball team is interested in working for donations that will go directly towards their team service trip. If you are interested in hiring the team for a job, contact Neal Young, Head Coach at [765-749-5017](tel:765-749-5017) or nyoung@goshen.edu

Mennonite Disaster Service is currently scheduling weekly volunteers for the months of Apr, May, and Jun. If you are interested in serving with us, please call. We would love to have you serve with us! Call Alicia, [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:800-241-8111) or email ahurst@mds.mennonite.net

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for the program, staff and budget of the Great Lakes region. This person will represent MCC Great Lakes within the broader MCC system, within the constituent churches of the region and actively collaborate with other MCC entities. The position includes involvement in everything from fund raising to program development to informal conversations to policy discussions. For more information visit serve.mcc.org or contact Susan Wadel at [717-552-5785](tel:717-552-5785). Deadline to apply is Mar 14.

MDC Goldenrod is looking for a Groundskeeper/Maintenance Assistant to help oversee upkeep and maintenance of the MDC Goldenrod grounds in both Goshen and Middlebury. This position will also provide back up to the Maintenance Director when needed. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more info, please call Ken Mauzy, Maintenance Director, at [533-9720](tel:533-9720).

(repeat) **Bethany Visit Days** are a great way for prospective students and families to see Bethany Christian Schools in action! Students in grades 6-10 interested in exploring Bethany can shadow a Bethany student on Mon, Mar 21, 8:40am-3:30pm. Parents are invited to an 8:45-9:15am coffee and conversation followed by an optional tour. For more info or to register, see bethanycs.net.

(repeat) **Public lecture: Do We Have Souls?** Perspectives from Theology & Science. This year's Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Theological Lecturer is Nancey Murphy. Her presentations are free and open to the public on Mar 15 at 11:45am and 1:30pm, and on Mar 16 at 10:15am and 1:30pm at AMBS campus at 3003 Benham Avenue in Elkhart.

(repeat) **Amigo Scrapbook, Crafting, and Sewing Retreats:** Spring dates, Mar 11-13, Apr 8-10. For more info or to register: 269-651-2811 or amigocentre.org.

(repeat) **David Myers**, director of the Department of Homeland Security's Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, will present the 2016 Yoder Public Affairs lecture at Goshen College, titled "Blowing Down Fences, Making Good Neighbors: Interfaith and Intercultural Collaboration in Disasters" on Thur, Mar 17 at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Church-Chapel. On Fri, Mar 18 at 10am, Myers will deliver a speech titled "An Unpredictable Pathway to Presidential Appointee" during a convocation in the Goshen College Church-Chapel. Both events are free and open to the public, and will be followed by a short question and answer session with the audience.

(repeat) **MDC Goldenrod invites you** to come see our community members as they present the Project Promise Easter play on Sat, Mar 19, at 3 & 6pm at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church. Youth groups are invited to a special dress rehearsal on Thur, Mar 17 at 7pm. Admission is free! Project Promise provides spiritual and social support for persons with disabilities. A free-will offering will be

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collected to support the program. Visit mdcgoldenrod.org or call [533-9720](tel:533-9720) for more info.

(repeat) **Join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)** for our Annual Business Tour on Sat, Mar 19, at 8:30am. This year's tour will feature Kountry Wood Products, makers of Kountry Cabinets, in Nappanee. After a buffet breakfast at Mullet's Dining, Ola Yoder, CEO and founder of Kountry Wood Products, will give a presentation about his business. We'll then proceed to their corporate offices and Plant #1 for a tour. This Amish-owned business was founded in 1998 on a basic business philosophy: that building a quality product, selling at a reasonable price and providing customers with good service was the key to building a successful business. Please RSVP by Mon, Mar 14, to info@michianameda.org or [355-3607](tel:355-3607). Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

(repeat) **All are welcome to join** in the 6th Annual Palm Sunday parade, Mar 20, whose theme this year is "Peace without borders: Welcoming the Refugee." The route starts at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church at 2pm and goes past Prairie Street Mennonite Church (1316 Prairie Street), where others may join around 2:45pm. We then continue up Main Street past Saint James AME church where others may join and onto the Elkhart Civic Plaza, where we will gather to pray, sing and hear from Lisa Koop, immigration attorney with the National Immigrant Justice Center. Anyone is welcome to join at any point along the route! Organized by the Elkhart Advocates for Peace and Justice.

(repeat) **MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering:** As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 6pm on Sat, Apr 30, at North Goshen Mennonite Church, 501 N. 8th Street in Goshen. Special guest speakers will be Ben & Beth Weisbrod, current MCC Area Directors for Central and West Africa. Please RSVP [534-4133](tel:534-4133) or to lmg@mcc.org.

(repeat) **Our Neighborhood Outreach Specialist,** Jose Elizalde, is looking for 3 volunteers to help with citizenship classes being held at the LaCasa offices at 202 N. Cottage Ave. He hopes for someone who can commit to help for the

length of the class. This person does not need to know Spanish; English-only speakers are welcome. The class is for 10 Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm (the classes have already started this week). The volunteer's responsibility will focus on reading and writing English sentences. Interested parties can email jose.elizalde@lacasainc.net for more info. This is an opportunity to learn more about the citizenship process, which is quite extensive.

(repeat) **Summer Camp at Amigo Centre** is just around the corner! See the lit table for brochures or visit amigocentre.org for dates and registration info.

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** is now accepting applications for the role of Global Ministries Senior Executive to provide leadership and oversight to the Global Ministries division, to participate in organizational leadership, and to work with the Executive Director in cultivating healthy relationships with international and local partners. The anticipated start date is Aug 2016. To receive a position description or to send a letter of interest please address Human Resources Senior Executive Rachel Stoltzfus (RachelS@MMNWorld.net) and Executive Director Stanley Green (StanleyG@MMNWorld.net).

(repeat) **The Window benefit meal** at Waterford Mennonite Church: Haystack dinner Thur, Mar 17, 4:30pm until food runs out. Call The Window at 533-9680 for pricing and other info.

(repeat) **22nd Annual Business Meeting** for The Depot. Tue, Mar 22. Catered meal begins at 6pm at Maple City Chapel (2015 Lincoln Way East, Goshen). Dinner Reservations deadline Mar 18, 4pm. Please call [312-4156](tel:312-4156) or email thedepot1013@gmail.com

(repeat) **Anabaptist healthcare professionals!** Come to the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) 2016 Annual Gathering, the weekend of Jun 17-19, at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO. The theme is "Wholeness and Holiness: Views from the Mountaintop." Featured speaker is noted Denver psychiatrist, professor, and author, Abraham Nussbaum, speaking on "The Renewal of Medicine and Christian Spirituality." Anyone interested is invited, including students and retirees. Children and Youth Program is provided! Registration deadline Apr 15; details at mennohealth.org/gathering or call [1-888-406-3643](tel:1-888-406-3643).

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(repeat) **Friends Music Camp**, a Quaker-run music camp takes place at Earlham College in Richmond, IN Jul 10-Aug 7. FMC is open to campers from 10-18 years old at all musical levels. Prospective campers should have had lessons for at least one year on their chosen instrument, or participated in a school orchestra, band or choral program for at least one year. This is a wonderful experience for any young music student. More info about FMC can be found at www.friendsmusiccamp.org.

(repeat) **Time to make your summer plans!** Summer will be here before we know it, and Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff varies in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more info go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at [606-633-5065](tel:606-633-5065).

(repeat) **The GC Theater Department** brings Shakespeare's Julius Caesar to life in the round, engaging the audience in the story of patriotism and power; jealousy and betrayal; twists of friendship; warnings unheeded; and the mob mentality of citizens whose loyalty is easily swayed. Performances: Mar 4, 5, 11 at 8pm and Mar 6, 12, 13 at 3pm. To purchase tickets call [535-7566](tel:535-7566) or go to www.goshen.edu/tickets

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