

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

May 22

Worship leader: *Regina Shands Stoltzfus*

Sermon: *Kristy Shellenberger Yordy*

Welcoming & take-down: *Rad & Grape*

Scripture: *Proverbs 8:1-14, 22-31; John 16:12-15*

Sunday School: *Respecting others (James 2:1-13)*

May 29

Worship leader: *Bill Mateer*

Sermon: *Lora Nafziger*

Welcoming & take-down: *Hug & One & Food Group*

Scripture: *Acts 8:26-40*

Sunday School: *Visions of Peace (Isaiah 65:17-25)*

CALENDAR

Wed	May 25	Spring work day at the meetinghouse
Wed	Jun 1	Spring work day at the meetinghouse
Tue	Jun 7	7pm Leadership Group meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Kaylee Margaret James Martin turned 3 on May 20! She is an energetic and happy toddler/threenager. She loves trying to do everything her big brother does, petting the kitties (mostly nicely), playing pretend, and splashing in puddles. She loves to play with her friends. One of Kaylee's favorite dinners is frozen veggies ("kibbles") out of a bowl on the floor while pretending to be a kitty.

Lily Lanctot (K Chamberlain) turns 6 TODAY May 22! She enjoys playing cars and dinosaurs with Jack, swinging and riding her bike with her mom, and playing tag with her dad. She likes to make things, plan parties, and eat chocolate. She's really good at running and a good friend.

During today's worship, Kristy Shellenberger Yordy will be sharing her award winning piece essay which focuses on a moment when she caught a glimpse of the spirit moving among us here at Assembly. During the response time that follows the sermon, you will have a turn too. So be thinking of moments when you have seen or experienced the spirit at work among us.

Welcome to Moriah Hurst who will be with us TODAY, and will be sharing her experiences during 2nd hour. Moriah has recently completed her ministry in Australia and is beginning her time as one of the pastors at Parkview Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, VA.

Blessing of the Bicycles: Plan to ride your bike to worship TODAY if you're able, and stay for the annual "blessing of the bicycles" after 2nd hour (weather permitting).

Update or add your picture in Assembly's photo directory (found on our [website](#)). Paul Meyer Reimer will be taking pictures TODAY! Or you can email a recent digital picture to office@assemblymennonite.org

Lora is out of town this weekend attending Tamara Shantz's wedding. She will be back in the office Tues.

Are you ever confused when you find one shoe, or one glove, or a sippy cup in the meetinghouse with no person attached to them? All of these items can be found in the lost and found, which will be on a table in the multi-purpose space on Sun, May 22 and 29. Make sure you stop and check for your items; they will be taken to the Depot after May 29.

Summer Sunday School begins Jun 12. There are still 14 spots available for teachers. This is a great opportunity to connect with AMC children that works with your summer schedule. Sign up for one or two weeks at the front of the Worship Space.

You're invited to join the board of Walnut Hill for complimentary breakfast to learn more about the work of Walnut Hill. Thur Jun 2, 7-8:30am at Greencroft. RSVP to Robin Ebright Zehr (rmkebright@hotmail.com) or sign up at the round table in the gathering space.

LaCasa wants to thank Assembly so much for sending a group to volunteer at Help-A-House. Despite the nasty weather, a lot of great work was accomplished. We were inspired by everyone's energy and enthusiasm. Thank you so much for partnering with us in this!

The painting currently hanging at the front of the worship space was done by Jon Zirkle. An explanation of the painting written by Jon is attached at the top of this email (in tiny writing) and available as a print out on the literature table.

Richard and Jean Hirschler have moved. Their new address is: 1228 Greencroft Drive, Goshen, IN, 46526.

Final Reminder: Assembly Mennonite Church has been selected to take part in a doctoral dissertation research study. The purpose of this study is to assess Mennonite attitudes towards gay men and lesbian women and Mennonite attitudes towards gay men versus lesbian women. To participate in this 10-15 minute survey, please read the introductory letter found at the top of this email (hard copies can be found on the literature table) and follow the link provided in that letter. At the end of the survey, there is additional marketing done by Survey Monkey; you do NOT need to provide your email address.

(repeat) **In three weeks, children and adults** will CATCH THE SPIRIT and Come & See Jesus at Bible School at College Mennonite Church Jun 6-10. Adult/youth volunteers are still needed for one then & now activity called Stretching, mostly involving drama and role play.

One family group leader, several assistants, drama and worship participants. See Christa Janzen or Sarah Horst if you are interested in volunteering. If you still haven't registered your children, please see Christa and Sarah asap.

(repeat) **The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** Great Lakes Board of Directors has named Eric Kurtz as the organization's next executive director. He succeeds Zenebe Abebe, who has served as executive director since 2011. Kurtz will begin his new position on Aug 1. He will continue to work out of the MCC Great Lakes office in Goshen. Congratulations, Eric! ([More information](#))

(repeat) **Assembly natives Sadie Gustafson Zook** and Ethan Setiawan are performing at Art house on Fri, May 27. The two frequent collaborators were both in the band Theory Expat. In this concert they will be exploring the jazz pop and folk worlds through their own distinct lenses. Tix are \$15, \$10 for students. Show starts 7pm, doors open 6pm.

(repeat) **Inviting your prayers for Merle** and Eunice Brenneman who moved here from Denver, CO a year ago. Merle was recently diagnosed with metastatic brain cancer. Your prayers for wisdom and courage are appreciated as they learn more about Merle's prognosis and explore treatment options. You can follow Merle and Eunice's journey on their Caring Bridge site: caringbridge.org/visit/merlebrenneman

(repeat) **Gratitude Journal for Lois Johns Kaufmann:** There is still time to write a favorite scripture passage, prayer, blessing or word of thanks to Lois for her 8 years of service to Central District Conference. You may email an entry to Lisa Weaver at weaverld70@gmail.com by June 1. Please write "CDC Journal for Lois" in the subject line. Entries received by email will be printed out and included in the journal. The journal will be given to Lois at the conclusion of our annual meeting on June 25.

(repeat) **A note to Assembly children** from Mennonite Mission Network: Thank you for collecting \$311.97 in your blue globe banks for refugees in Quito, Ecuador. Your money will help the people of Quito Mennonite Church offer hospitality to people from Colombia who flee their country because of violence and war. Blessings to you all!

(repeat) **Goshen College is in need of welcome baskets** for new international students. Each kit includes the following items: single-bed comforter (homemade or purchased), 80" single bed sheet set (also called "extra long twin"), standard size pillow, wastebasket, bath towel & washcloth, reading lamp and light bulb, and 10-15 clothes hangers, all packed in a laundry basket (items above may be removed from packaging as helpful to fitting into basket). All items should be new. AMC small groups are invited to put together a kit or two along with a welcome note. Please contact Rebecca Sommers by July 18 to be matched with a student. Finished baskets to be dropped off at Welcome Center by Aug 19.

(repeat) **Summer worship committee** is in need of any persons who play a musical instrument. If you play an instrument and might consider sharing your talent please contact Rebecca Snider at rksnider42@gmail.com.

(repeat) **Christian Ed Committee** is looking for extra board games that you no longer need for K-5 kids to use during summer Sunday school on rainy days.

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(repeat) **The 2% Committee** proposes the following Spring distribution plans: Local 1. LaCasa of Goshen Help a House \$750; 2. Center for Community Justice \$300 CLASS Project - Leon Bauman \$400; 3. Share the Bounty \$1000; 4. The Window \$300; 5. Goshen Ministerial Association \$300; 6. The Elkhart County Clubhouse \$300; 7. Seed to Feed - Church Community Services \$300; 8. Center for Community Justice - Lisa Koop - National Organization \$300. World 1. MCC a. Syria/Iraq \$2000 b. Gaza/Israel/Palestine \$1000. c. unrestricted \$500 Other Tina Schlabach-Tucson, working at border issues, visits women in the Eloy detention facility, to help migrants and groups that work with them in the Tucson area \$500. Jack and Linda Knox live in Douglas, Ariz. -hosts - Shalom House, variety of agencies working in Douglas and Agua Prieta, the Mexican city just across the border \$500. Please bring any concerns regarding these distributions to one of the committee members by 5/15. Also, please let any committee member know of future recommendations for 2% funding. Contact Steve Schrock at sdschrock@hotmail.com

(repeat) **Scott, Christa, Norah and Sadie Janzen** would like to thank the wonderful Assembly community for their love, support and friendship over the past (almost) 3 years. We will be leaving Goshen at the end of June and moving to Henderson, Nebraska where Scott's family lives. Although we are looking forward to living near family for the first time since we got married, making the decision to leave our "adopted family" has been incredibly difficult. We will miss the life-giving worship services and friendships and most especially our small group, Hug. Thank you for your prayers as we begin this transition!

community connections

Come hear “Choral Creatures” performed by South Bend Chamber Singers with special guests, Notre Dame Children’s Choir, narrated by Josh Sisk, Potawatomi Zoo curator. Sun, May 22 7:30pm at Church of the Savior (1855 N Hickory Rd, South Bend).

Study Conflict Resolution in Spanish at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary professor Daniel S. Schipani, PhD, PsyD will be offering a six-session course, Transformación de Conflictos y Mediación (Conflict Transformation and Mediation) in Spanish during two

weekends this summer. Course dates are Jun 3, Jun 4, Aug 5 and Aug 6. This course is open to the community. For more information, contact Bob Rosa, brosa@ambs.edu, [574.296.6207](tel:574.296.6207).

Bethany’s Bright Time Summer Camp, Jun 6-10, has more than 50 athletic, fine arts, science, and all kinds of fun camps for age 4 through rising grade 8. Most camps are \$30-\$40. Additionally, Shine On Campcare provides a place for children for before, between, and after their camps. View camp listings and register at bethanycs.net/BrightTime. Register by May 25.

If you are a member of Everence Federal Credit Union, stop by any branch in our area and vote for MDC Goldenrod to receive a grant that will help provide over \$8,000 to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thanks!

Want to have full access to online resources at the AMBS library and to the expertise of our librarians? Sign up for the AMBS Research for Ministry Online Seminar. It is an online six month, non-credit course Jul 1-Dec 31. \$75 early registration closes Jun 10. Link [here](#).

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Mennonite Disaster Service is in need of team leader volunteers in Lusk, WY Jun 20-Jul15. Groups of up to 10 volunteers needed to build cabins in Camp Likely, British Columbia in July. Contact ahurst@mds.mennonite.net for more information or to sign up.

The Depot is seeking a Facilities Manager. This full-time position will manage the day-to-day operations of The Depot in Goshen, which houses the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) thrift shop, material resource center, MCC Great Lakes office and several other organizations. Duties include building maintenance, grounds upkeep, equipment management, administrative duties and relationships with tenants. The Facilities Manager is accountable to The Depot Board of Directors. For more

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information, contact Ben Shirk at brshirk@maplenet.net or [574-536-8716](tel:574-536-8716). Send resumes to: Ben Shirk, 63341 CR 33, Goshen, IN 46528. Deadline to apply is Jun 30.

Cafeteria Aide Needed at Bethany Christian Schools: 2-3 hours per day during the school year starting August 2016. Duties may vary, but primary responsibilities consist of serving students and cafeteria cleanup with occasional food preparation. The capacity to work effectively in a team setting and good people skills are helpful.

(repeat) **NEW PERSPECTIVES ON FAITH** meets May 22 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall of College Mennonite Church, Goshen IN. This month's guest speaker will be M. David Litwa, Ph.D. of Charlottesville, VA. Dr. Litwa is a scholar of religion with research focus on Christianity in the ancient Mediterranean world, esoteric cults, and Christian gnostic sects. In his presentation he plans to compare some of the central stories of the Gospels with the sacred stories of Greeks, Romans, and Jews. His latest book, *Jesus Deus: The Early Christian Depiction of Jesus as a Mediterranean God*, will be available for sale at the meeting. All are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion following the presentation. For more info: newperspectivesgoshen.org

(repeat) **Come join MDC Goldenrod for great food** and a fun time of socializing on Tue, May 24 at the Goshen Hacienda Restaurant. 20% of their sales that day will go to support MDC Goldenrod's mission of serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tokens (attached at the top of this email and printed out on the lit table) must be presented at the restaurant.

(repeat) **Would you like to get to know** an international student? Goshen College is looking for host families for a few of our students to live with this coming fall. Interested families should live within a mile of the college and have a spare room in their house. Financial support of \$100-150/month could be available. If interested, please call (535-7472) or email (carleb@goshen.edu). This is a wonderful way to help a young person and learn a bit about another culture at the same time. Thank you!

(repeat) **The Faithful Giving New and Used Auction** at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale needs your help (Sept 23 and 24). This auction was reintroduced last year and brought in over \$15,000 for MCC. We are looking for

volunteers to help with this year's auction and with help soliciting for items. Contact Deanna King at [875-8987](tel:875-8987) if you are interested. For more info: mennonitesale.org

(repeat) **MDC Goldenrod's receptionist**, Beth, is going with her pastor husband on sabbatical. Volunteers are needed to help staff the front office at MDC Goldenrod while she is gone. Working with individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities can be a real joy. If interested, please contact the MDC Goldenrod office if you can help weekdays from June 24-July 22. [533-9720](tel:533-9720) or info@mdcgoldenrod.org. Thank you!

(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** invites you to attend the 2016 AMBS Commencement Service at 2:30pm on Sat, May 21 at College Mennonite Church in Goshen. This year's speaker is Alan Kreider, PhD, AMBS professor emeritus of Church History and Mission.

(repeat) **Child and Parent Services (CAPS)** is pleased to announce an upcoming training on Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect. Fri May 27, 12-1pm. A light lunch will be provided. [Register Now!](#)

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(repeat) **SWAP needs summer staff!** Summer is quickly approaching, and Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program still needs 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 is a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the

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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 information go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at [606-633-5065](tel:606-633-5065).

(repeat) **Bethany Seeks Varsity Boys Basketball**

Coach: Bethany Christian High School is seeking to hire a varsity head coach for boys basketball next season, effective immediately. Interested applicants should send resumes and contact information to Athletic Director Gary Chupp at glchupp@bethanycs.net.

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