

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### W O R S H I P

March 26	April 2
Worship leader: <i>Sarah &amp; Clara Lind</i> Sermon: <i>Tobias Magatti</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Z &amp; Auklet</i>	Worship leaders: <i>Glenn Gilbert and Jeremiah Chico</i> Sermon: <i>Tobin Miller Shearer</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Food Group &amp; Scoops</i>
Scripture: <i>1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41</i>	Scripture: <i>Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11: 1-45</i>
Sunday School: <i>Mary anoints Jesus (John 12:1-19)</i>	Sunday School: <i>The Last Supper (Matthew 26:1-5, 14-30)</i>

### C A L E N D A R

TODAY	Mar 26	12pm Fellowship Meal 7:15pm Showing of 13 <sup>th</sup> at Meetinghouse
Tue	Mar 28	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Wed	Apr 5	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center

### A N N O U N C E M E N T S

#### assembly life and people

**Emi Dengler Kaufman** (K, Waterford) turns 6 today, Mar 26! Emi enjoys being outside and running, jumping on the trampoline and looking at the clouds. She likes to play board games with her family and listen to stories. At school computers and music are her favorite subjects. She is good at listening and remembering.

**Leif Kingsley** (PK, Rock Run) turns 4 on March 27! Leif is funny and makes great funny faces. He loves to play Uno and read Richard Scary books. He enjoys time with his grandparents, wrestling with his brother Teo, and playing outside with his sister Ania. He likes to eat pasta with no sauce and chocolate cake.

**TODAY is the 4th Sunday** of our Lenten theme 'Restore us, O God' -- a response to a world filled with many voices that call us away from God. This morning's focus will be 'We See' (see Lent 2017 handout on the literature table or attached at the top of this email). The visual for this series was created by Kathy Glick Miller, "They play with the theme of longing in our hearts. I thought about how being in a place of longing can sometimes feel like being trapped, looking at these brighter things but not sure how to get to them. Sometimes the things we long for end up taking a different shape or are discovered in places other than where we expect them to be."

**Fellowship Meal** TODAY after 2<sup>nd</sup> hour! Please bring a dish to share and plates and utensils for your household.

**After years of dreaming** and planning, we have moved into a new phase of our building renovation project, and we are embarking on the fundraising portion. Over the next 10 weeks you might be asked to join a committee, pray for the project, and consider a 3-year pledge to the building campaign. Expect more info from your small group reps, in worship, in your church mailbox, and from angels in your dreams. Jep Hostetler and Justin Rothshank are chairing the campaign and are eager to answer any questions you have.

**How does Assembly work? "Deaf applause"** -- Why does Assembly use it during birthday announcements and other times during worship? It started a decade ago in response to children who found loud noises (like applause) upsetting, and continues as a gentle way of expressing thanksgiving and appreciation.

**Do you happen to have** songbooks belonging to Assembly at home? We are low and hoping to gather any stray books before ordering more.

**Cheryl Mast** is looking for a few items for her mother who will be moving into her own (small) studio apartment in a couple of weeks. She needs a very small kitchen table and 2 chairs, small love seat, twin bed frame (adjustable for the head and feet to move), possibly a "lazyboy" type chair for

a smallish person. If you have any of these items that you are looking to get rid of, please let her know (238-2003).

(repeat) **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 TODAY and Apr 2. Make sure you stop and check for your items; they will be taken to the Depot after church on Apr 2.

(repeat) **The Safety Networks** (working to connect volunteers and immigrants in need) are now up and running. Visit the online volunteer sign up and consider how you might help. <http://bit.ly/safety-net-start>. More info is available on the literature table. This is a pilot project within Assembly at this time, so don't share the link more broadly just yet.

(repeat) **You are invited to Lenten screening** of "**13th**," a 2016 Academy Award nominated documentary film which explores the "intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States." It is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which freed the slaves and prohibited slavery- unless as punishment for a crime. Critics call it an "incendiary, indelible and indispensable document about the myth of racial equality in America." The film will be shown at the meetinghouse TODAY, **Mar 26 at 7:15pm**. Run time - 100 minutes. Optional discussion afterwards. For more info, contact Karl Shelly.

(repeat) **Women's Lunch Bunch** will be at 11:30 on Wed, Apr 5, at the Greencroft Community Center. Our April program will be stories told by Assembly women who use their words and actions to speak out about immigration, health care, women's rights, creation care, etc. You will have an opportunity to share your activities and ask questions. Sign up today or call Joyce Hostetler at 537-3762 before Thur, Mar 30. (Please let us know if you sign up and cannot attend because we pay for all lunches ordered on 3/30.)

(repeat) **Congratulations to Eighth Street** Mennonite Church for recently joining the Supporting Communities Network. The witness of faith communities who are publicly affirming of LGBTQ members continues to grow!

(repeat) **Ann Hostetler, Goshen College professor** of English, will present the 2017 C. Henry Smith Peace Lecture on Tue, Apr 4 at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Administration Building, Room 28. Titled "Conflict and Creativity: Shunning and Its Legacy in Amish and Mennonite Communities." By exploring the impact of a shunning on three generations of an Amish family in Mifflin County, Penn., during the period of 1930-2000, this lecture seeks to stimulate a conversation about the legacy of shunning on internal conflict in and among Mennonite churches. The lecture is free and open to the public.

(repeat) **Gospel of Mary Magdalene**. The new group forming to explore "the Edge of the Inside" of Christianity will meet every second and fourth Sunday of the month from 5:30-6:30pm. In the weeks ahead, we will explore how Mary Magdalene is revealed through the Gospel of Mary Magdalene, one of several early Christian gospels left out of the New Testament. If you have questions, contact Kristy Shellenberger Yordy.

(repeat) **Tom Kauffman's first official day** as our Bridge pastor will be Sun, Apr 16. He and spouse Amy are moving to Goshen. Tom is relocating from Albuquerque, NM, sometime prior to the 15th following the conclusion of his work with Albuquerque Mennonite Church (the "other" AMC) and Amy from Toledo, OH, in May, once she retires from her nurse practitioner practice where she specializes in women's health. The first phase of Tom's work will be meeting with as many of us as is humanly possible. Holding these household interviews will allow him to get to know us and gather the information he needs for both systems review and pastoral care. Naomi Roots will schedule these conversations ahead of his arrival. The questions Leadership Group and Tom have generated for these interviews are: What keeps you at AMC? If you were to tell me how AMC works, how would you describe it (thinking especially about communication flow and decision-making)? If you were to suggest one change that you would like to see in the life of AMC, what would that be? And finally, what metaphor or image best describes AMC for you? These conversations can happen in a range of settings. Please join the Leadership Group and Pastoral Team in welcoming Tom and Amy.

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(repeat) **If you would like to schedule** your conversation with Tom, email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) or call 534-4190 to talk with Naomi. Provide your availability and preference of day/time. Conversations will happen Tue-Fri morning, afternoon, or evening starting Tue, Apr 18.

## community connections

**Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical** Tue, Apr 4 at 1pm in Sauder Concert Hall, Music Center. Women’s World Choir: “Creating, Sustaining, Disrupting,” Debra Detwiler Brubaker, GC professor of music. In its 13 years of music-making, the college’s Women’s World Music Choir continues to celebrate the strength and energy of women from a diversity of cultures. Through singing, movement and spoken word, this program will embrace the themes of: sustaining individuals through hard times; creating joy as a response of gratitude to life’s gifts; and disrupting the attitudes held towards women. This community program is free. If you have questions please call [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565) or email [aftsabb@goshen.edu](mailto:aftsabb@goshen.edu).

**High Schoolers** - plan your visit to Goshen College – the affordable, nationally-ranked Christian college right here in Elkhart County – on Apr 7 for Explore Goshen Day! Tour campus, talk with professors, learn about scholarships and financial aid, hear from current students, eat lunch in the dining hall and ask all of your questions. Sign up today at [goshen.edu/visit](http://goshen.edu/visit).

**National Trail Opening Day** is Sat, Apr 8 with a variety of biking and walking activities taking place on the Pumpkinvine Trail including: Bike checks by Chain Reaction at Abshire Park (11:00am – 2:00pm), Round-trip 3.5-mile group fitness walk from Abshire Park to CR 28 (11:00am), One-way 10-mile group bike ride from Abshire Park to 41 Degrees North Restaurant, Middlebury (2:15pm), Wildflower hike starting from CR 33 on the Pumpkinvine (3:00pm), One-way 12-mile group bike ride from Pumpkinvine Cyclery, Middlebury to the Goshen Brewing Co. (4:30pm). Full details at [here](http://here).

### Amigo Scrapbook, Crafting, and Sewing Retreats...

Whether you scrapbook, sew, quilt or craft, Amigo invites you to join us for a relaxing weekend filled with good food and fellowship. Come alone or bring friends or family. The beautiful surroundings of Amigo and the creativity of others at this retreat will inspire you! We provide the space,

lodging, food and just the right amount of focused input to allow you time to balance your productivity with time to rest, restore and refresh your body and soul. **Spring Dates:** April 7-9 (or come early on the 4<sup>th</sup>). Call or register online! [269-651-2811](tel:269-651-2811) or [program@amigocentre.org](mailto:program@amigocentre.org) or [www.amigocentre.org](http://www.amigocentre.org)

**Walk for Peace fundraiser** for Center for Community Justice, April 19, 5-6:30 pm at Walker Park. Tickets available at [www.centerforcommunityjustice.org](http://www.centerforcommunityjustice.org).

**Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication:** Apr 12 - May 23. Explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging in differences within congregational life in this online, six-week short course offered by the Church Leadership Center of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Instructor: Betty Pries, CMed, MTS, Ph.D. candidate. Cost: \$200 up to March 22; \$250 after March 22. CEUs available. More info [here](http://here).

**The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** is Saturday, May 13, and we will need 24 “Bag Buddies” to pick up non-perishable food items that our Goshen neighbors will leave by their mailboxes. If you would like to help us with this please contact Ed Swartley or myself at [574.533.9680](tel:574.533.9680) for more info or to sign up.

**According to the United Nations**, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working in the area to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis. Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC’s relief fund, which supports MCC’s response to this disaster and others, visit [mcc.org/learn/what/relief](http://mcc.org/learn/what/relief), call [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676) or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

**For those considering a service project** this year, please consider Detroit as your destination. As Mennonite Disaster Service closed its flood clean-up project in Detroit, they invited Community Christian Fellowship (CCF) to enter into an extended relationship through August 2017. For more info, contact Lady J Wilson at [jwil@higherrgroundprogram.org](mailto:jwil@higherrgroundprogram.org) or [877-245-6252](tel:877-245-6252)

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**Eighth Street Mennonite Church** is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. Work to begin May 1. This is a part-time position (approx. 18 hours per week) and includes tasks in communication, producing bulletins/newsletters, providing administrative support to the 8<sup>th</sup> St Preschool. Conversational Spanish is an asset, but not required. Please send resume to [pastors@8thstmennonite.org](mailto:pastors@8thstmennonite.org).

**Mennonite Central Committee is seeking** an Admin Assistant: This position provides customer service and supports MCC staff in the Goshen, Ind., office. The primary tasks are receptionist duties (phone and walk-in), organization of supplies and other common areas, clerical duties, arranging travel plans for other staff members, taking meeting minutes and general administrative support. This is a part-time position (.40 FTE) with preferred hours on Mon, Wed, Fri from 8am-1pm (negotiable). For a full job description, visit [this link](#). Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online by April 7. For more info or questions, contact Amber Falcón at [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133) or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

(repeat) **On Sat, Mar 25, the Islamic Society** of Michiana is hosting a Mosque Open House from 2-5pm at 3310 Hepler Street, South Bend, IN. The open house is designed to educate, dispel myths, and remove fear of the unknown. There will also be hijab demonstrations, henna art, Islamic art, Mediterranean refreshments, and a kid's corner. It's free but RSVP at <https://goo.gl/3c3U9L>

(repeat) **A collection of "cabinet curiosities,"** including miscellaneous historical artifacts, will be on display in the Harold and Wilma Good Library basement gallery at Goshen College from Mar 26 through Jul 28. The exhibit includes Amish quilts, linens, Fraktur paintings, toys and other curiosities from the more than 3,000 museum artifacts owned by the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen College. A reception will take place on Sun, Mar 26, 3-5pm, in the Good Library Gallery, and is free and open to the public.

(repeat) **The Goshen College spring mainstage play** "Kindertransport" will take place Apr 1, 7 & 8 at 8pm and Apr 2 & 9 at 3pm in the Umble Center. This production centers around Eva, a young Jewish girl who escapes

Germany on the Kindertransport. Now an adult with a daughter of her own, Eva (now Evelyn) is haunted by her past and tormented by deep-seated fears from long ago. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 students/seniors/GC employees, and can be purchased through the Welcome Center at [574\) 535-7566](tel:574-535-7566), [welcomecenter@goshen.edu](mailto:welcomecenter@goshen.edu) or online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets). Tickets can also be purchased at the Umble Center box office one hour before the show.

(repeat) **Visio Divina: Connection through Art.** Sylvie Gudin facilitates this innovative group practice using art to focus, observe and connect insights to life experience. Fridays, Apr 7, 21, May 5, 19, 9-11 am. For info and to register see [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org) or call [574-202-2864](tel:574-202-2864)

(repeat) **Outdoor Stations of the Cross Walk...** This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Stations of the Cross walk at Pathways Retreat. Fourteen mosaic art pieces, created locally, will be on display along a wooded path during Holy Week, Apr 9-15. A golf cart is available. Visit [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org) or call [574-202-2864](tel:574-202-2864) for info

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(repeat) **Looking for a hands-on way to show God's love?** When people who have been placed in immigration detention centers are released, they sometimes have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Kits containing items like clothing and hygiene products can help them as they transition into life outside the detention center. Mennonite Central Committee is partnering with Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants to collect and distribute immigration detainee kits. For more information about kit contents, visit [mcc.org/gl-immigration-kits](http://mcc.org/gl-immigration-kits) or call the MCC Great Lakes Material Resource Center at [574-534-4071](tel:574-534-4071).

(repeat) **Amanda Hunsberger**, Craft Shop Coordinator at MDC Goldenrod, is planning to do a project with Goldenrod members where they paint on old vinyl records and then mold them in the oven to form bowls. If you have

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old scratched vinyl records that don't play music anymore, she would appreciate the donation. Contact her at [533-9720](tel:533-9720).

(repeat) **Do you enjoy mentoring young adults** and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for our Colorado Springs, CO, and Jackson, Mississippi, units. The two-year term begins late July. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at [SusanN@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:SusanN@MennoniteMission.net) or visit us at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net).

(repeat) **Stations of the Cross...** Pathways Retreat has a set of 14 watercolor Stations of the Cross by Ettore "Ted" DeGrazia on display in their retreat house during Lent, Mar 1-Apr 15. This is a wonderful opportunity for groups of all ages. For more info, visit [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org) or call [574-202-2864](tel:574-202-2864).

(repeat) **Join the Project Promise Players** as they present their annual Easter play at Clinton Frame Church on Sat, Mar 25, at 3 and 6pm. During this live drama, the actors will interpret the events of Easter. Admission is free; a goodwill offering will be taken. The church is located at 63846 County Road 35, Goshen, IN 46528. Project Promise is a program of MDC Goldenrod that provides spiritual and social support for persons with disabilities.

(repeat) **Goshen College and College Mennonite Church** are hosting a Minority Ministries Council Conference, titled "Black, Brown, and Mennonite: Lessons from the Chicano, Puerto Rican, and Black Freedom Movements for the Mennonite Church" on Mar 30 – Apr 1, at Greencroft Goshen Community Center. All are invited as we honor the essential work of Black and Brown leaders who, during the civil rights era, marched, struggled, imagined, and believed that another church—an anti-racist church—was indeed possible. Learn more at [goshen.edu/mmc](http://goshen.edu/mmc).

(repeat) **Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network** has about \$1200 left in NAP Credits that we need to sell still by the end of March. Their current newsletter is attached at the top of this email in tiny writing.

(repeat) **Morning Prayers at Pathways Retreat...** All are welcome to prayers at Pathways: Tue Welcoming Prayer, 7:30-8; Thur Centering Prayer, 7:30-8; Fri Lectio

Divina, 8-8:30. More info at [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org) or [574-202-2864](tel:574-202-2864).

(repeat) **There are still slots available** for LaCasa's DreamSavers program that gives people an additional \$4,000 to buy their first home. Participants save \$1,600 of their own earned income and the program matches it 250% (\$4,000). If you are interested in buying your first home [click here](#) to find out more and take the next step. If you have loved ones who could use the program, [click here](#) and share the article with them.

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee is seeking a Young Adult Coordinator:** This position, located in Goshen, Ind., coordinates and recruits for MCC Great Lakes young adult programs, including the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), Summer Service Worker (SSW) program and the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program. This position connects with Great Lakes' young adult alumni, especially using social media, and creates opportunities for young adults from the Great Lakes region to develop leadership skills. For a full job description, visit [mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings). Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online. For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcón at [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133) or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

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