

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### WORSHIP

#### April 16

Worship leader: *Bethany Swope*

Sermon: *Karl Shelly*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Egg Combo & Kinder*

**Easter Feast during 1<sup>st</sup> Hour**

**No Sunday School**

Scripture: *Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10*

#### April 23

Worship leader: *Small Group Rad*

Sermon: *Marshall King*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Hug & Well Seasoned*

Scripture: *Acts 2: 14, 22-32; Psalm 16; I Peter 1: 3-9, John 20:19-31*

Sunday School: *God hears Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis 16:1-15)*

### CALENDAR

TODAY	Apr 16	6:40am Sunrise Service at Dennis and Susan Mark Landis home (820 Steury) 9:30am Easter worship & feast at the meetinghouse, <b>no Sunday school</b>
Sun	Apr 23	12pm Aging Parents Support Group brown bag lunch at Meetinghouse 7pm Congregational Meeting
Tue	Apr 25	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Sun	Apr 30	8am Senior Breakfast

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**TODAY is Easter Sunday**, the final week 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 Live'. We will have an Easter Feast during 1<sup>st</sup> hour (bring finger foods to share) and there will be no 2<sup>nd</sup> hour or Sunday School.

**Easter Sunrise Service:** Apr 16, 6:40am (sunrise 7:01) at Double Oak (820 Steury, end of Herman, Goshen), any weather. Come dressed to be outside and tromp the woods, although if it is storming, we'll be inside. Since we can't see the actual sunrise, Danny Aramouni will drum the sun up. Roxy Gehring will play guitar with our singing. Please contact [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com) for a map, to help with readings, and if you are bringing children. Please drive SLOWLY past the neighbors and watch for migrating turtles.

**Easter worship, TODAY.** 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.

**Lora is in Ontario** to meet her new niece and celebrate Easter with her family. She will be returning Sunday evening. Contact Karl for pastoral emergencies.

**The "Milk and Honey"** campaign has begun! Please see attached Calendar of Events (at top of email in tiny writing, and printed out on lit table) for more information.

**There will be a public live-streaming** of the memorial service being held for MJ Sharp in Hesston, KS, on Sat, Apr 15 at 5pm at Waterford Mennonite Church. There will be a time of sharing memories of MJ and light supper afterward. All are welcome to attend.

**A reminder that Tom wants to meet you!** Our new bridge pastor, Tom Kauffman, would like to schedule conversations with everyone! Naomi will be managing the schedule; email her at [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) or call 534-4190. Provide your availability and preference of day/time/location (meetinghouse, your home, Electric Brew, etc). Tom is available Tue-Fri morning, afternoon, or evening. You can anticipate the following questions: 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?

**Graduating Seniors from college & seminary:** You are invited to a breakfast at 8am Sun, Apr 30 in celebration of your graduation. Your family and out of town guests are also welcome. Please contact Naomi at 534-4190 or [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) with the number attending, your degree, home congregation, and future plans (if you know them). Thanks for being part of us during your time in Goshen.

**May Women's Lunch Bunch** gathering will be on Wed the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30, at Greencroft Community Center. Sally Weaver Glick will be sharing, Sparks of Spring Light. Please sign up in The Gathering Place by Sun, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> or call Joyce Hostetler at 574-537-3762 by Fri, Apr 28. As always you can order food or bring your own. Lunch will be a salad for \$4.

**You are invited** to Assembly surprise luncheons on Sun, May 7. This is an excellent way to learn to know newer people at AMC and fellowship with old friends. Host and guest sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering space. Please sign up by Sun, Apr 30 to participate.

**Simon Graber Miller**, a junior at Bethany Christian Schools, was awarded a national honorable mention prize in Mennonite Central Committee Washington's annual high school essay contest. His essay on gun control placed in the top four among national high school submissions, and he received a \$500 check from MCC. Congratulations Simon!

**Safety Networks Update:** Since launching our effort mid-March, we have quickly ramped up and are matching volunteers with all the transportation needs of NIJC clients. We now have coordinators for all of our Networks, and have matched our first Family to Family connection – an immigrant widow with young children relieved to have some help negotiating life on her own in this foreign land. We have expanded our referral partners to include Goshen High School (via social workers there), and are inviting Eighth Street Mennonite Church to partner with us to expand our volunteer base. We continue to solicit and welcome Assembly volunteers. There are many ways to get involved, and signing up doesn't commit you to anything –

you will always be asked if a particular need is one you can help with. Please visit the online sign up – this is a tangible way to respond to injustices in our community:

<http://bit.ly/safety-net-start>

**La Casa's Help a House** is Sat May 13. Join friends, co workers, and other Assemblyites for a day of service to our Community. Please Sign up at Church or Call La Casa's office at 533-4450. Come ready to work at a variety of tasks involving home repair, painting, landscaping/ cleanup etc... Dress for work and come hungry as there is always lots of food for volunteers. And don't forget about your free T shirt and Dilly bars in the afternoon!

**If you are driving to Harrisonburg** and have room to take a box of used Sunday school materials to Jan and Kanjangu who will send them onto their contacts in Tanzania please let Naomi know.

**Karl and Klaus Bottorff**, sons of Kristine Regehr, are juniors at Bethany and trying to sell a huge pile of tickets to the Fish Fry on Apr 21 (4:30-8pm at Bethany Christian Schools, \$11 adults). For people who are still new, this is seriously challenging. Please consider purchasing your tickets from them; emails below. Thanks!

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(repeat) **Adam and Karen Graber Roth** are pleased to announce the birth of Reuben Hisham (pronounced Hishem), born Apr 1, weighing just over 8 lbs. They'll be finishing up their MCC term in South Africa this summer and returning to Goshen in August.

(repeat) **Kids Clothing/Toy Swap:** Clean out those closets! On Sat, Apr 29, from 10am-12pm, Assembly is hosting a Children's clothes and toy swap (size Newborn-Tween). \$1 minimum suggested donation for the items you take home, all proceeds will go to the building fund. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the Depot. Come support a good cause and swap out your kids' old stuff for new stuff. Light refreshments provided. For more info contact Sarah Phend Horst or Anna Yoder Schlabach.

(repeat) **A Special Thank You from John Blosser** I feel deep gratitude to you, our Assembly community, for the wonderful support you showed me (& Beck) during and since my hospitalization in late February. We have basked

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in the warmth of your many expressions of concern and support. From food to cards, hugs and words of encouragement, we've been blessed by you! I can't imagine life without such loving mutual support. Thank you so very much!!!

(repeat) **The Aging Parents Support Group** will meet Sun, Apr 23 after 2nd Hour. (Brown bag lunch) If you offer support for an aging parent or other person who needs extra help and would like to share with others who are doing the same, you are welcome. For more information contact Mary Roth at [574-312-1763](tel:574-312-1763).

(repeat) **Non-resident members** were recently contacted. We heard back from many of them. Updates on their lives and their decisions about membership with Assembly can be found in a document attached at the top of this email in tiny lettering and hard copies are on the lit table.

(repeat) **The 2% Committee** proposes the following Spring distribution plans: Local 1. Share the Bounty - Farmers Market \$500 2. LaCasa Help-A-House \$750 3. Goshen Ministerial Association \$500 4. Walnut Hill Daycare \$500 5. Elkhart County Clubhouse \$500. 6. The Window \$500 7. ADEC \$500 8. Center for Healing and Hope \$500 World 1. MCC a. Syria/Iraq \$1250 b. Africa (Sudan, Nigeria) \$1250. c. unrestricted \$1000 2. Christian Peacemaker Teams \$750. Please bring any concerns regarding these distributions to one of the committee members by Apr 9. Also, please let any committee member know of future recommendations and distribution suggestions for 2% funding. You can reach Steve Schrock at [sdschrock@hotmail.com](mailto:sdschrock@hotmail.com).

(repeat) **On behalf of the board** and staff of Amigo Centre, thank you for your contribution of \$330 to Amigo Centre. We look forward to investing your gift in the lives of children and adults that come to Amigo. We find much encouragement in the support you are offering.

## community connections

**Goshen College President Jim Brenneman** will deliver a farewell address on Fri, Apr 21, at 10am at College Mennonite Church, titled "Back to the Future: Reflections on Being GC's 16th President." A reception will follow. All are invited.

**Trail of Death Event:** A public gathering to remember, lament, and apologize for the forced removal of Potawatomi from Indiana will be held Sat, Apr 22. The event, sponsored by the Trail of Death Association and the Fulton County Historical Society, will begin at 2pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church (1310 Main Street, Rochester). Mennonite Church USA has accepted an invitation to send a representative to speak on behalf of its constituency.

**Goshen College choirs** will present their annual EARTHTONES choral concert on Sat, Apr 22, at 7:30pm in Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Drawing from powerful melodies originating from almost every continent, EARTHTONES promises to provide a concert of vitality and tone color in a celebration of World Music. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$7 seniors/students, available online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or via the GC Welcome Center at [\(574\) 535-7566](tel:574-535-7566).

**Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)** seminar Wed, Apr 26, 6-8pm. Topic: *Managing Fighting and Aggression* Learn why children fight and how to respond to and manage fighting and aggressive behaviors when they do happen. [Click here to register now!](#)

**Mennonite Creation Care Network (MCCN)** is holding a regional meeting Thur, Apr 27, 7pm, at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, 2509 Berkey Avenue, Goshen, Indiana. We welcome all who are interested in working at creation care at the congregational level, or simply learning more about MCCN. We'll spend the first 45 minutes reviewing MCCN's Green Patchwork Congregations program and hearing what churches in Northern Indiana are doing. From 7:45-8:30am, we'll discuss ideas from the Rooted and Grounded conference at AMBS the previous week. RSVP to [mccn@goshen.edu](mailto:mccn@goshen.edu) by Apr 26.

**Goshen College's 119th commencement** ceremony is Sun, Apr 30 at 3pm in the Roman Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center. The speaker is Luis Fraga, co-director of the Institute for Latino Studies at Notre Dame and a Latino political pioneer. Commencement activities are free and open to the public. For the full Commencement Weekend schedule, visit [goshen.edu/graduation](http://goshen.edu/graduation).

(repeat) **Two chances to hear from MCC Colombian** partner. Juana Alicia Ruiz is an Afro-Colombian community leader of Mampuján, a rural community on the

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Caribbean Coast of Colombia. Mampuján was forcefully displaced by paramilitary armed forces in 2000 and has since been working to rebuild their community. MCC, working in the region through an Anabaptist organization, Sembrandopaz, began the work of trauma healing with the evangelical church of Mampuján by teaching traditional quilting techniques and opening safe spaces for storytelling. This work evolved into the creation of large, community-made tapestries that tell the stories of violence and displacement, as well as the resilience and hope of Mampuján. This community process has grown in the past decade to now function as an organization called Women Weaving Dreams and Flavors of Peace, of which Juana is the leader. Juana will be speaking on Tue, Apr 18, at 7pm at College Mennonite Church. She will also be speaking at the Witness Colloquium at AMBS (3003 Benham Avenue in Elkhart) on Wed, Apr 26 at noon. Both events are free and open to the public. She will share some of the group's handiwork as well as the stories of the healing and peace that they are working to bring to Colombia's violent history.

(repeat) **Rooted and Grounded:** A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Apr 20–22 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This three-day event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Speakers Sarah Augustine, Stanley Saunders and Todd Wynward will focus on ecology in the Sermon on the Mount, the land struggles of Indigenous peoples, and what Christians can learn from Standing Rock. The event includes workshops, paper presentations and off-site immersion experiences. Cost: \$100/regular, \$35/day, \$25/students. [ams.edu/rootedandgrounded](http://ams.edu/rootedandgrounded)

(repeat) **Apr 21 Fish Fry:** Bethany Christian High School's junior class fish fry is 4:30-8pm, Fri, Apr 21. Come for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are \$11 for adults and carryout and \$6 for children grades 1-6 (under grade 1 free). Tickets may be purchased from any Bethany jr or at the school.

(repeat) **South Bend Chamber Singers** will present James Whitbourn's Annelies, A Holocaust Remembrance Concert based on Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl. Sun, Apr 23 7:30pm at Temple Beth-El (305 West Madison St in South Bend). Free and open to the public.

(repeat) **Bright Time Summer Camp**, June 5-9, has more than 50 athletic, fine arts, science, and all kinds of fun camps for age 4 through rising grade 8. Camps are \$30-\$40. Additionally, Shine On Campcare will provide a place for children for before, between, and after their camps. View camp listings and register at [bethanycs.net/BrightTime](http://bethanycs.net/BrightTime)

(repeat) **The Bethany Christian Fish Fry** is coming up on Fri, Apr 21, and many of MDC Goldenrod's community members enjoy attending. Each ticket is \$11. We have quite a few community members in need of tickets this year, and many do not have the budget to attend. If anyone in your congregation is willing to donate a few tickets, our community members will be very grateful! Contact [574-533-9720 x16](tel:574-533-9720) if you are able to help.

(repeat) **Ten Thousand Villages Coordinator** Needed for Relief Sale: One or two persons are needed to coordinate the Ten Thousand Villages area of the upcoming Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. If interested or for more info, please contact Joy Kauffman King at [574-238-0734](tel:574-238-0734).

(repeat) **Bus Driver Needed:** Bethany Christian Schools invites applications for bus driver for the daily Elkhart-Bethany route, before and after school. Applicants must have or be willing to obtain a commercial driver's license with school endorsement, a safe driving record, physical health to operate a 28-passenger van safely, first-aid certification, and interpersonal skills to relate well to students and parents. Position can begin as soon as candidate is available. Applicants should submit a letter of application and a completed application form (available online at [www.bethanycs.net/jobs](http://www.bethanycs.net/jobs)) to Head of School Tim Lehman at [tlehman@bethanycs.net](mailto:tlehman@bethanycs.net).

(repeat) **A note from The Window:** Our organization is primarily run by volunteers. We are currently in desperate need of volunteers to help serve our community. Attached (at the top of this email in tiny lettering) is a list of volunteer opportunities (there are also copies on the lit table). We primarily need drivers for Meals on Wheels but other positions are also available. If you're able to donate some time to a good cause, please contact Millie Hernandez at [533-9680 ext 201](tel:533-9680) for more info. You can also go to our website at [www.thewindowofgoshen.com](http://www.thewindowofgoshen.com) and find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/)

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