

# 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 2	April 9
Worship leaders: <i>Glenn Gilbert and Jeremiah Chico</i> Sermon: <i>Tobin Miller Shearer</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Food Group &amp; Scoops</i>	Worship leaders: <i>Glenn Gilbert and Jeremiah Chico</i> Sermon: <i>Kristine Bottorff</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Food Group &amp; Scoops</i>
Scripture: <i>Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11: 1-45</i>	Scripture: <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27 or Matthew 21:1-11</i>
Sunday School: <i>The Last Supper (Matthew 26:1-5, 14-30)</i>	Sunday School: <i>Jesus' arrest and death (Matthew 26:36-27:66)</i>

### CALENDAR

Wed	Apr 5	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center
Sun	Apr 9	12:30pm Lenten Book Study gathering at Meetinhouse
Wed	Apr 12	6:30-8:30pm Small Group Child care at Meetinghouse
Thur	Apr 13	Maundy Thursday gatherings with small groups in homes
Fri	Apr 14	12pm Good Friday community wide ecumenical service at College Mennonite
Sun	Apr 16	9:30am Easter worship & feast at the meetinghouse, no Sunday school
Sun	Apr 23	12pm Aging Parents Support Group brown bag lunch at Meetinghouse

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**Emerson Landis** (4<sup>th</sup> Rock Run) turned 10 on Mar 25! Emerson loves performing in choir and plays at school. He enjoys playing with Pokémon with his sister, Lego with dad, and cooking with mom. He likes doing all kinds of sports and his favorite food is pepperoni pizza. He's looking forward to family vacation in Mexico.

**TODAY is the 5th 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 Breathe' (see Lent 2017 handout on the literature table or attached at the top of this email). 2<sup>nd</sup> hour will include a continuing discussion on racism with Tobin Miller Shearer (following his sermon during 1<sup>st</sup> hour). 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."

**Lora Nafziger will be traveling with her family** from 4/1-4/8. Please contact Karl Shelly for pastoral needs.

**We are in the midst of celebrating** a new phase of Assembly's corporate life. We have dreamed and discussed, split into small groups, posted sticky notes and prayed. We have had a total plan and had our plan interrupted. We have tested for consensus and celebrated achieving it! We now have officially begun our capital campaign and spiritual journey that will solidify our commitment to the process of making our dream a reality. Jep Hostetler and Justin Rothshank are chairing the campaign and are eager to answer any questions you have.

**This year's Maundy Thursday** (Apr 13) 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 on the round white table is available for folks not in a small group who would like to participate. To all small groups: please contact Naomi ([office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)) to indicate if you are participating. For small groups that are participating, Naomi will send you the service outline and instructions. Also please indicate what day you will be meeting and if you have space to include others.

**Good Friday service** (Apr 14) You are invited to participate in the community wide ecumenical Good Friday

service, April 14, 12pm, planned by representatives of the Goshen Ministerial Association at College Mennonite Church. Take advantage of this opportunity to worship from the broader community standing in solidarity with the God who suffers and those in our community who suffer during this time.

**Easter worship**, Apr 16. 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

**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).

**How does Assembly work?** Pastoral care at Assembly is offered in various ways. Small groups serve as the “front line of pastoral care;” the Assembly Care Team (established at the beginning of this time of pastoral transition) provides ongoing care to a designated group of people; and our pastors, are available to listen, talk, pray, counsel, or accompany any Assembly participant who contacts them.

**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.

**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).

**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.

**Central District Conference's** March edition of their monthly newsletter, Reporter, can be viewed [here](#).

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

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

(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.

(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. (Please let us know if you signed up and cannot attend because we pay for all lunches ordered on 3/30.)

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(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.

### community connections

**The Window’s list of needs:** Pantry - Plastic Grocery Bags, Shampoo, Deodorant, Baby Wipes, Diapers sizes:4 , 5 & 6, Canned Beans: Kidney, Pork, Chili & Refried, Canned Tuna, Pastas, Canned Corn & Mixed Vegetables, Tomato & Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce; Katie’s Kitchen – Salad Dressings: French, Italian & Ranch, #10 cans of Fruit & Vegetables, Butter, Egg Noodles, Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Paper Napkins, Laundry Soap, Kool-Aid/ Lemonade Mix, Elbow Macaroni, Spaghetti Pasta, Instant Potatoes, Chicken and Beef Broth, Tomato Juice and Sauce

**The Window Benefit Meal** will be held during April First Friday, Apr 7 beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of chili with the fixings, cornbread, and strawberry shortcake will be served. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$9. Call 533-9680 for more info.

**Bethany Fourth Graders Plan Historical Events:** On Thur, Apr 13, the fourth grade class at Bethany Christian Schools will be presenting skits to help others learn about the Trail of Death, the forced removal of the Potawatomi from Indiana in 1838. The program begins at 6:30pm, is open to the public, and is in preparation for another public event on Sat, Apr 22. Last fall the class visited historical sites associated with the Trail of Death as part of studying Indiana History and peace and justice issues. Subsequently, leaders of the Trail of Death Association and the Fulton County Historical Society asked the class to assist them in

planning a public gathering to remember, lament, and apologize for the forced removal. This public gathering will be held Sat, Apr 22, in Rochester. Mennonite Church USA has accepted an invitation to send a representative to speak on behalf of its constituency.

**Witness Colloquium - Sustaining Your Peacemaking:** Wed, Apr 26, 12-1pm: Juana Ruiz is an Afro-Colombian lay leader and peacebuilder on the Caribbean coast of Colombia, whose social process received the 2016 National Peace Prize in Colombia. What sustains engagement amid adversity? Join us for to a conversation with Juana, who is a part of a group of women in Mampuján that began weaving their collective narratives and histories into traditional tapestries, including the experience of the forced displacement of their community by the paramilitaries in 2000, the forced displacement and enslavement of their ancestors, and their process of social healing. Location: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, room H of the Lambright building, 3003 Benham Ave, Elkhart.

<http://www.ambs.edu/witnesscourse>

**Thinking about deepening your faith** and developing your leadership skills through seminary study? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, offers generous need-based financial aid for its master’s programs — whether you’re studying on-campus or at a distance. Financial aid applications are due Apr 15 for the 2017–18 academic year. [ambs.edu/financialaid](http://ambs.edu/financialaid)

**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).

**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

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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 at [www.facebook.com/thewindowofgoshen](http://www.facebook.com/thewindowofgoshen). **Pathways Retreat's** April edition of their monthly newsletter, Rhythms, can be viewed [here](#).

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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: [www.pumpkinvine.org](http://www.pumpkinvine.org).

(repeat) **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)

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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](#).

(repeat) **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 [574.533.9680](tel:574.533.9680) for more info or to sign up.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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(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)

(repeat) **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).

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

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(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).

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