

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 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)*

April 30

Worship leader: *Small Group Tumbleweeds*

Sermon: *Gayle Gerber Kooontz*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Tupelo & Grape*

8am Senior Breakfast

Scripture: *Acts 2: 14, 36-41; Psalm 116; I Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35*

Sunday School: *Moses is born (Exodus 1:1-2:10)*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Apr 23	12pm Aging Parents Support Group brown bag lunch at Meetinghouse 7pm Congregational Meeting
Tue	Apr 25	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Sat	Apr 29	9am Kids clothing swap at Meetinghouse
Sun	Apr 30	8am Senior Graduation Breakfast
Wed	May 3	7pm Leadership Group meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Elena Stutzman (6th GMS) turned 12 on Apr 15! Elena loves Dog club and liked participating on swim team this past winter. She wants to learn German and she likes JYF especially when they go for donuts in Sunday school. She is looking forward to traveling this summer!

Shemaya Magatti (5th Parkside) turns 11 today April 23! He enjoys geography and history. He is good at soccer (GYSO and Goshen stars) and basketball. He likes playing with his brothers and to play chess and piano. He's looking forward to going to camp this summer.

Aaron Hochstetler (1st grade Rock Run) turns 7 on Apr 24! Aaron enjoys soccer being outside, biking, swimming, and tree climbing. He likes to play games with his family and he is a very fast banana eater. he likes to play "Lego town" with Leah.

TODAY is the 1st Sunday of our Eastertide worship series 'Called to Restoration'. This morning's focus will be 'Restoring Life' (see the Eastertide introduction on the literature table or attached at the top of this email). 2nd hour will be an Easter Hymn Sing.

Congregational meeting is TODAY, Apr 23 at 7pm.

Topics to be covered: second reading of the conference affiliation proposal, solar panel possibilities for AMC's new building, Milk and Honey campaign introduction, and a Get to Know you Q&A with our new bridge pastor, Tom Kauffman. Child care provided.

Milk & Honey Capital Campaign has begun! We are celebrating a new phase of Assembly's corporate life. We've dreamed and discussed, split into small groups, posted sticky notes, and prayed. We had a plan which was interrupted. We have tested for consensus and celebrated achieving it! Find out more about how you can get involved with the campaign on our website at assemblymennonite.org/building, or in the email sent out to the congregation which can be read here or in hard copy form on the lit table. You'll find ideas about how to pray, info about upcoming events, and general info about the campaign. Join in creating a space overflowing with hospitality and welcome!

Our Eastertide Worship (Apr 23-Jun 4), led by small groups, will focus on the restored and empowered lives God provides us through the risen Christ: power to join God in the work of restoring all things to life,

wholeness and relationship to God. An introduction to this series can be found attached at the top of this email or printed out on the literature table. Electives for 2nd hour during this Eastertide worship series will run from Apr 30 through Jun 4. Read descriptions of the 3 electives below.

"Some Assembly Required." Not to be confused with our softball team, this classic Assembly elective will be facilitated by Bethany Swope, with guests Lora Nafziger, Karl Shelly, Susan Nelson, and Mary Lehman Yoder. All newish attendees - along with anyone newly curious about how Assembly works - are welcome to attend. The six sessions are affectionately titled Creation Stories, What is this place?, This we believe, Is anyone actually in charge here?, Assembly group-think, and Potluck74.

Living wholeheartedly takes much courage, vulnerability, and patience. This elective will offer space to discuss and practice wholehearted living based on Brené Brown's books *Daring Greatly* and *Rising Strong* as well as her e-course *Vulnerability, Courage, Shame, and Empathy: The Living Brave Continuing Education Course*. Facilitated by Gretchen Krause.

Parenting can be tough under normal circumstances. When it comes to our kids' constant access to technology, we face many challenges that can have some pretty serious consequences. Join us for this parenting elective and bring your ideas, your anxieties, and your questions related to helping families find balance in this digital age. Facilitated by Katie Schramm.

Students from Ryan Sensenig's Environmental Science class used Assembly as a subject while they explored the feasibility of placing solar panels on our new building. They have created a short survey to be filled out by Assembly participants which can be accessed [here](#). Come to the cong meeting TODAY at 7pm to hear more.

Kids Clothing/Toy Swap: On Sat, Apr 29, from 9am-noon, Assembly is hosting a Children's clothes and toy swap (size Newborn-Tween). Part garage sale, part swap, part fundraiser, all fun! \$1 minimum suggested donation for the items you take home, all proceeds will go to the building fund. Contact Sarah Phend Horst or Anna Yoder Schlabach if you'd be willing to help provide snacks. We'd also welcome your old plastic bags. You can drop off items

in the worship space the week before (sizes sorted and labeled please).

Bethany Christian Middle School will perform *Born to Be Wild* at 7pm Fri and Sat, May 5&6. *Born to be Wild* invites you to take a walk on the wild side in this imaginative, hilarious peek into the instincts and habits of animals. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, may be purchased online beginning Apr 17 at bethanycs.net/tickets. Included in the cast are Assemblyites: Jordana Farran and Naomi Klassen.

On Fri May 12 at 7pm, critically acclaimed Canadian faith-based drama troupe, Theatre of the Beat, will be presenting *This Will Lead to Dancing*, a play about wholeness, belonging, and LGBTQ inclusion at College Mennonite Church. Join us for a thought-provoking theatre experience that explores this conversation through creativity, humor & sincerity. Admission is by donation; the event is sponsored by Assembly and 4 other Goshen congregations.

(repeat) **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 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?

(repeat) **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 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.

(repeat) **May Women's Lunch Bunch** gathering will be on Wed the 3rd, 11:30, at Greencroft Community Center.

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Sally Weaver Glick will be sharing, Sparks of Spring Light. Please sign up in The Gathering Place by Sun, Apr 23rd 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.

(repeat) **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. Sign up by Sun, Apr 30 to participate.

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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>

(repeat) **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. Don't forget about the free T shirt and Dilly bars in the afternoon!

(repeat) **If you are driving to Harrisonburg** and have room to take a box of used Sunday school materials to Jan and Kanjungu who will send them onto their contacts in Tanzania please email office@assemblymennonite.org.

(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) **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 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).

community connections

On Mon, Apr 24, Goshen College Art Club is hosting the biannual Student Art Sale. It'll take place in the Union Building, from 10am to 2pm. It's a great way to connect with student artists on campus, buy gifts for family and friends, as well as listen to music by student performers.

Sustaining Your Peacemaking: Wed, Apr 26, 12–1pm at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS). What sustains engagement amid adversity? Join us for to a conversation with **Juana Ruiz**, an Afro-Colombian lay leader and peacebuilder on the Caribbean coast of Colombia, whose social process received the 2016 National Peace Prize in Colombia. Juana is part of a group of women in Mampuján who 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

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process of social healing. Training is part of AMBS's weekly Witness Colloquium course. Location: AMBS Lambright Center, Room H. ambs.edu/witnesscourse

Join Michiana MEDA for dinner and our annual chapter meeting! Thur, May 11, at 6:30pm. Koinonia Room, College Mennonite Church. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door. Please RSVP by Tue, May 2, to info@michianameda.org or [355-3607](tel:355-3607).

Pouring Blessings: Tea Party with a Really "Cool" Twist! hosted by SPA Women's Ministry Homes. Sat, May 13, 2-4pm at First Baptist Church (53953 Co Rd 17, Bristol, IN 46507) Hat Contest Categories: Themed, Outlandish, Sunday Hat, and Children. There is no admission fee. A love offering will be taken at the event. To attend, you MUST RSVP by May 8 by calling [574-333-3150](tel:574-333-3150), or emailing carriez@spaministryhomes.org, or by messaging us on Facebook.

Goshen College will be offering summer camps for a variety of ages, interests and budgets, including sports, musical theater, writing and art. Learn more at goshen.edu/summercamps.

Eighth Street Preschool is hiring for the 2017-18 school year. We are looking for a Teacher's Assistant to assist the lead teacher in working with 3, 4 and 5 year old children. The position is approximately 24hrs./week. For more information please contact Angela Miller, Preschool Director, at 533-6720 or preschool@8thstmennonite.org.

Amanda Hunsberger, Craft Shop Coordinator at MDC Goldenrod, is looking for old T-shirts or old/broken candles for her next craft: making rugs. She can be contacted at amandah@mdcgoldenrod.org. The Electric Brew in Goshen will be having the group's (Creative Ability) jewelry on display soon.

The MDC Goldenrod community would like to extend a hearty thank you to everyone who provided Bethany Christian High School Fish Fry tickets to our community members! We were overwhelmed with the outpouring of support we received for this event. Our community members love participating each year, and many could not do so without assistance from this wonderful church community. Thank you!

Product Distribution Coordinator (.5 FTE) needed with Mennonite Mission Network (MMN): Distribute communication products, record information, help plan communication strategies, and provide customer service. You may be the right person to join MMN's Marketing and Communication team! Please email your resume to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net

Job Opening: Bethany Christian Schools is seeking an Advancement Associate to begin summer 2017. Position has full or part-time potential and includes some weekend and evening hours. Works collaboratively as a member of the organizational advancement team responsible for alumni, donor, and enrollment relationships and marketing. Candidate should have excellent communication and relationship skills, project-planning ability and follow-through, enthusiasm for Mennonite education, and enjoy collaborative work. Position reports to the Director of Advancement. Information available online at bethanycs.net/jobs. To apply submit a resume, letter of application, and philosophy of Christian education to Head of School Tim Lehman (tlehman@bethanycs.net).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 or via the GC Welcome Center at [\(574\) 535-7566](tel:574-535-7566).

(repeat) **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!](#)

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(repeat) **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 by Apr 26.

(repeat) **Goshen College 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.

(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

(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).

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