

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

June 25

Worship leaders: Bethany Swope, Leah Hochstetler, Eliza Herber

Storyteller: Michael Miller

Welcoming & tear-down: *Food Group & Scoops*

Communion

Scripture: *Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)*

July 2

Worship leader: Jodi Beyeler

Storyteller: Various Storytellers

Outdoor Worship at OxBow Park Picnic to follow

Scripture: *Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42*

C A L E N D A R

Th-Sat Jun 22-24 Central District Conference annual meeting in Bluffton, OH
Sun Jul 2 9:30am Outdoor worship service and picnic at Ox-Bow County Park

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

assembly life and people

Tristan Mast (rising 6th Bethany) turned 11 on June 17! Tristan likes to ride bike, swim and play basketball with friends. His favorite subject is social studies, and he combines that interest with his love of music by listening to the Hamilton soundtrack.

Ella Shank Van Eenige (rising 1st Chandler) turned 6 on June 21! Ella's favorite color is purple. She likes to read books and play tricks with her cousins. Ella enjoys swimming at Shanklin pool and going to friends houses. Ice cream and rice are her favorite foods.

Elias Magatti (rising 1st Parkside) turns 7 on June 29! Elias loves reading and his favorite place is the library. He likes building with Legos and reading books with his dad. He likes cooking spaghetti with his mom but he does not like to eat it!

Rooted in Love. Summer worship schedule continues through August 6th! We gather at 9:30am, with children and teachers dismissed around 10:15am for Sunday school, while the rest continue in worship until 11am. There is no separate second hour. See the handout attached at the top of this email (in tiny writing) or on the lit table in the gathering space for more information.

Update -- Announcements during worship: Watch for several experiments this summer in how we tend oral announcements. On June 25, please use the [announcements request form](#) available on the table in the gathering space, and bring announcements in writing to the worship leader

during the offering. On July 2, since there will be no printed copies of the Assemblyline, there will time for anyone to share brief oral announcements.

Lora Nafziger will be traveling with her family following the Central District Conference meetings this weekend. She will be back in the office July 10. **Tom and Amy** will be on vacation from June 27 through July 4. For pastoral needs contact Karl Shelly. Other concerns can be directed to Naomi at office@assemblymennonite.org.

Outdoor worship: On July 2, we will gather at Ox-Bow County Park for worship at 9:30am followed by a picnic. Please bring a blanket or chair and picnic foods to share, plus any needed serving utensils and your own table service. Vehicle entry fee is \$2 without a season pass. We will meet at the Stable shelter, in the northwest corner of the park (once inside park, keep turning left). The shelter is reserved until 2pm for those who wish to linger after lunch, and the park is open until 9pm.

Elder selection. Newly selected elder Mary Yoder Holsopple recently shared that she and Elroy have accepted a teaching position in the country of Angola for one year with the possibility of extending longer. Her upcoming departure creates a vacancy on the Leadership Group (LG) which we've sought to fill following precedent from previous vacancies by asking a current, ending LG member (Jeanne Liechty) to extend her term by one year. This honors the congregation's past discernment and creates some continuity in a time of congregational transition. Mary will stay in touch electronically about congregational

issues and decisions so that she can smoothly move into the last two years of her term should she and Elroy return next year. If she does not return, we will pick three rather than two new elders in next year's discernment process. Rose Stutzman will become LG chair in August as planned. If you have any questions, please raise them with a pastor or elder (see list on back of AssemblyLine).

The Summer Women's Luncheon will be meeting at Maple Indian, 127 S. Main St, Goshen, Wed, July 5 at 11:30am. Come as you are, for conversation and connecting with each other around lunch. There will not be a formal program. Please sign up on the signup sheet at the round table or e-mail Heather Bridger-Ulloa at hbridger.ulloa@gmail.com, before Mon, July 3. We will each be ordering the buffet or off the menu. Questions contact Ellen Kennel or Heather Bridger-Ulloa

Summer Sunday School needs 5 more leaders July 16, 23, and 30. Please consider leading one of those Sundays to give our regular SS teachers a break this summer! See the round table in the gathering space to sign up.

Elroy and Mary Holsopple are relocating to Luanda, and are looking for a good home for their dog, Oakley. They also have plants and an electric typewriter looking for a new home. [574-538-9250](tel:574-538-9250). They currently plan to leave the Goshen area the last week of July.

MDC Goldenrod, a program of Mennonite Disabilities Committee, is urging us to contact our U.S. Senators and tell them to vote "No" on the American Health Care Act that is being considered by Congress. Votes are expected in the coming week.

(repeat) **Albert Meyer** is in the middle of 10 days at Greencroft Gables while the Meyer clan vacations in Colorado. Al would welcome visitors.

(repeat) **Michael Yoder** recently moved to Greencroft Healthcare (Cottage Room 543). Mike has a very pleasant room (thanks to Ann Graber Miller) and is glad for short visits. You might want to take a favorite CD and share some music with him. Daytime visits would be appreciated next week in particular.

(repeat) **Bob and Doris Ebersole** are in The Maples at Waterford Crossing room 209 for rehab. They are glad to be together, ready to get back to their apt at The Residence.

(repeat) **Central District Conference's** annual sessions are June 22-24, in Bluffton OH. Karl Shelly, Lora Nafziger, Joyce Hostetler, Jep Hostetler Dave Ostergren and Mitch Rhodes will be representing AMC as delegates.

(repeat) **We are glad to invite** you to the fundraiser event for Tanzania Education Aid (TEA) on July 1 from 10am-2pm. Location: Ares Fitness Parking lot 201 Chicago Ave, Goshen near Kroger. Come eat and be reminded that God is transforming lives by his power and love. The money will go to support student fees, library services, and water project in Shirati, Tanzania. You may purchase tickets from Richard, Michael, Lenora, Andre, or Tobias. Checks go to Tanzania Education Aid. Thanks and God bless you.

(repeat) **Greta Lapp Klassen and Simon Graber Miller** are both part of a Study-Service Theology Term (SSTT) that Keith and Ann Graber Miller are leading in Guatemala through June 27. The group consists of 20 diverse high schoolers (Catholic, Non-Denominational, Baptist, Mennonite) who are being prompted to think theologically in this Goshen College program funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.'s Religion Division. To follow the blog, go to www.goshen.edu/ssst and subscribe for blog updates.

(repeat) **CCJ Fundraiser.** The Center for Community Justice in Elkhart is hosting a dinner with Lorraine Stutzman-Amstutz on Wed, June 28 at 6:30 pm at Bread and Chocolate in the Old Bag Factory. She will be talking about the transformative change Restorative Justice brings to schools. Glenn Gilbert and Carolyn Schrock-Shenk are both going to this and would love to fill several tables with AMC'ers. If you don't know Lorraine, she is dynamic and sort of the grand-mommy of the current manifestation of RJ in the US. We'd be happy to have you get your own tickets (<http://www.centerforcommunityjustice.org/>) but please let one of us know so we can save tables/seats for you.

(repeat) **On June 5, Ervin Stutzman** invited delegates to the MC USA General Assembly in Orlando to participate in an orientation regarding the delegate sessions. This was helpful as the business sessions are different this year because of the Future Church Summit. That session was recorded and is available to all who wonder how this will work. <https://youtu.be/aYaCPAPUVjU>

(repeat) **The Ted & Co play, "Discovery: A Comic Lament,"** will be performed at College Mennonite Church

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on Sat, July 1 7pm. With unexpected humor, it is about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It features Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne; was written by Alison Brookins, a student at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary; and is directed by Phil Weaver-Stoesz, AMC member living in AR Sponsored by College Mennonite Church and Assembly. Admission by donation.

community connections

Advanced Spiritual Guidance Seminar. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s yearlong supervised program in spiritual guidance is for people who offer spiritual direction and wish to enhance their skills. It will be offered in a hybrid format. Online work begins Aug 14. On-campus dates are Sept 11–12, 2017, and April 23–25, 2018, in Elkhart, Indiana. ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/advanced-spiritual-guidance

Opportunity to host an international young adult: Mennonite Central Committee is looking for a host family in the Elkhart/Goshen area for Emmanuel, a 28-year old male from India, who will be participating in MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) beginning in August. Emmanuel, who has degrees in art, sociology and history, will be working at the Elkhart County Clubhouse. Host families have the opportunity to learn about a new culture from the IVEP participant they host, as well as getting to understand their own culture in a new way when they see it through the eyes of someone experiencing it for the first time. Each host gets a monthly stipend that is to be used to cover some of the costs for the room and board of the IVEP participant. For more info, Amber Falcón at [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133) or AmberFalcon@mcc.org

AMBS job posting: Executive Assistant to President and Academic Dean . Job objective: Provide administrative assistance to the president and the vice president & academic dean, performing administrations functions with professionalism, competence, and reliability. Bachelor’s degree and five years of executive secretary experience preferred. [See full job description](#)

(repeat) **Victory Noll Center** is pleased to announce their first conference and training on nonviolence. “Blessed are the Peacemakers: A Conference and Training on Nonviolence” will take place Fri, Jul 28 7-10pm, Jul 29

9am-4pm, Huntington, IN. conferenceonnonviolence.com. Early registration \$95 by July 1.

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat Healing Care Group.** Weekly meetings July 31-Nov 20 (no meeting Sept 27) This group provides 16 weeks of experientials around inner healing. Classes are led by Norma Miller who has completed the Formational Prayer certification program through Healing Care Ministries at Ashland, OH. Classes are held at Pathways Retreat from 1-3:30pm. Cost for all sessions along with notebook is \$340. To register contact Norma Miller, [574-536-5672](tel:574-536-5672).

(repeat) **Registration is open** for The Window’s 2nd Annual 5k & Family Fun Walk. This is a great way to support our mission and have a good time with your friends and family as well. thewindowofgoshen.com to register.

(repeat) **AMBS online short course:** Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Sept 13-Oct 24. This Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary online short course taught by Jamie Pitts, Ph.D., covers the birth and development of 16th-century Anabaptist movements and looks at various interpretations of the meaning of “Anabaptism” today. Cost: \$200 before Aug 23; \$250 after. CEUs available. ambs.edu/shortcourses

(repeat) **The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** will be held the weekend of Sept 22-23. There are many ways to get involved and donate. Please see attached doc at the top of this email for more information.

(repeat) **Host Families Needed:** Bethany Christian Schools is in need of host families for serving international students who would like to attend Bethany. This opportunity to gain cross cultural experience in your own home often becomes a rewarding experience for the host family, as well as a blessing to the student. Families receive monetary compensation. One school year commitment. For more information, contact admissions director Sarah Kraybill Lind (admissions@bethanycs.net or 534-2567).

(repeat) **The Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism (ISGA)** at Goshen College seeks an Administrative Assistant/ Communication Coordinator to begin in June. One-half time staff position. The Administrative Assistant will work closely with the ISGA director to provide support for ongoing projects related to the ISGA, including

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writing assignments, newsletter production, logistical support for conferences, web site development and maintenance, as well as other related duties. For more information, contact John D. Roth (johndr@goshen.edu) or visit the Goshen College website (www.goshen.edu/hr/).

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