

WORSHIP

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<p>April 10 9:30 AM Worship <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Mary Lehman Yoder Preacher: Alison Brookins Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Luke 19:28-40, Philippians 2:5-11</p>	<p>April 17 10 AM Worship <i>Easter Sunday</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Karl Shelly Preacher: Anna Yoder Schlabach Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-18, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26</p>
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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Emi Kaufman (5th, GIS) turned 11 on March 26th! Emi likes to write informational and persuasive essays (and can be very persuasive). At school she likes library, math and STEM. She enjoys dancing and singing in choir and spending time reading and watching TV. She likes to be creative with her friends and spend time with her animals.



Reuben Graber Roth (CCYC) turned 5 on April 1! Reuben loves chocolate-ice cream, pudding, cake and candy. He also likes juicy pears and spaghetti. He likes to go skiing and play soccer and to use a bow and arrow with his dad. He is learning how to do a back flip and is excellent at giving directions. Someday he would like to go to the Olympics!

SUNDAY APRIL 10

9:30am – All ages are welcome to join us in the Worship Space at 9:30. Children & youth (infants through high school) will be dismissed for 45 minutes of Sunday School in the middle of the worship service. You may also join our worship service [on Zoom](#).

Today is Palm Sunday. The last Sunday in Lent, it also launches us into Holy Week. Traditionally each day during Holy Week has a different emphasis and tells a different part of the biblical story. We will be exiting the building briefly so please have a jacket or sweater for you and your child. Read on for more announcements about Holy Week services [here](#) in our congregation.

Welcome to Alison Casella Brookins, our guest preacher today. Alison is a 2017 AMBS graduate who lives in Chicago. She is the author of the play that plays (sorry) with the Doctrine of Discovery, which many of us have seen. She is also a free-range pastor ordained for ministry by Mennonite Church USA. She does her best to live into a theology of justice, joy, and humor, dreaming of those moments when the world cracks open and something remarkable peeks through. Alison reads lots of speculative fiction, runs medium distances very slowly, and is chair of the board for the nonprofit Center for Art, Humor and Soul.

COMING UP

<https://assemblymennonite.org/about/calendar/>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THUR	FRIDAY	SAT
April 10 <i>Palm Sunday</i> • 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	April 11 • 6:30pm Dance Group	April 12 • 7pm Leadership Group	April 13 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom	April 14 • 6:30pm Maundy Thursday service	April 15 • 7pm Good Friday service	April 16 • 3 & 5pm Family Easter Vigil
April 17 <i>Easter Sunday</i> • 6:50am Sunrise service • 9am Easter finger food potluck • 10am: Worship • 8pm: MYF gathering		April 19 • 6pm Labyrinth walk • 7:15pm Small group Reps meeting on Zoom	April 20 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom		April 22 • 12pm Psalm & Prayers on Zoom	
April 24 • 9:30am Worship • 1pm JYF gathering	April 25 • 6:30pm Dance Group	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30



Mask Policy: For Sunday morning worship and Sunday school, and other church services open to the public, we are still asking everyone ages 2 and older to wear a mask. We are thankful that we can worship (and sing!) together in person, while taking reasonable precautions that protect the most vulnerable among us. -AMC Pastoral Team

([Our Covid Advisory Committee](#) encourages everyone to be aware of the risks of attending large gatherings, particularly for those who are immuno-compromised or unvaccinated.)

Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999

[Find COVID-19 Information Here](#)

Please email announcements to assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org by 11 PM local time Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's AssemblyLine. To receive the AssemblyLine via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

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HOLY WEEK

Pathways Stations of the Cross April 10-16. Pathways Retreat will have their annual Stations of the Cross up in the woods. The reflections this year are new and a golf cart will be available. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.



Maundy Thursday Service - April 14, 6:30 p.m. Join with others in the multipurpose space for a simple service of candle lighting, communion and footwashing as we enact the story of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Children are welcome to participate. Childcare for children 5 and under will be provided. Unlike other years, there will not be a meal. So that we know how many to expect, please sign up in the gathering space or email annays@assemblymennonite.org



Good Friday Service - April 15, 7 p.m. Join us for a [Tenebrae](#) worship service in the worship space. We'll sing together, hear the story of Jesus' journey to the cross and extinguish candles as each scripture is read.

Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 16, at 3 & 5 pm. This is an activity open to all, with children and families in mind. It is an opportunity to travel through all the events and emotions of Holy week. The event will move through the woods at Justin and Brooke Rothshank's house (63786 CR 33). This is not an accessible trail. We will hear stories, sing songs, pray, paint and find Easter eggs! Please RSVP to Lora Nafziger at loracn@assemblymennonite.org with the time you want to participate so that we can be sure there are enough supplies and treats for everyone.



Easter morning Sunrise Service – Sunday, 6:50 a.m. (sunrise is at 7 a.m.) Steve Shantz's house (60728 CR 27) Welcome the sunrise and celebrate the resurrection with a short outdoor service surrounded by daffodils and chickens.



Easter morning breakfast potluck – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Bring a **ready to eat** festive finger food to share at the meetinghouse. Weather permitting, we'll set up tables indoors and outdoors. Please bring your own plates and utensils. Cups and napkins provided. Pre-worship singing will begin at 9:45am.

Easter morning Worship – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Please bring fresh cut flowers. During worship we will transform the cross from a symbol of death into a symbol of new life.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

MYF request: The MYF is in need of a van (or other large vehicle) for our group's transportation for our MDS service trip this summer to Jennings, LA! Our group would need the vehicle from July 9th-July16th, and would cover all gas expenses. Please reach out to Sara Morris or Erich Miller if you have a vehicle our group could use for that week! saramorris514@gmail.com; kerichmiller@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Tasks: Volunteers are needed for Sunday morning tasks through Dec 2022. All are encouraged to sign up for 2 or more tasks. To volunteer, fill out the form on the website [here](#) or look in your church mailbox for a pink paper. Make sure to include your name on the form. Return the sign-up form to Becky Overholt's mailbox by May 1.

The next congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday May 1st at 7pm. (This was rescheduled because April 17 is Easter Sunday). All Assembly participants are encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly congregational meeting. Look for more information about agenda in the coming weeks.

Our condolences to Meribeth Shank and the rest of the family, on the death of Wilma Shank (Meribeth's aunt) on March 31. Wilma was a former member of Assembly. [Her obituary can be read here.](#)

Noon Psalms & Prayers Ending. Since Lent 2020 we have been meeting at noon 2 or 3 times a week on Zoom to read as Psalm and spend a brief time in quiet reflection and prayer. The pastoral team has decided to end this practice after April 22nd. All are welcome to join us these last two weeks on Zoom. (There will not be noon prayer on Good Friday).

Bethany Fish Fry. The junior class at Bethany Christian High School is having its annual fish fry Friday April 22 from 4:30-8:30pm, to raise money for their senior class trip. DRIVE-THRU, CARRY OUT ONLY. Tickets are \$12, and include 5 pieces of fish, chips, tartar sauce, and a piece of pie. Donations are also accepted. [You can purchase tickets or donate online](#) and select the name of the student you want to give credit for the sale. You're encouraged to consider supporting Geoffrey Hochstetler, who is a member of Assembly's MYF.

Share Prayer Requests by [filling out the online form at this link.](#) Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

CAPS Rally for Kids: April 11, 11-11:30 AM. Join CAPS at the Elkhart Civic Plaza as a public declaration of your support for the prevention of child abuse and neglect! We encourage everyone to attend and wear blue to show your support for ending child abuse right here in our community!

Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 29th. Please join Goshen residents and others across the United States to celebrate 150 years of Arbor Days. Goshen's celebration will be on the Courthouse Lawn from 4:30-7:30 pm. This celebration has been planned by the Tree Board.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Philipp Gollner to present at Religion Symposium. Today's world is witnessing to new configurations of alliances and conflicts between religious institutions and the state. Religion is a key player in rewriting nationalist narratives that underpin state policies. The Lilly Foundation and Valparaiso University hosted a special symposium, "Religion, State, and Nationalism: Problems and Possibilities" on April 8, 2022. Recordings of the symposium should be available in the future. Panelists include Atalia Omer (University of Notre Dame), Antoine Arjakovsky (College des Bernardins, Paris), & Philipp Gollner (Goshen College). Details can be found [here](#).

MCC Virtual Borderlands Learning Tour: April 18-22. Through Zoom video conversations, participants will hear first-hand from folks on the ground about the complexities of the U.S. immigration system, U.S. immigration policies that have worked to dismantle the asylum-seeking process, and the human factor on various sides of the spectrum. This is a five-day virtual learning tour and the \$100 per participant. There will be a three-hour session each day from 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m. PDT with real-time presentations and conversations. *Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all five days for the duration.* **Register by April 11.** For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 20 – May 31. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online short course from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by April 13. ambs.edu/shortcourses

Voices Together Worship Leaders' Workshop on Saturday May 14, 9 a.m.-noon (on Zoom) sponsored by Benton Mennonite Church. Anneli Loepp Thiessen and Katie Graber will provide background on worship resources in *Voices Together*, and the *Voices Together Worship Leaders'* ed., highlighting uses in worship as well as the styles, cultures, and eras they represent. They will discuss tools for understanding your community's worship culture in order to make intentional, theologically grounded, and spiritually inspired choices about worship practices that respond to your local contexts and dismantle oppression in your communities. No cost required. For more information, and to register, go to www.bentonchurch.org/voices-together-worship-workshop.

Diversity curriculum for young adults: MC USA has launched a new curriculum entitled, Diversity: God's Design. This multi-media study calls young adults to celebrate their unique gifts and the intentional diversity of God's creation. The four-week curriculum uses biblical reflections to introduce the importance of intercultural competency as part of Christian growth and formation. Find it here: mennoniteusa.org/diversity-gods-design/

Financially Stressed? Are you afraid to open your utility bill? Are you distressed that inflation is at an all-time high? Gasoline prices are over \$4.00 per gallon! The cost of groceries is out of control! And, my student loan debt is soaring! If you identify with these concerns, it's time for a financial check-up with an Everence Financial Services Advisor. Contact an advisor at everence.com/LSS or call (877)809-0039.

Free LaCasa Financial Education Courses. Check out the [website](#) for more information or to sign up for virtual & in-person classes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bible School Volunteers Needed. Assembly is joining Faith, Berkey, 8th St, Silverwood and Sunnyside churches in a new Vacation Bible School venture. It will take place at Silverwood in the evenings **Sunday, June 19-Wednesday June 22.** Assembly has been asked to provide 6 volunteers. If you have an interest in helping, please talk with Lora Nafziger. Information about registration for children will come in April/May.

Assembly will be hosting children's programming and child care during the Central District Conference Annual Meeting, June 23-25. Volunteers are needed to provide childcare for the youngest children; and a volunteer lifeguard is needed for the older children on Friday afternoon, June 24. If you can help, please contact Lora Nafziger at loracn@assemblymennonite.org.

Kay Bontrager-Singer needs volunteers to help with set up and clean up for the CDC annual meeting Pastor Appreciation Dinner on Thursday June 23. The dinner will be at the Assembly Meetinghouse at 5pm. If you can help with set up and clean up on Thursday afternoon, please contact Kay at kay.bsinger@gmail.com. She will let you know details about when help is needed.

WIDER CHURCH

Pathways Retreat April newsletter can be found [here](#).

MCC partners in Ukraine work: Anna, an MCC Ukraine staff member, and her family fled their home as the conflict edged dangerously close. While seeking refuge in Lviv, the family immediately joined a church's efforts to care for as many refugees as they could manage. Click [here](#) to read more. To donate to MCC's response in Ukraine, click [here](#). Donation checks can also be mailed to: MCC PO Box 500 Akron PA 17501-0500.

Thrifty 50 Challenge. To celebrate MCC Thrift's 50th anniversary, we're inviting you to take the Thrifty 50 Challenge! [Sign up today](#) to receive a weekly sustainability challenge that helps our planet and also have a chance to win a \$25 MCC Thrift gift card every week.

Mission Network prayer request. Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network, traveled to Benin and Chad in preparation for a new ministry among Muslim and Christian believers. Pray for them as they complete their assignment at Paris (France) Mennonite Center and discern God's leading into their next ministry location.

Dove's Nest hires new Executive Director. Dove's Nest's mission is to empower and equip faith communities to keep children and youth safe in their homes, churches, and communities. To read more about the new Executive Director, click [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Hively Avenue Preschool is seeking a dedicated, passionate, and loving teacher who has at least three years of experience working with children ages four and five in a preschool setting. The ideal candidate should enjoy creating hands-on curriculum, have excellent classroom management skills, and be comfortable working and sharing one's faith in a small church setting. A degree or certification in early childhood or elementary education is strongly preferred. The teacher would work approximately 30 hours (four days) per week. The position would begin in late August. Candidates will have the ability to shadow the program for a day in the spring to make sure that it is a good fit. The job is part-time with a pay range of \$11.75 - \$12.25 per hour. COVID-19 considerations include extra cleaning & sanitizing and checking children's temperatures upon arrival. Interested parties should e-mail a resume to preschool@hivelymennonite.org. For more information on the preschool, please visit the school website: <http://preschool.hivelymennonite.org>

Mennonite Mission Network is searching for a Service Adventure leader for the Anchorage unit! If you feel called to guide young adults on their faith journey in the cool Alaskan air, contact LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net for more information!

Mennonite Church USA's job postings are [here](#).