

# AssemblyLine

March 20, 2016

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**Lectionary Texts:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### March 20

Worship leader: *Caitlin Lanctot*

Sermon: *Storytelling by Abigail Brunk Greaser and David Ostergren*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Net & Derailed*

Scripture: *Passion Week Narratives*

Sunday School: *Jesus' arrest and death (Luke 22:39-23:56)*

### March 27

Worship leader: *Anna Yoder Schlabach*

Sermon: *Lora Nafziger*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Hygge & Maple*

**Easter Feast during 1<sup>st</sup> hour  
No Sunday School**

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## CALENDAR

TODAY	Mar 20	7pm Congregational Meeting
Tues	Mar 22	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Wed/Thur	Mar 23/24	Maundy Thursday service with small groups in homes
Fri	Mar 25	7:30pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross service
Sun	Mar 27	7:15am Sunrise service, home of Steve & Kate Shantz (60728 CR 27, Goshen) 9:30am Easter worship & feast at the meetinghouse, <b>no Sunday school</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**This morning's coffee is Cafe Justo**, brought back by the MCC Borderlands Tour group. For more info, visit the Cafe Justo Facebook page.

**Maundy Thursday**, Mar 24, 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 will be available the next two Sundays for folks not in a small group who would like to participate. Groups planning to participate please contact Dawn ([dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org)) for the service outline and instructions. Also please indicate if you have space to include others around your table.

**Good Friday** service, Mar 25 at 7:30pm will be a contemporary Station's of the Cross service held at the meetinghouse, and will focus on Jesus' presence in the suffering in Israel/Palestine and the Borderlands.

**Cheryl Mast's mother** was released into the Mast family's care this past week. If you are able to help out with meals, please sign up [here](#). Additionally, if you would consider being on a prospective volunteer help list for respite care, transportation, errands, and/or laundry assistance, please

add your contact information and areas of interest [here](#). Contact Patrick Farran for more info about how to help.

**The community hymn sing** (that Bobby Switzer started last Jun) has moved to Greencroft. You are invited to join us at 6:30 every Thur evening in the Juniper Place dining room. Questions? Call Bobby at [260-849-2045](tel:260-849-2045)

**Interested in playing** for the "Some Assembly Required" softball team this year? We don't have enough players to support a team yet, but you can change that! We play in the "C" league through the Goshen Park District. Season runs Tues nights late Apr-early Jul plus post season tourney with games @ Shanklin Park. We currently have full-time slots (\$60), half-time slots (\$30), or substitutes (no charge - but no guaranteed playing time). Please contact Steve Schrock at [sdschrock@hotmail.com](mailto:sdschrock@hotmail.com) by Mon 3/21.

**Women's Lunch Bunch** Apr 6, Wed at 11:30 at Greencroft Community Center. Julia Gautsche will be sharing. Please sign up in the gathering place by this Sun or call Joyce Hostetler at 574-537-3762. Lunch will be a Bistro Salad with chicken breast, \$5. If you sign up for food and don't show, please pay for the meal, as we are charged for the number of lunches that were ordered.

**Catch the Spirit!** Summer Bible School is just around the corner! Jun 6-10, 9-11:30am at College Mennonite Church.

Adults interested in volunteering can pick up the GREEN volunteer form on the back table or see Christa Janzen or Sarah Horst after 1st hour this Sunday. Youth (grade 6 and older) can pick up the WHITE volunteer form on the back table. Forms are due back to Christa or Sarah (in person or mailboxes) by APR 10.

**From Rachel and Luke Yoder Penner:** Thank you for the generous 2% contribution you made in Dec. Our friend Reina said to us, "I gave thanks to God the day I received the money. My husband hasn't worked in several months and I am so grateful for your support. Thank you!" We have also very much appreciated your support and prayers during our first year of service with MCC in El Salvador, and are looking forward to worshipping with you this Sun, Mar 20th while we are back in Goshen visiting family.

(repeat) **Leadership Group** has completed the 2015 State of the Congregation report. It is attached to the electronic version of this week's AssemblyLine (look at the very top left-hand corner for the link). Several printed copies are also available on the literature table. The report offers a succinct overview of congregational highlights of 2015.

(repeat) **The sculpture** that's currently a part of the worship space visual is looking for a home after the Lenten season. If you want to know more about the piece you can contact Maddie Gerig at [mjane.gerig@gmail.com](mailto:mjane.gerig@gmail.com).

(repeat) **The Facilities Renovation Task Force** and individuals have met more than ten times since Sept. We have worked with the architect, the city and an engineering firm to revise and redesign our space for Assembly and Faith to worship and nurture our children. The new design will have flexible space that can be used for community projects yet to be defined. The Task Force is now ready to bring a plan to the congregation for your evaluation and response. Come to the congregational meeting Mar 20 at 7pm when these plans will be presented.

(repeat) **Easter sunrise service**, Mar 27, 7:15am at Steve and Kate Shantz's farm (60728 CR 27, Goshen), led by Wilma Harder and Barb Swartley. *If the service is canceled because of weather, a listserv message will be sent by 6:30am Sunday.*

(repeat) **Easter worship**, Mar 27. 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.

(repeat) **You are invited** to a gathering to explore starting a Moral Mondays group in Elkhart County. Moral Mondays is a movement that originated in North Carolina under the leadership of Rev. William Barber to gather people of faith and others who believe in a moral universe to advocate for justice for the most vulnerable at the state level (see [indianamoralmondays.org](http://indianamoralmondays.org)). The meeting is Apr 12, 7pm, at the Assembly meetinghouse. Contact Karl Shelly for more details.

(repeat) **Gone missing!** The computer projector normally stored in the sound cabinet in the worship space has been missing for several weeks. The projector is property of Faith Mennonite, and is used regularly by both Faith and Assembly. If you know of its whereabouts, please let anyone on staff know as soon as possible.

(repeat) **The relief buckets** are packed and ready to go! THANK-YOU for the generous contributions to this project. With \$1,545 Johanna Sutter was able to get supplies for 70 buckets. Our prayers go with these buckets to bring joy and hope to the refugees.

(repeat) **Thank you to Assembly Mennonite Church** for giving \$17,100 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2015! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission are deeply felt across the street and around the world.

## community connections

**Camp Friedenswald is coming to Goshen!** You are invited to join us on Thur, Apr 14 at 7pm at Assembly Mennonite Church for dessert, conversation with Camp staff, and a brief presentation. We plan to update you with the latest plans for 2016. RSVP by Apr 8 to [269-476-9744](tel:269-476-9744) or [jenna@friedenswald.org](mailto:jenna@friedenswald.org)

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**Stations of the Cross and Resurrection.** Follow the footsteps of Jesus on his way to the cross at Pathways Retreat, 309 ½ Hackett Road, Goshen, Mar 23-26. The traditional 14 Stations of the Cross are designed and handcrafted of colorful mosaic by local artist and teacher, John Nafziger. Then, on Sun, Mar 27 through the 50 days of Easter, seven Stations of the Resurrection will mark the risen Christ's appearances from dawn of the first Easter through the ascension. These stations are ceramic tiles made from watercolor paintings by local artist and spiritual director, Sylvie Gudin. No cost, donations accepted. See [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org) for photos and directions.

**Thank you to Assembly** for your generous donation of 196.88 lbs of food to The Window from Sept-Dec 2015.

**MDS Volunteers Needed** Ten volunteers are needed to help with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) project in Detroit, Apr 18-22. This project includes clean-up and reconstruction in response to massive flooding in 2014 that damaged the homes of 128,000 families. It is a bi-national MDS effort (both Canadian and American). If you are interested in responding, contact Volunteer Placement Coordinator Alicia Hurst [ahurst@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:ahurst@mds.mennonite.net)

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** Great Lakes has extended the deadline until Mar 21 for applications for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for the program, staff and budget of the Great Lakes region. For more info visit [serve.mcc.org](http://serve.mcc.org) or contact Susan Wadel at [717-552-5785](tel:717-552-5785).

(repeat) **Peace Gathering in Elkhart:** You are invited to join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes and Elkhart Advocates for Peace & Justice (EAPJ) for an informative evening on conscientious objection and military recruitment. The gathering will take place on Sat, Mar 19, from 6-7pm at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church in Elkhart. Joshua Russell, Legislative Assistant for the MCC U.S. Washington Office, will be the speaker.

(repeat) **Friends of Amigo Banquet:** Mar 31 at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church. Meet and greet the staff and board at 6pm followed by the dinner at 6:30pm. If interested in attending, please contact Amigo by Mar 21 by phone 269-651-2811 or email [info@amigocentre.org](mailto:info@amigocentre.org).

(repeat) **Love: Sacred and Profane:** A Recital for Voice and Piano. Songs by Liszt, Bach, Michael Head and others. Located at Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart, IN) Sun Apr 3, 4-4:45pm. Light refreshments afterward, admission is free.

(repeat) **West Coast MCC Global Anabaptist** Peacebuilding seminar Jun 16-24 in Fresno, CA for students 18-26 years old. \$300 includes all expenses. Four tracks - creation care, migration, food security, and restorative justice with integration of shalom and peacebuilding concepts. More details [here](#).

(repeat) **HELP!!** The Depot MCC Thrift Shops needs your help. If you have a passion to work with clothing and enjoy fellowship with others, then we have an opportunity for you! The Depot is making a push to gain ten additional volunteers to work with sorting, preparing and pricing the donated clothing that helps support the work of the Mennonite Central Committee. Please consider some of your time and contact Karen or Doug at 534-1828 or stop in at 1013 Division St. Goshen

(repeat) **Goshen College's Men's Basketball** team is interested in working for donations that will go towards their team service trip. If you are interested in hiring the team for a job (anyone moving?), contact Neal Young, Head Coach at [765-749-5017](tel:765-749-5017) or [nyoung@goshen.edu](mailto:nyoung@goshen.edu)

(repeat) **Mennonite Disaster Service** is currently scheduling weekly volunteers for the months of Apr, May, and Jun. If you are interested in serving with us, please call. We would love to have you serve with us! Contact Alicia [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:800-241-8111) or [ahurst@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:ahurst@mds.mennonite.net)

(repeat) **MDC Goldenrod** is looking for a Groundskeeper/Maintenance Assistant to help oversee upkeep and maintenance of the MDC Goldenrod grounds in both Goshen and Middlebury. This position will also provide back up to the Maintenance Director when needed. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more info, please call Ken Mauzy, Maintenance Director, at [533-9720](tel:533-9720).

(repeat) **Bethany Visit Days** are a great way for prospective students and families to see Bethany Christian Schools in action! Students in grades 6-10 interested in exploring Bethany can shadow a Bethany student on Mon,

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Mar 21, 8:40am-3:30pm. Parents are invited to an 8:45-9:15am coffee and conversation followed by an optional tour. For more info or to register, see [bethanycs.net](http://bethanycs.net).

(repeat) **Amigo Scrapbook, Crafting, and Sewing Retreats:** Spring dates, Apr 8-10. For more info or to register: 269-651-2811 or [amigocentre.org](http://amigocentre.org).

(repeat) **MDC Goldenrod invites you** to come see our community members as they present the Project Promise Easter play on Sat, Mar 19, at 3 & 6pm at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church. Admission is free! Project Promise provides spiritual and social support for persons with disabilities. A free-will offering will be collected to support the program. Visit [mdcgoldenrod.org](http://mdcgoldenrod.org) or call [533-9720](tel:533-9720).

(repeat) **Join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)** for our Annual Business Tour on Sat, Mar 19, at 8:30am. This year's tour will feature Kountry Wood Products, makers of Kountry Cabinets, in Nappanee. After a buffet breakfast at Mullet's Dining, Ola Yoder, CEO and founder of Kountry Wood Products, will give a presentation about his business. We'll then proceed to their corporate offices and Plant #1 for a tour. This Amish-owned business was founded in 1998 on a basic business philosophy: that building a quality product, selling at a reasonable price and providing customers with good service was the key to building a successful business. Please RSVP by Mon, Mar 14, to [info@michianameda.org](mailto:info@michianameda.org) or [355-3607](tel:355-3607). Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

(repeat) **All are welcome to join** in the 6th Annual Palm Sunday parade, Mar 20, whose theme this year is "Peace without borders: Welcoming the Refugee." The route starts at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church at 2pm and goes past Prairie Street Mennonite Church (1316 Prairie Street), where others may join around 2:45pm. We then continue up Main Street past Saint James AME church where others may join and onto the Elkhart Civic Plaza, where we will gather to pray, sing and hear from Lisa Koop, immigration attorney with the National Immigrant Justice Center. Anyone is welcome to join at any point along the route! Organized by the Elkhart Advocates for Peace and Justice.

(repeat) **MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering:** As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 6pm on Sat, Apr 30, at North Goshen Mennonite Church, 501 N. 8th Street in Goshen. Special guest speakers will be Ben & Beth Weisbrod, current MCC Area Directors for Central and West Africa. Please RSVP [534-4133](tel:534-4133) or to [img@mcc.org](mailto:img@mcc.org).

(repeat) **Our Neighborhood Outreach Specialist,** Jose Elizalde, is looking for 3 volunteers to help with citizenship classes being held at the LaCasa offices at 202 N. Cottage Ave. He hopes for someone who can commit to help for the length of the class. This person does not need to know Spanish; English-only speakers are welcome. The class is for 10 Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm (the classes have already started this week). The volunteer's responsibility will focus on reading and writing English sentences. Interested parties can email [jose.elizalde@lacasainc.net](mailto:jose.elizalde@lacasainc.net) for more info. This is an opportunity to learn more about the citizenship process, which is quite extensive.

(repeat) **Summer Camp at Amigo Centre** is just around the corner! See the lit table for brochures or visit [amigocentre.org](http://amigocentre.org) for dates and registration info.

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** is now accepting applications for the role of Global Ministries Senior Executive to provide leadership and oversight to the Global Ministries division, to participate in organizational leadership, and to work with the Executive Director in cultivating healthy relationships with international and local partners. The anticipated start date is Aug 2016. To receive a position description or to send a letter of interest please address Human Resources Senior Executive Rachel Stoltzfus ([RachelS@MMNWorld.net](mailto:RachelS@MMNWorld.net)) and Executive Director Stanley Green ([StanleyG@MMNWorld.net](mailto:StanleyG@MMNWorld.net)).

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