

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 45; Hebrews 10:4-10;  
Luke 1:26-38

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### April 10

Worship leader: *Sara Klassen*

Sermon: *Kristy Shellenberger Yordy with Sara Klassen and Kim Stuckey*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Well Seasoned & Here and There*

Scripture: *Song of Songs 1:5-8; Matt. 27:59-28:9; Mark 15:37, 40; Luke 24:1-3; John 12:1-8; 14:1; 19:25-26; 20:1-18*

Sunday School: *Jesus appears to Thomas (Luke 20: 19-29)*

### April 17

Worship leader: *Janine Ostergren*

Sermon: *Kyle Schlabach*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Cardinal & Three*

Scripture: *Psalm 117; John 20:19-31*  
Sunday School: *The good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)*

## CALENDAR

Tue	Apr 12	7pm Moral Mondays group meeting at Meetinghouse
Sun	Apr 17	7pm Congregational Meeting
Sun	Apr 24	8am Senior Breakfast
Tue	Apr 26	7:15pm Small Group Reps Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**We extend our love and sympathies** to John Nafziger and his family. John's 95 year old mother Mary Emma Nafziger died peacefully early Monday morning, April 4. Lois and John were in PA with her at the time of her death and will remain there through the week. There will be a memorial service on Sun, Apr 10 at Landis Homes where she lived since 1988.

**We share our prayers** with Tom Hassan and his family as they grieve the loss of Miriam Hassan, 91 year old mother of Tom, who died Mon, Apr 4, at Cass County Medical facility, where she had resided for the past three years. Her death was the result of a massive stroke. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Fernwood Nature Center, per Miriam's wishes. Your prayers of support and words of comfort, in the days post stroke, were greatly appreciated.

**Our heartfelt sympathies** to the family of Harold Bauman, a previous Assembly member, who passed away last week. An obituary can be read [here](#). Services are at College Mennonite Church on Sat, Apr 9. Visitation is in the Gathering rooms, 12-3pm. A memorial service is in the sanctuary at 5pm. We invite your prayers for the family and friends in this time of loss.

**August Hann Nafziger Rhodes** is now 8 weeks old and Lora returned to the office this past week. She will continue to take Mondays off and work from her home and the church office.

**AMC Email and Address Updates/Additions:** Please visit the round table (by the mailboxes) on Apr 10 or 17 to make sure your email, phone number and address are current. If you are new to the congregation and would like to add your contact info, you are encouraged to fill out the form as well and indicate if you would like a mailbox.

**Vacation Bible School volunteer** forms are due back to Christa Janzen or Sarah Horst **this Sun, Apr 10**. Thank you for your willingness to make VBS a success!

**Graduating Seniors from college & seminary:** You are invited to a breakfast at 8am Sun, Apr 24 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](mailto: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.

**Go to the Assembly website** ("current projects") to see the Building Renovation proposal and the feedback collected at the March congregational meeting.

**La Casa's annual Help A House** is Sat, May 14. A signup sheet will be in the lobby. Plan on spending the day working on repairing homes for low income home owners or La Casa's rental housing. Breakfast, lunch, dilly bars & a T shirt, what more could you want? All skill levels useful. Bring hand tools, paint brushes etc., and get ready make a positive difference. See Dale Klassen for more info.

(repeat) **Our Eastertide Worship** (Apr 3-May 8), led by small groups, will focus on post-resurrection stories, mostly from the gospel of John. In keeping with the "new life" theme of the season, we look forward to bringing these stories to new life through the practice of *midrash*, as we "turn the texts" together. An introduction to this series can be found attached at the top of this email or printed out on the literature table.

(repeat) **Spring second hour electives are here!** Apr 3-May 8, Karl will be offering a second hour seminar on progressive Christianity. This elective is open to all. College students are warmly invited to participate in a second elective exploring a feminist reading of the Bible led by Kristy Shellenberger Yordy.

(repeat) **The canvas baskets** used by the children to collect food for The Window every month have slowly dwindled in number. If you borrowed any and have them at home, please return them as soon as possible. Thanks!

(repeat) **Adopt a fern!** The three potted ferns in the Worship Space are in need of TLC. Please contact Mary Gilbert at [mgilbert1301@gmail.com](mailto:mgilbert1301@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

(repeat) **Everence** is hosting an Estate Planning workshop on Thur, Apr 28. You must RSVP by Apr 14. If you would like to attend, details are on the bulletin board. Or talk to our Everence rep, Eric Yordy.

(repeat) **Our very own Alta Good-Elliott** was featured in this month's newsletter for Anabaptist Disability Network. To read the article, find the link at the top of this email (in tiny lettering at the top left of the page).

## community connections

**Ted Swartz brings the play**, "Listening for Grace," to Kern Road Mennonite Church on Apr 17 at 6:30pm. Listening for Grace follows the story of a widowed father whose son has just come out as gay. Through relationships with his son, an estranged cousin, people in his church and

a pastor who deals with issues of sexuality in the Bible, the main character is challenged by many different viewpoints and experiences. Tickets paid in advance are \$8 by Apr 15, 4:30pm, and \$10 at the door. More info at [krmc.net](http://krmc.net).

**Bethany Christian High School's** junior class fish fry is 4:30-8pm, Fri, Apr 22. Come for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are \$10 for adults and carryout and \$5 for children K-6 (preschool-age free). Tickets may be purchased from any Bethany junior or at the school (534-2567).

**Mennonite Central Committee** Alumni & Friends International Potluck: alumni or interested friends of MCC are warmly invited to join us at 6pm on Sat, Apr 30, at North Goshen Mennonite Church, 501 N. 8th Street in Goshen. Please bring a favorite international dish to share (tableware will be provided). If possible, please RSVP at 574-534-4133 or [lmg@mcc.org](mailto:lmg@mcc.org). For more info click [here](#).

**Join Camp Friendswald** for a day devoted to exploring, delighting and caring for the peaceful woods. "Naturally Friendswald" on Sat, Apr 30 will include: reintroduction of hazelnut and blueberry plants to the property; Sheepdog demonstrations (sheep will assist us in planting wildflowers); conversation regarding the use of livestock for property management; guided nature hikes and wagon rides; and boating on Shavehead Lake. Call [269-476-9744](tel:269-476-9744) to reserve your spot.

**Bright Time Summer Camp**, Jun 6-10, 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. Shine On Campcare will provide a place for children for before, between, and after their camps. View camp listings and register online at [bethanycs.net/BrightTime](http://bethanycs.net/BrightTime).

**Mennonite Disaster Service** has urgent needs for Short-term volunteers and groups in Detroit, MI. For more information or to sign up call [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:800-241-8111)

**Pathways Retreat's** April edition of their newsletter, Rhythms, can be found [here](#).

(repeat) **Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical** Apr 12 1pm Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall. *Goshen College May Term in England* - Travel vicariously to London with three Goshen College professors who lead students during May term. Free to public. For info call [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565)

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(repeat) **National Trail Opening Day** is Sat, Apr 16, and the Friends of the Pumpkinvine are hosting a variety of walking, running, and biking events on the Pumpkinvine Trail. 8-9am: bird & tree identification walk - meet at Abshire Park. 9am-12pm: bike checks at Abshire Park. 9am-2pm: "Pokervine" Chase - meet at Pumpkinvine Cyclery, Middlebury. 1-2:30pm: 3.5 mile group fitness walk, meet at Abshire Park. 3-4:30pm: wildflower hike, meet at CR 33 & the trail intersection. For more details of all the events go to <http://www.pumpkinvine.org/>

eligible for partial benefits. Visit [www.bethanycs.net/jobs](http://www.bethanycs.net/jobs) or contact Tim Lehman at [tlehman@bethanycs.net](mailto:tlehman@bethanycs.net) for more information.

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Schools** will host a drop-in open house 12-2:30pm Sun, Apr 17, for anyone considering enrolling for fall 2016. Bring your family and invite others from your church or neighborhood who may have interest in Bethany. Stop by after church for lunch, and faculty and staff will be available to answer questions and give tours. So we know to expect you for the meal, please register online

([bethanycs.net/admissions/visit](http://bethanycs.net/admissions/visit)) or RSVP to Sarah Kraybill Lind at 534-2657 or [admissions@bethanycs.net](mailto:admissions@bethanycs.net)

(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** has a full-time position available for an Admissions Counselor. For more information, visit [www.ambs.edu/jobs](http://www.ambs.edu/jobs) or call [574.295.3726](tel:574.295.3726).

(repeat) **Healthcare professionals, students, retirees!** Register by Apr 15 for the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) 2016 Annual Gathering, Jun 17-19 at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO. Topics include the spirituality of illness, international healthcare, end of life ethics, public health, trauma, and gun violence. Open to all interested, especially medical, mental health, therapy, and chaplaincy professions, including students and retirees. Children and Youth Program provided. Register at [www.mennohealth.org/gathering](http://www.mennohealth.org/gathering)

(repeat) **The Window, Inc.** is in need of a C.P.A./Bookkeeper. This is a part-time position consisting of 8-10hrs per week. For more info please contact Executive Director, Ed Swartley.

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Schools** invites applications for the position of evening custodian beginning June 2016. Ideal applicants can work independently, perform minor repairs on equipment, and supervise student cleaning crews during the summer. The position is three-quarters time and

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