

AssemblyLine

April 17, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17;
John 10:22-30

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

April 17

Worship leader: *Small Group Derailed*
Sermon: *Kyle Schlabach*
Welcoming & take-down: *Cardinal & Three*

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

April 24

Worship leader: *Small Group Well Seasoned*
Sermon: *Karl Shelly*
Welcoming & take-down: *Kinder & Potentially Attractive*
8am Senior Breakfast

Scripture: *Psalm 148; John 21:1-14*
Sunday School: *Sharing bread at night (Luke 11:5-13)*

CALENDAR

TODAY	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

Elena Stutzman, 5th Parkside, turned 11 on Apr 15! Elena loves dogs and enjoys taking her dog to 4-H. Elena runs track and plays viola. She just visited Kenya and especially enjoyed the Safari. She likes playing with her nephews and niece and is excited for a new niece soon!

Aidan Ebricht Zehr, 5th Parkside, turned 11 on April 12. Aidan enjoys sports and plays soccer, baseball, basketball and runs track. He also enjoys playing sports games on the Wii. He plays cello and likes to play with his brothers and friends in their elaborate imaginary universe.

Dawn and Doug will be out of town Apr 15-18. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please be in touch with Karl or Lora.

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.

The Facilities Renovation Task Force has responded to your questions/comments from the March Congregational meeting. They are posted on the website under [Current Projects](#). The Task Force will meet in early May and is inviting any persons who have additional requests or needs concerning the renovation/building to meet with them. If

you would like to join for the first 10min, please contact Susan Nelson at susangnelson67@gmail.com.

If any small group would like to have a member of the Facilities Renovation Task Force meet with them to talk about this project, please contact Susan Nelson.

Assembly has a new projector! A big thank you to Glenn Gilbert for his leadership and time. Instructions for how to connect to the projector are on the Assembly website under [Worship Resources](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **August Hann Nafziger Rhodes** is now 8 weeks old and Lora has returned to work. She will continue to take Mon off and work from home and the church office.

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

(repeat) **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 provided! 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 if you are able to help.

community connections

The Center for Community Justice needs volunteer mediators committed to peace and justice principles and who have a passion for working with people and the community. Volunteer mediator training will be on Thur and Fri, Apr 29-30 from 8am-4pm at Sunnyside Mennonite Church. There is a \$50 fee to reserve your space. Contact Anne Lehman at 295-6149 or email at alehman@centerforcommunityjustice.org for further questions and to register.

Community School of the Arts Choral Showcase Concert Sun, May 1, 4pm, Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, online at goshen.edu/tickets or (574) 535-7566. Featuring performances by three CSA youth choirs: Rejoice (grades 3-5), directed by Kristin Kauffman; Shout for Joy (grades 6-8), directed by Sandy Hill; and Sommo Voci (grades 9-12), directed by Marcia Yost.

The Elkhart County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance is calling the community to come together to help support the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. For Goshen residents, monetary donations or cases of bottled water can be sent or delivered to Waterford Mennonite Church, 65975 State Road 15, Goshen, IN 46526. All donations must be delivered by May 2.

All are welcome to the MDC Goldenrod Chicken BBQ fundraiser for Project Promise on Fri, May 6, 4-7:30pm at Fairhaven Amish Mennonite Church (13513 Indiana 4, Middlebury). Enjoy High's chicken with potato, broccoli, bacon bits, sour cream, and home-made pie (fruit cups for carry-out orders). The suggested donation is \$10 for the dine-in or carry-out meal. Proceeds will support the work of Project Promise, a program of MDC Goldenrod that aims to meet the needs of persons with disabilities.

You are invited to the Gospel Echoes Team Annual Banquet on Thurs, May 12 at 6:30pm at Maple City Chapel in Goshen. For tickets contact Kathy Yoder at 534-1561.

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Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary seeks a full-time admissions counselor to recruit prospective students and help oversee the admissions and enrollment process. Full description at www.ambs.edu/jobs. To apply, send letter of application and resume to: dbgrimes@ambs.edu. Review of applications begins immediately.

Bethany Christian Schools invites applications for the position of evening custodian beginning June. Successful applicants will have the aptitude to work independently, perform minor repairs on equipment, and supervise student cleaning crews during the summer. The position is three-quarters time and eligible for partial benefits. More info and application form at bethanycs.net/jobs or contact Tim Lehman at tlehman@bethanycs.net.

Job openings with Mennonite Church USA:

Graphic/Multimedia Designer, Communications Associate. For more info on either opening, contact Janie Beck Kreider, director of communications, at janiebk@mennoniteusa.org.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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 img@mcc.org. More info [here](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(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/>

(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 or RSVP to Sarah Kraybill Lind at 534-2657 or admissions@bethanycs.net

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