

AssemblyLine

April 24, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

April 24

Worship leader: *Small Group Well Seasoned*
Sermon: *Karl Shelly "The Gospel according to James, brother of John"*
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)*

May 1

Worship leader: *Small Group Cardinal*
Sermon: *Marshall King*
Welcoming & take-down: *Tupelo & Tumbleweed*
Window & 2% Offerings

Scripture: *Psalm 67; John 21:15-24*
Sunday School: *Sparrows and God's care (Luke 12:6-7)*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Apr 24	8am Senior Breakfast
Tue	Apr 26	7:15pm Small Group Reps Meeting
Wed	May 4	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch, home of Susan Mark Landis, 820 Steury, Goshen 6:30-8:30pm Small Group Child Care

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Alta Good-Elliott (5th Chandler) turned 12 on April 22! Alta enjoys playing baseball, painting, riding bike with her mom, and camping in the backyard. She is good at dancing and playing labyrinth. Her favorite foods are sweet potatoes, spaghetti, and chocolate ice cream.

Tilly Schramm (1st Chandler) turns 7 on May 5! Tilly enjoys singing, dancing and running around outdoors. When she's feeling contemplative, reading and drawing are her activities of choice, and she is also a big fan of family movie and game nights. She's super excited for her family's upcoming trip to India, and especially to celebrating her birthday in the Himalaya!!

Congratulations to graduating seniors from Goshen College: Halle Steingasse, Elizabeth Derstine, Elizabeth Franks-North, Peter Meyer Reimer, Ben Shelly; Bluffton University: Abby Graber; Eastern Mennonite University: Juni Schirch; Bethany Theological Seminary: Kristy Shelleberger Yordy. We celebrated their accomplishments this morning with a breakfast in their honor. More info about the seniors can be found on the lit table.

We extend heartfelt sympathies to Ruth Ann and Merritt Gardner upon the unexpected death of Ruth Ann's brother, Curtis Liechty, on Apr 15. Family members are gathering this weekend in E. Lansing, Michigan.

Susana Cabezas and Alfonso Jiminez welcome your prayers for their family in the wake of the violent death of the Susana's sister's husband, Peter. Prayers for Vicki (Susan's sister), who lives in Costa Rica, are much appreciated during this difficult time.

An Increase in Time by Richard Lichty is added to the New Books shelf in the AMC Library. It tells the story of Germantown Mennonite Church in its complexity and struggle from the year 1683-2005. At this time the church does not belong to a conference due to its welcome of lgbt members. The book comes highly recommended by Steve Nolt, Carol Wise and others.

New AMC phone/address and email directories are available on the website under [Directories and Lists](#) or printed out above the lit table. If you need to update your info, email Naomi at office@assemblymennonite.org

St. Joseph Valley Camerata, featuring numerous musicians from Assembly, will perform an all-German spring concert exploring rich musical offerings from the Romantic Period. Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, mezzo-soprano and Christine Larson Seitz will present lieder by Clara Schumann. The second half will feature Brahms' monumental work, Ein deutsches Requiem, with Beverly Lapp joining Ms. Seitz on the piano. Fri, Apr 29, 7:30pm at AMBS. Sat, Apr 30, 7:30pm at First Presbyterian Church of Goshen. Tix: sjvcamerata.org. \$10 online, \$15 at door.

Helping citizens of Flint, MI. A coalition of African-American churches in Elkhart has been sending bottled water to Flint, and they are asking for our financial assistance for their last shipment. Contributions can be sent to Waterford Mennonite Church (their Goshen partner) at 65975 S.R. 15, Goshen 46526 by May 2. Kroger is matching all contributions, dollar for dollar. See Karl Shelly with questions.

Lunch Bunch meets May 4 in the home of Susan Mark Landis, 11:30am. Bring your own sack lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Please sign up in the welcoming place or call Helen Glick at [330-763-4980](tel:330-763-4980). Susan will be sharing about their vision and realization of the dream for their home and property. Please car pool if possible. All women of the congregation are welcome.

Come see AMC's Jordana Farran, Naomi Klassen, Clara Lind, Sam Ostergren in Bethany Middle School's performance of *The Willow Street Mysteries* at 7pm Fri and Sat, May 6 & 7. *The Willow Street Mysteries* is a light-hearted mystery about kids and families, missing items and confusion, and neighbors, and sometimes-friends. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.bethanycs.net/tickets>.

New Hymnal: 24 years have passed since Hymnal: A Worship Book (also known as the blue hymnal) was released. Mennomedia is working to put together a new hymnal and is looking for financial support. For more information about the project and how you can help, see the literature table for brochures.

(repeat) **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 anyone who have additional requests or needs concerning the renovation/building to meet with them. If you would like to join for the first 10min, contact Susan Nelson at susangnelson67@gmail.com

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(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. 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](#). 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) **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.

community connections

Cahoots is an annual Christian festival of faith, justice and DIY that takes place in southern Ontario June 9-12.

Through workshops, discussions, and the arts, Cahoots is a place to explore justice and faith together. Register by Apr 30 for early bird special of \$95 for adults and \$45 for kids which includes pass to festival, all workshops, swimming, three meals a day. <http://www.scmcanda.org/cahoots/>

Rieth Chamber Series: Rhonda Sider Edgington, organist Sun, May 8, 4pm, Rieth Recital Hall. Tickets: \$10, general admission, online at goshen.edu/tickets or [\(574\) 535-7566](tel:574-535-7566)

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Rhonda Sider Edgington is often commended for her innovative programming, colorful use of registrations, and exciting playing. Beginning as a Fulbright scholar in Germany, Rhonda worked closely with renowned pedagogue and performer Harald Vogel, and specializes in the repertoire and organs of 17th century Germany.

Into the light: A personal and professional perspective on suicide. On May 5 & 6, Oaklawn will host a day-long conference featuring Kevin Hines, suicide survivor; and Dr. Thomas Joiner, psychology professor at Florida State University and suicide expert, and three break-out sessions focusing on practical application. The seminar will be held from 8:30am-3:30pm at the Century Center in South Bend. The event is repeated over two days, so attendees may choose which day works best. Cost is \$60, and includes lunch and 5.0 CEUs.

You are invited to Opening Day of the 2016 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, hosted by Western Theological Seminary and Hope College in Holland, Michigan, May 23-26. This day, May 23, (8am-4:30pm) is designed particularly for people who live nearby who want to take in one day of the weeklong institute. The one-day registration fee is significantly subsidized (\$50, \$25 each for 2 or more persons registering together). Come meet and hear from leaders in faith and disability from all over the country and beyond. To learn more and register, visit <http://faithanddisability.org/projects/summer-institute/>.

Know a young person who enjoys sports, theater, writing or coding? Goshen College is offering day-time summer camps for pre-K through high school ages! Learn more and sign up at goshen.edu/summercamp.

Canadian Mennonite University invites all who are interested in learning and growing as peacebuilders to their annual Canadian School of Peacebuilding Jun 13-17 and 20-24. For more info and registration, go to csop.cmu.ca

Mennonite Disaster Service urgent need: Short-term volunteers and groups needed in Detroit, Michigan: Apr 25-29 (12-15 people), May 16-20 (3-5 people). Volunteers should plan to arrive on Sun by 6pm for orientation and work through Fri evening. For more info or to sign up call [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:8002418111) or contact ahurst@mds.mennonite.net for more information.

Mennonite Central Committee has several ways to get involved including summer staff for SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People), Planning and Evaluation Coordinator in Vientiane, Laos, and Peacebuilding coordinator in the Dominican Republic of the Congo. Visit mcc.org/itcserve for more information.

Hesston College, a college of Mennonite Church USA, governed by the Hesston College Board of Directors and Mennonite Education Agency, has launched a national search for the college's ninth president. The search committee invites applications, nominations and expressions of interest. [Learn more.](#)

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](tel:5745357566). Featuring performances by CSA youth choirs: Rejoice (grds 3-5), directed by Kristin Kauffman; Shout for Joy (grds 6-8), directed by Sandy Hill; and Sommo Voci (grds 9-12), directed by Marcia Yost.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **You are invited** to the Gospel Echoes Team Annual Banquet on Thurs, May 12 at 6:30pm at Maple City Chapel in Goshen. Contact Kathy Yoder at 534-1561.

(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** seeks a full-time admissions counselor to recruit prospective

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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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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) **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 Friendenswald** for a day devoted to exploring, delighting and caring for the peaceful woods. "Naturally Friendenswald" 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.

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