

AssemblyLine

April 3, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

April 3

Worship leader: *Jonothan Schramm*
Sermon: *Dawn Yoder Harms*
Welcoming & tear-down: *Scoops & B*
Window & 2% Offerings

Scripture: *Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150 ; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31*

Sunday School: *Walking to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35)*

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)*

CALENDAR

Tues	Apr 5	7pm Leadership group meeting
Wed	Apr 6	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center
		6:30pm Small Group Child Care at Meetinghouse
Wed	Apr 12	7pm Moral Mondays group meeting at Meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

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.

Spring second hour electives are here! Beginning today, 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.

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!

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.

Small Group Childcare will be provided this Wed, Apr 6 from 6:30-8:30pm at the meeting house so that small

groups with small children can have adult conversation. Parents, please RSVP to office@assemblymennonite.org.

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).

(repeat) **A Foosball table** and three Manhasset black music stands need a new home. Yours for the taking. Contact marylehmanyoder@gmail.com if interested.

(repeat) **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)

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(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.

community connections

The Window list of needs. Food Pantry: Plastic Grocery Bags, Shampoo, Deodorant, Diapers sizes 3,4 & 5, Canned Beans: Kidney, Pork, Chili & Refried, Canned Tuna, Pastas, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce. Katie's Kitchen: Ground Beef, Salad Dressings: Italian, Ranch & French, Canned Beans: Black & Northern, #10 cans of Fruit and Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Butter, Olive oil, Paper Napkins. Clothes Closet: Summer Clothing, Men's Jeans, Men's T-Shirts, Men's Shoes, Socks.

The Window Benefit Meal will be held during April First Friday, Apr 1 beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of beef brisket sandwich, roasted potatoes, coleslaw, and cheesecake will be served. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$8. Call 533-9680 for more info.

The Mennonite Co-operative Bookstore on the campus of AMBS invites you to a book release event for Alan Kreider's *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church: The Improbably Rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire* on Apr 6 at 7pm in the AMBS Gallery at 3003 Benham Ave, Elkhart.

Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical Apr 12 1pm Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall. *Goshen College May Term in England* - Dr. Doug Caskey, professor of theater, Dr. Debra Detwiler Brubaker, professor of music and Dr. Randy Horst, professor of art. Travel vicariously to London

with three Goshen College professors as they share their experiences leading students on this wonderful May term experience. This event is free and open to the public. For info call [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565) or email aftsabb@goshen.edu.

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 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/>

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

Central District Conference's March issue of Reporter is available at the top of this email (in tiny writing). Hard copies are also available on the literature table.

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

(repeat) **Rieth Chamber Series** on Sat, Apr 2, 7:30pm, Rieth Recital Hall. Tickets: \$10 General Admission, online at goshen.edu/tickets or [\(574\) 535-7566](tel:574.535.7566). The newly formed ensemble, Baroque Identity, brings together three internationally acclaimed specialists in Historical Performance: Jaap ter Linden baroque cellist/gambist, Lisa Goode Crawford, harpsichord, and Kathie Stewart, baroque flute/recorder.

(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

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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

you are interested in responding, contact Volunteer Coordinator Alicia Hurst ahurst@mds.mennonite.net

(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 eligible for partial benefits. Visit www.bethanycs.net/jobs or contact Tim Lehman at tclehman@bethanycs.net for more information.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **Stations of the Cross and Resurrection.** 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 for photos and directions.

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

(repeat) **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

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