

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

April 9	April 16
Worship leaders: <i>Glenn Gilbert and Jeremiah Chico</i> Sermon: <i>Kristine Bottorff</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Ad Lib & Cantaloupe</i>	Worship leaders: <i>Bethany Swope</i> Sermon: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Egg Combo & Kinder</i>
Scripture: <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27 or Matthew 21:1-11</i>	Scripture: <i>Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10</i>
Sunday School: <i>Jesus' arrest and death (Matthew 26:36-27:66)</i>	Sunday School: <i>Jesus is risen! (Matthew 28:1-10)</i>

CALENDAR

TODAY	Apr 9	12:30pm Lenten Book Study gathering at Meetinhouse
Thur	Apr 13	Maundy Thursday gatherings with small groups in homes
Fri	Apr 14	12pm Good Friday community wide ecumenical service at College Mennonite
Sun	Apr 16	6:40am Sunrise Service at Dennis and Susan Mark Landis home (820 Steury) 9:30am Easter worship & feast at the meetinghouse, no Sunday school
Sun	Apr 23	12pm Aging Parents Support Group brown bag lunch at Meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Adam and Karen Graber Roth are pleased to announce the birth of Reuben Hisham (pronounced Hishem), born Apr 1, weighing just over 8 lbs. They'll be finishing up their MCC term in South Africa this summer and returning to Goshen in August.

TODAY is the 6th Sunday of our Lenten theme 'Restore us, O God' -- a response to a world filled with many voices that call us away from God. This morning's focus will be 'We Hope' (see Lent 2017 handout on the literature table). 2nd hour will include a discussion led by Richard Aguirre and Goshen College students focusing on ways we can deepen our support for immigrants in our community. The visual for this series was created by Kathy Glick Miller, "They play with the theme of longing in our hearts. I thought about how being in a place of longing can sometimes feel like being trapped, looking at these brighter things but not sure how to get to them. Sometimes the things we long for end up taking a different shape or are discovered in places other than where we expect them."

All ages are invited to bring a bag lunch to the meetinghouse April 9. Adults will continue their discussion of the book [Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America](#). Jr youth and older elementary will discuss

[Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom](#). Elementary aged children will read books together at the gathering.

All are invited to gather for a Community Good Friday Worship Service to be held Fri, Apr 14 at 12pm in the College Mennonite Church Chapel. We stand in solidarity with all who suffer as we dare to stand with Jesus, the Christ in his suffering. Much of the service will be in both English and Spanish.

Easter Sunrise Service: Apr 16, 6:40 am (sunrise 7:01) at Double Oak (820 Steury, Goshen), any weather. Since we can't see the actual sunrise, Danny Aramouni will drum the sun up. Roxy Gehring will play guitar with our singing. Please contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com for a map, to help with readings, and if you are bringing children. Please drive SLOWLY up the lane.

Kids Clothing/Toy Swap: Clean out those closets! On Sat, Apr 29, from 10am-12pm, Assembly is hosting a Children's clothes and toy swap (size Newborn-Tween). \$1 minimum suggested donation for the items you take home, all proceeds will go to the building fund. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the Depot. Come support a good cause and swap out your kids' old stuff for new stuff. Light refreshments provided. For more information contact Sarah Phend Horst or Anna Yoder Schlabach.

A Special Thank You from John Blosser I feel deep gratitude to you, our Assembly community, for the wonderful support you showed me (& Beck) during and since my hospitalization in late February. We have basked in the warmth of your many expressions of concern and support. From food to cards, hugs and words of encouragement, we've been blessed by you! I can't imagine life without such loving mutual support. Thank you so very much!!!

(repeat) **This year's Maundy Thursday** (Apr 13) 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 on the round white table is available for folks not in a small group who would like to participate. To all small groups: please contact Naomi (office@assemblymennonite.org) to indicate if you are participating. For small groups that are participating, Naomi will send you the service outline and instructions. Also please indicate what day you will be meeting and if you have space to include others.

(repeat) **Easter worship**, Apr 16. 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) **The Aging Parents Support Group** will meet Sun, Apr 23 after 2nd Hour. (Brown bag lunch) If you offer support for an aging parent or other person who needs extra help and would like to share with others who are doing the same, you are welcome. For more information contact Mary Roth at [574-312-1763](tel:574-312-1763).

(repeat) **Non-resident members** were recently contacted. We heard back from many of them. Updates on their lives and their decisions about membership with Assembly can be found in a document attached at the top of this email in tiny lettering and hard copies are on the lit table.

(repeat) **The 2% Committee** proposes the following Spring distribution plans: Local 1. Share the Bounty - Farmers Market \$500 2. LaCasa Help-A-House \$750 3. Goshen Ministerial Association \$500 4. Walnut Hill Daycare \$500 5. Elkhart County Clubhouse \$500. 6. The Window \$500 7. ADEC \$500 8. Center for Healing and Hope \$500 World 1. MCC a. Syria/Iraq \$1250 b. Africa (Sudan, Nigeria) \$1250. c. unrestricted \$1000 2. Christian Peacemaker Teams \$750. Please bring any concerns regarding these distributions to one of the committee members by Apr 9. Also, please let any committee member know of future recommendations and distribution suggestions for 2% funding. You can reach Steve Schrock at sdschrock@hotmail.com.

(repeat) **On behalf of the board** and staff of Amigo Centre, thank you for your contribution of \$330 to Amigo Centre. We look forward to investing your gift in the lives of children and adults that come to Amigo. We find much encouragement in the support you are offering.

(repeat) **Do you happen to have** songbooks belonging to Assembly at home? We are low and hoping to gather any stray books before ordering more.

(repeat) **Cheryl Mast** is looking for a few items for her mother who will be moving into her own (small) studio apartment in a couple of weeks. She needs a very small kitchen table and 2 chairs, small love seat, twin bed frame (adjustable for the head and feet to move), possibly a "lazyboy" type chair for a smallish person. If you have any of these items, please let her know (238-2003).

community connections

Advocacy Training: Wed, Apr 12, 12–1pm at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS). You're invited to this open workshop with case studies of constituent-based advocacy on local, state and national levels, exploring how to leverage solidarity and local organizing to impact policies and structures. This training is offered as part of AMBS's weekly Witness Colloquium course. Location: Lambright Center, Room H. ams.edu/witnesscourse

Two chances to hear from MCC Colombian partner. Juana Alicia Ruiz is an Afro-Colombian community leader of Mampuján, a rural community on the Caribbean Coast of Colombia. Mampuján was forcefully displaced by

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paramilitary armed forces in 2000 and has since been working to rebuild their community. MCC, working in the region through an Anabaptist organization, Sembrandopaz, began the work of trauma healing with the evangelical church of Mampuján by teaching traditional quilting techniques and opening safe spaces for storytelling. This work evolved into the creation of large, community-made tapestries that tell the stories of violence and displacement, as well as the resilience and hope of Mampuján. This community process has grown in the past decade to now function as an organization called Women Weaving Dreams and Flavors of Peace, of which Juana is the leader. Juana will be speaking on Tue, Apr 18, at 7pm at College Mennonite Church. She will also be speaking at the Witness Colloquium at AMBS (3003 Benham Avenue in Elkhart) on Wed, Apr 26 at noon. Both events are free and open to the public. She will share some of the group's handiwork as well as the stories of the healing and peace that they are working to bring to Colombia's violent history.

Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Apr 20–22 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This three-day event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Speakers Sarah Augustine, Stanley Saunders and Todd Wynward will focus on ecology in the Sermon on the Mount, the land struggles of Indigenous peoples, and what Christians can learn from Standing Rock. The event includes workshops, paper presentations and off-site immersion experiences. Cost: \$100/regular, \$35/day, \$25/students. ams.edu/rootedandgrounded

Apr 21 Fish Fry: Bethany Christian High School's junior class fish fry is 4:30-8pm, Fri, Apr 21. Come for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are \$11 for adults and carryout and \$6 for children grades 1-6 (under grade 1 free). Tickets may be purchased from any Bethany junior or at the school (534-2567).

South Bend Chamber Singers will present James Whitbourn's Annelies, A Holocaust Remembrance Concert based on Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl. Sun, Apr 23 7:30pm at Temple Beth-El (305 West Madison St in South Bend). Free and open to the public.

Bright Time Summer Camp, June 5-9, 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. Additionally, Shine On Campcare will provide a place for children for before, between, and after their camps. View camp listings and register at bethanycs.net/BrightTime

The Bethany Christian Fish Fry is coming up on Fri, Apr 21, and many of MDC Goldenrod's community members enjoy attending. Each ticket is \$11. We have quite a few community members in need of tickets this year, and many do not have the budget to attend. If anyone in your congregation is willing to donate a few tickets, our community members will be very grateful! Contact [574-533-9720 x16](tel:574-533-9720) if you are able to help.

Ten Thousand Villages Coordinator Needed for Relief Sale: One or two persons are needed to coordinate the Ten Thousand Villages area of the upcoming Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. If interested or for more info, please contact Joy Kauffman King at [574-238-0734](tel:574-238-0734).

(repeat) **The Window Benefit Meal** will be held during April First Friday, Apr 7 beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of chili with the fixings, cornbread, and strawberry shortcake will be served. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$9. Call 533-9680 for more info.

(repeat) **Bethany Fourth Graders Plan Historical** Events: On Thur, Apr 13, the fourth grade class at Bethany Christian Schools will be presenting skits to help others learn about the Trail of Death, the forced removal of the Potawatomi from Indiana in 1838. The program begins at 6:30pm, is open to the public, and is in preparation for another public event on Sat, Apr 22. Last fall the class visited historical sites associated with the Trail of Death as part of studying Indiana History and peace and justice issues. Subsequently, leaders of the Trail of Death Association and the Fulton County Historical Society asked the class to assist them in planning a public gathering to remember, lament, and apologize for the forced removal. This gathering will be held Sat, Apr 22, in Rochester. Mennonite Church USA has accepted an invitation to send a rep to speak on behalf of its constituency.

(repeat) **Thinking about deepening your faith** and developing your leadership skills through seminary study? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart,

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Indiana, offers generous need-based financial aid for its master's programs — whether you're studying on-campus or at a distance. Financial aid applications are due Apr 15 for the 2017–18 academic year. ambs.edu/financialaid

(repeat) **Bus Driver Needed:** Bethany Christian Schools invites applications for bus driver for the daily Elkhart-Bethany route, before and after school. Applicants must have or be willing to obtain a commercial driver's license with school endorsement, a safe driving record, physical health to operate a 28-passenger van safely, first-aid certification, and interpersonal skills to relate well to students and parents. Position can begin as soon as candidate is available. Applicants should submit a letter of application and a completed application form (available online at www.bethanycs.net/jobs) to Head of School Tim Lehman at tlehman@bethanycs.net.

(repeat) **A note from The Window:** Our organization is primarily run by volunteers. We are currently in desperate need of volunteers to help serve our community. Attached (at the top of this email in tiny lettering) is a list of volunteer opportunities (there are also copies on the lit table). We primarily need drivers for Meals on Wheels but other positions are also available. If you're able to donate some time to a good cause, please contact Millie Hernandez at [533-9680 ext 201](tel:533-9680) for more info. You can also go to our website at www.thewindowofgoshen.com and find us on [Facebook](#)

(repeat) **National Trail Opening Day** is Sat, Apr 8 with a variety of biking and walking activities taking place on the Pumpkinvine Trail including: Bike checks by Chain Reaction at Abshire Park (11:00am – 2:00pm), Round-trip 3.5-mile group fitness walk from Abshire Park to CR 28 (11:00am), One-way 10-mile group bike ride from Abshire Park to 41 Degrees North Restaurant, Middlebury (2:15pm), Wildflower hike starting from CR 33 on the Pumpkinvine (3:00pm), One-way 12-mile group bike ride from Pumpkinvine Cyclery, Middlebury to the Goshen Brewing Co.(4:30pm). Full details: www.pumpkinvine.org.

(repeat) **Walk for Peace fundraiser** for Center for Community Justice, April 19, 5-6:30 pm at Walker Park. Tickets available at www.centerforcommunityjustice.org.

(repeat) **Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication:** Apr 12 - May 23. Explore the possibilities

and pitfalls of courageously engaging in differences within congregational life in this online, six-week short course offered by the Church Leadership Center of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Instructor: Betty Pries, CMed, MTS, Ph.D. candidate. Cost: \$200 up to March 22; \$250 after March 22. CEUs available. More info [here](#).

(repeat) **The 25th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** is Saturday, May 13, and we will need 24 "Bag Buddies" to pick up non-perishable food items that our Goshen neighbors will leave by their mailboxes. If you would like to help us with this please contact [574.533.9680](tel:574.533.9680) for more info or to sign up.

(repeat) **According to the United Nations**, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the Second World War. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working in the area to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis. Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC's relief fund, which supports MCC's response to this disaster and others, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676) or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

(repeat) **For those considering a service project** this year, please consider Detroit as your destination. As Mennonite Disaster Service closed its flood clean-up project in Detroit, they invited Community Christian Fellowship (CCF) to enter into an extended relationship through August 2017. For more info, contact Lady J Wilson at jlwil@higherrgroundprogram.org or [877-245-6252](tel:877-245-6252)

(repeat) **Eighth Street Mennonite Church** is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. Work to begin May 1. This is a part-time position (approx. 18 hours per week) and includes tasks in communication, producing bulletins/newsletters, providing administrative support to the 8th St Preschool. Conversational Spanish is an asset, but not required. Please send resume to pastors@8thstmennonite.org.

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee is seeking an Admin Assistant:** This position provides customer service and supports MCC staff in the Goshen, Ind., office. The

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primary tasks are receptionist duties (phone and walk-in), organization of supplies and other common areas, clerical duties, arranging travel plans for other staff members, taking meeting minutes and general administrative support. This is a part-time position (.40 FTE) with preferred hours on Mon, Wed, Fri from 8am-1pm (negotiable). For a full job description, visit [this link](#). Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online by April 7. For more info or questions, contact Amber Falcón at [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133) or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

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