

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### WORSHIP

March 11 Lent 4	March 18 Lent 5
Worship leader: <i>Gretchen Krause</i> Preacher: <i>Regina Shands Stoltzfus</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hygge</i>	Worship leader: <i>Paul Keim</i> Preacher: <i>Sarah and Clara Lind</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Maple</i>
Scripture: <i>Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21</i>	Scripture: <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33</i>

### CALENDAR

TODAY	Mar 11	Daylight Saving Time starts
Wed	Mar 14	6:30-8:30pm Small group childcare at meetinghouse
Sat	Mar 17	7-9pm JYF gathering at meetinghouse
Sun	Mar 18	7pm Congregational meeting

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**Adam Siemens Rhodes** (6<sup>th</sup>, Bethany) turns 12 on Mar 12! Adam is an avid reader, currently reading the Red Pyramid series. He enjoys skiing the slopes of Vail, the Rubik's cube, and eating haystacks. And after his recent science project, he can tell you which brand of dish soap is best.

**TODAY** is the fourth Sunday of Lent. This Lenten season we will remember what God has done before (Old Testament) as we look at what God was doing during the time of Jesus. Just exactly *how* is the Kingdom drawing near? For more info, see the introduction attached at the top of this email, hard copies are on the lit table. 2<sup>nd</sup> hour during Lent will focus on resting in God's love and will include Taize singing, reflection and centering prayer.

**Construction Update! What to expect to see today:** Finishing work done around the North side of the building. **What is planned for the next week:** More finishing work, glass put in new doors and windows. **Volunteer needs this upcoming week:** We need rooms painted! We painted everything that needed to be done for the doors' arrival. Now we need to finish up before the floors arrive. Please consider coming this weekend or next week!

**Assembly's solar panels** have been harnessing the sun's energy for just under a month, and have already produced over 300kwh! [Here is the link](#) to our solar dashboard for those interested in more information. 40 panels are currently on the south facing roof above the kitchen.

Another 40 will be installed on the new worship space when it is completed.

**In response to asking** Mary Yoder Holsopple if she would be able to serve her term as elder next year, we received this response: "Greetings from Luanda! Last year you placed your faith in me as elder. Soon after, I was offered a position in Luanda, Angola. We made a 1yr commitment to Luanda. We are in the process of deciding on a second year. As I know the timeline for selecting leadership is now, and because my whereabouts for next year remain uncertain, I am offering my resignation as elder. Mary Yoder Holsopple" (an update from Mary is attached at the top of this email)

**Assembly directories** have been updated! Hard copies of the address/phone/email directories can be found on the lit table. Those same directories, plus the photo directory, can be found on our website [here](#). Username: member Password: potluck74

**This weekend**, Goshen High School is proud to present Tarzan: the Musical! Ticket information can be found at <http://gcsperformingarts.org/theatre> or at the door. Several MYFers are involved, and it's a great show!

**MCC Resource Center, Inc** 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting will be held Thur, Mar 22 at Maple City Chapel. Deadline for dinner reservation: Mar 14, 4pm. Please call 312-4156 or email [thedepot1013@gmail.com](mailto:thedepot1013@gmail.com). Assembly's own Eric Kurtz will be speaking at the meeting.

**8th Street Preschool** is doing their spring fundraiser: Nelson's Chicken and Pit-tatoes on March 23 in Kroger/East Lake Athletic Club parking lot. \$6.50 for half chicken, \$3.50 for Pit-tatoes. If interested in pre-sale tickets contact the families of Sophie and Caleb Yoder Schlabach, Kaylee Martin, Landon Glick Miller, Alyda Avelar, or Alice Kauffman.

**Bethany Christian Schools** is hosting their junior class Fish Fry on Fri, Apr 20. Please contact Jonah Farran at [farranjonah19@bethanycs.net](mailto:farranjonah19@bethanycs.net) for tickets (\$11 for adults and carryout; \$6 for students grades 1-6; free for students kindergarten and younger).

**The Care Giver Support Group** will meet Sun, Apr 15 after 2nd hour. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. If you give care to a parent, spouse, other family member or friend, locally or from a distance, please come. Anyone is welcome. For more info contact Mary Roth, 312-1763.

**Our next congregational meeting** will be Sun, Mar 18 at 7pm (childcare provided). Please join us to discuss proposals regarding a congregational 3-year goal and how to spend our 2017 budget surplus. An updated cost for our building project will be shared along with detailed info about how we are continuously working to manage costs & financing (and there may be an announcement about a FUNdraiser). Detailed job descriptions for the proposed 4-person pastoral team will be shared along with the pathway of information and decisions that have led us here. Each of these agenda items will be discussed. It will be full and rich meeting! Please join us.

**Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2018:** Whether you're newly interested in effective advocacy from a Christ-centered perspective or you're an experienced advocate wanting to network and explore issues, join MCC at the Ecumenical Advocacy Days near Washington DC on April 20-23. The event will focus on the up-rootedness of our world, exploring ways to seek change and advance hope through prayer, worship, advocacy, training and networking. MCC Great Lakes is sending a 12-passenger van to the event and has spots available. To secure your spot or for more information, contact Susan Mark Landis at [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com). For more information on the gathering, visit [advocacydays.org](http://advocacydays.org).

**Mark your calendars:** Austin Kaufmann (who grew up in Assembly) and his band "The Dangling Participles" are coming for a fundraising concert for the Milk & Honey Campaign. The family-friendly event will start at 7pm May 5 at the Meetinghouse and will feature the music of this East Lansing, MI band. Donations will go toward our building project. We'll share more details closer to the event, but mark your calendars. — Jim, Lois and the Milk & Honey Fun-draising planners

**Are there any children** (or adults) interested in random international coins? They are yours for the taking. - Mary Lehman Yoder 238-9676

(repeat) **2 Percent Committee** is responsible for distributing money in the newly formed public school fund. If you know of current funding needs for projects within the public school system, please let anyone on the 2% committee (Phil Good-Elliott, Sarah Phend Horst, Sandy Fribley, Jim Lehman, Matt Lind, Dave Ostergren) know before their next meeting on Mar 11.

(repeat) **Small group Rad** is happy to announce that Regina Shands Stoltzfus will be covenanting with the congregation during first hour on Sun, Mar 18. We hope you can join us in celebrating with Regina!

(repeat) **We at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)**, along with our partners around the world, are blessed by your continuing support for the work of MCC. Thank you Assembly Mennonite, for the many ways you contribute to the work of MCC. In addition to the donations, energy and time you give at relief sales, thrift shops, meat canning and with material resources, your congregation contributed \$17,985.54 in 2017. We are especially grateful for your prayer support for MCC's work. Thank you! Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC Great Lakes

## community connections

**This Sunday evening** (Mar 11 at 8pm) Goshen College will host a TAIZE Worship Service on the GC Campus in Newcomer 19. This hour of contemplative worship, including singing, meditation, prayer and scripture, will provide space for us to reflectively anticipate the "greening" of all life as we look toward the celebration of new life in these days before Easter.

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**Join us** for our Haystack benefit Thur, Mar 15. This is a great way to enjoy good food with family and friends while helping The Window, Inc. raise funds for its programs. The event is hosted by our Board of Directors at Waterford Mennonite Church. Tickets are available in advance at The Window for Adult-\$9 or \$10 at the door, Children 4-13: \$5 and Children 0-3: free. Stop in The Window during business hours or contact us at 533.9680 for more information and to purchase tickets in advance.

**Continuing its "Swords into Plowshares"** season, the Goshen College Theater and Music Departments present Gilbert & Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance on Mar 16, 17, 23 at 7:30pm, and Mar 18 and 25 (ASL interpreted) at 2pm. Tickets are \$12 for adult, \$7 for students/seniors/GC staff, and can be [purchased online](#) at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets), at the GC Box Office ([boxoffice@goshen.edu](mailto:boxoffice@goshen.edu), 574-535-7566) or at the performance starting one hour before the show.

**The annual Resource & Transition Fair** for individuals with disabilities, family members, teachers, and professionals will be held Sat, Mar 17, 9am- noon in the Union Building at Goshen College. Sponsored by ADEC and GC's Social Work Program, this free event brings a wide range of service providers under one roof to facilitate networking and exploration of available resources. In addition to the vendor displays, three break-out sessions are scheduled: 9am "Support, not Supplant: How to use Supported Decision Making to improve quality of life for those with disabilities"/The Arc (provides 1 Ethics CEU for social workers); 10am "Financial resources for families: DreamSavers, Money 4 Life, Own your own home now programs"/LaCasa; 11am "Helping plan for your loved one with special needs in the present and future with special needs estate planning; and the ABLE Act". ASL and Spanish interpreters will be available for the break-out sessions.

**A Bird Walk Series**, facilitated by Annie Aguirre, will take place at Pathways Retreat ([309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen](#)): Sundays, Mar 18, Apr 8 & 15 at 4pm. Come for one or all of the walks happening during the spring migrations season. There is no registration; a donation of \$5-10 per walk is appreciated. See [www.pathwaysretreat.org](http://www.pathwaysretreat.org) for more info.

**Dr. Steven M. Nolt** will present the C. Henry Smith Peace Lecture, titled "Debating Conscientious Objection: Place, Race, and Pacifism among Virginia Mennonites in the 1990s," on Tue, Mar 20, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building, Room 28

**Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace** presents: "[Unequal: the inequality among African Americans and Palestinian Citizens of Israel.](#)" Cyneatha Millsaps and Marcelle will share about the profound connections between the criminalization of Palestinians within the Israeli law system and the criminalization of African Americans. These two powerful speakers will share from their own experiences, connecting issues of mass incarceration, collective punishments, and their own experiences in both systems. Thur, Mar 22, 7:30pm at Agape Missionary Baptist Church in Elkhart.

**The Hesston College** Bel Canto Singers, under the direction of Dr. Russell Adrian, will be making a stop in Goshen on Thur, Mar 22, as part of their spring break tour. Everyone is welcome to join the events connected to their visit, including the 10:30am recital at Greencroft Communities Auditorium, 1721 Greencroft Blvd., in Goshen. That evening, they will present a full concert at 7pm, at Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen followed by a reception with a college update and entertainment by Bel student group, Sadie and the Prowlers.

**GRID**, the Goshen Resident ID card, supports our immigrant neighbors at a time when they may feel vulnerable. The card will be most effective when a large number of Goshen residents have their own. Getting one is a simple, concrete step to express support and "to extend hospitality to strangers" *Romans 12:13*. All residents of Goshen are invited to the Center for Healing & Hope, 902 S. Main St., to register for a card. It takes only ten minutes. Call for your appointment: [574-524-4744](tel:574-524-4744). Details at [www.CHHclinics.org/GRID-English](http://www.CHHclinics.org/GRID-English).

**Pathway's Retreat** March Rhythms can be read [here](#).

**Center for Healing and Hope** has their Spring 2018 newsletter attached to the top of this email.

(repeat) **Community School of the Arts** String Academy Director Rosalyn Troiano will present a free Afternoon Sabbathal titled "Jubilate Deo: Sacred Music for Viola,

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Voice and Instruments” on Tues, Mar 13 at 1pm in the Music Center’s Sauder Concert Hall.

(repeat) **Publisher and science fiction** writer Bill Campbell will deliver the 2018 S.A. Yoder lecture at Goshen College Music Center’s Rieth Recital Hall on Tue, Mar 13 at 7:30pm, speaking on “Social Justice and Publishing.” This event is free and open to the public.

(repeat) **Amigo Scrapbook**, Crafting and Sewing retreats are March 16-18 or April 6-8. Call or register online. 269-651-2811 or [mandy@amigocentre.org](mailto:mandy@amigocentre.org) or [amigocentre.org](http://amigocentre.org)

(repeat) **The annual Goshen College International Coffeehouse** is coming on Sat, Mar 24. This student-run event features a dinner at 5:15 pm in the College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall and a family-friendly international variety show at 7:30pm in Sauder Hall (Music Center). For tickets: (535-7566) or ([www.goshen.edu/tickets](http://www.goshen.edu/tickets)). Adults: \$20 (dinner & show), \$14 show only; students & children: \$14 (dinner & show), \$6 show only. This event will be raising money for the local DACA-Dreamer support fund. Thank you for your support! Skip Barnett – [carleb@goshen.edu](mailto:carleb@goshen.edu)

(repeat) **Little Eden Youth Camps**: Sign up today for summer youth camps! Located in beautiful NW Michigan, Jr Youth Camp is June 10-15 and Boys and Girls Camp and High School Camp is June 17-22. Brochures can be downloaded at [littleeden.org](http://littleeden.org).

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a Donor Relations Representative to strengthen relationships with Mennonite Church USA constituents and cultivate and solicit charitable support for Mission Network purposes. Duties may include some responsibilities in communication. Candidates should bring a passion to connect with God’s reconciling mission to the world, the ability to relate well to people, listen perceptively, and elicit participation. Ability and willingness to travel is a must. Experience in fundraising is an asset. Location near Elkhart, IN is preferred but flexible for the ideal candidate. Position available May 2018. You can read the position description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net) . If you have interest in learning more about this position please email Linda Krueger, Human Resources Coordinator, at [LindaK@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:LindaK@MennoniteMission.net) .

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