

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 18 Lent 5	March 25 Palm Sunday
Worship leader: <i>Sarah and Clara Lind</i> Preacher: <i>Paul Keim</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Maple</i>	Worship leader: <i>Jonathon Schramm</i> Preacher: <i>Mary Lehman Yoder & Lisa Koop</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hug & Food Group</i>
Scripture: <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33</i>	Scripture: <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47; Mark 11:1-11</i>

CALENDAR

TODAY	Mar 18	7pm Congregational meeting
Sun	Mar 25	12-3:30pm JYF lunch and outing
Tue	Mar 27	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Thur	Mar 29	Maundy Thursday gatherings in small groups
Fri	Mar 30	7pm Good Friday service at meetinghouse
Sat	Mar 31	5:30 pm Family Easter Vigil service at meetinghouse
Sun	Apr 1	7:15am Sunrise Service at Double Oak (Susan and Dennis home, 820 Steury, Goshen) 9:30am Easter Sunday with annual Easter Feast (no Sunday School)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY is the fifth Sunday of Lent. This Lenten season we 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. 2nd 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: More finishing work and missing carpet in the baby cave! The floor is not comfortable to sit/crawl on and may be sticky in some places. What is planned for the next week: More finishing work and floor coverings will continue to move around on the North side of the building. Volunteer needs this upcoming week: Painting in the main space where flooring is going in is DONE! A huge thank you to everyone who helped out! The bathrooms will be started on Mon; email office@assemblymennonite.org if you're able to help out during the week. If you are available to help clean on Saturdays from 3-5pm, please also send an email. We need cleaners the first two Saturdays of April.

TODAY, Mar 18 at 7pm we will gather for a full and rich Congregational meeting (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. 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.

Three documents that will be shared at the cong meeting today are attached at the top of this email and can be found as hard copies on the lit table: Updated cost for our building project, Pastoral Team job descriptions, and an overview of the 4 pastor team proposal.

The paper cutter has recently been sharpened and now has a new home out of children's reach. You can find it on a shelf among the colored paper (across from the copier).

I will be bringing a number of "No Human Being Is Illegal" pins/buttons to church on Sunday. You can find the pins on the table in the reception area along with a basket for any donations to La Casa de Amistad. -Ellen Kennel

Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network (GIHN) is our community's response to local people transitioning to permanent housing. Assembly helps with meals and evening supervision every 10 weeks. This week two small

groups are serving. We still need all the food (ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cookies, fruit salad) and two servers from 5-7pm for Thur, Mar 22. Contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com to help. Thanks for your service! Next dates are May 28, 29 and 31.

JYF March meeting is rescheduled for Sun, Mar 25. We will all eat lunch together, then one group will go bowling with Chris and another will go with Sara on a nature walk and art making at her house. JYFers can choose activity.

Once again Assembly is observing a Maundy Thursday service in small groups on Mar 29. Attached to this AssemblyLine (at the top of the email) are two alternative suggested worship services. You are welcome to use or adapt one of these for your small group's use. For those persons not in a small group who would like to observe Maundy Thursday there is a sign-up sheet on the round table in the gathering space, or you can email Naomi at office@assemblymennonite.org and she will connect you with a small group. For those small groups open to including additional people, please let Naomi know of your availability as well as where and when you will be gathering.

On Sat evening, Mar 31, join us for a family friendly Easter Vigil at 5:30pm. We will travel through all of the events and emotions of Holy week which will include hearing the stories, opening Easter eggs and painting. This service is open to all ages. To ensure there is enough material, please RSVP to loracn@assemblymennonite.org

The most hopeful moment of the year? Sunrise on Easter when we celebrate life and love overcoming death and violence. Assembly's service will be at Double Oak (Dennis and Susan Mark Landis' home, 820 Steury/end of Herman) 7:15am, Apr 1. Come prepared to be outside for about half an hour. Hot drinks provided. Email SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com for a map.

2 Percent Funds distribution proposal for March 2018
World: Mennonite Central Committee \$1,000.00, Mennonite Disaster Services - for Puerto Rico \$1,000.00, Tanzania Education Aid \$1,000.00, SABA, International \$1,000.00. **Local:** LaCasa Help-A-House \$750.00, Elkhart County Clubhouse \$500.00, The Window \$500.00, Center for Healing and Hope \$500.00, ADEC \$500.00, Indiana-City of Goshen - 2018 Goshen Flood Recovery Fund

\$1,250.00. **Public School Funds:** Chandler Elementary Emergency Needs Fund \$300. Please speak to anyone on the 2 Percent Committee if you have questions or proposals. Committee members are Sandy Fribley, Matt Lind, Sarah Horst, Jim Lehman, Dave Ostergren, Phil Good-Elliott (chairperson).

Updated information for Mary Lehman Yoder: Address is 1408-2 Kentfield Way; phone number is [574-238-9676](tel:574-238-9676). Email remains the same.

(repeat) **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 WS.

(repeat) **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 and Elroy is attached at the top of this email)

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

(repeat) **MCC Resource Center, Inc** 24th 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. Assembly's own Eric Kurtz will be speaking at the meeting.

(repeat) **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.

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

(repeat) **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 info contact Mary Roth, 312-1763

(repeat) **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. For more information on the gathering, visit advocacydays.org.

(repeat) **Mark your calendars:** Austin Kaufmann (who grew up in Assembly) and his band "The Dangling Particles" 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

community connections

Walnut Hill Mennonite Church youth, Elizabeth Eby, is organizing a group of students and adults from the Goshen area to attend the March For Our Lives in Washington DC on Mar 24. She is looking to get word out to local students as well as adults who could function as chaperones or possibly drivers. If you want more info about the march go to <https://marchforourlives.com/>. To contact Elizabeth, email ebyeliz2000@gmail.com

On Sun, Mar 25, Elkhart Advocates for Peace & Justice invites you to walk as Jesus did – to demonstrate peace in a community hurt by violence and division. At 2pm we will gather at the peace pole in front of Hively Ave. Mennonite Church (800 E. Hively Ave., Elkhart), walk to Prairie Street Mennonite Church (1316 Prairie St), around 2:30, then continue up Main Street to St James AME Church (122 Dr Martin Luther King Dr) around 2:45, and continue walking to the Elkhart Civic Plaza where we will gather at about 3. We will pray, sing and hear words to challenge, inspire and encourage us in our work for justice, peace, unity and hope.

Pathways Retreat offers their annual Stations of the Cross during Holy Week, Mar 25-31. Come walk our wooded trails during daylight hours, no registration necessary. A golf cart (reserved in advance) makes the Stations accessible to all. Stations of the Resurrection will begin on Easter Sunday. See www.pathwaysretreat.org for more info

On Wed, Mar 28, Michael Mears, English actor and playwright, will present "This Evil Thing: Voices of Conscience in WWI," a riveting one-person dramatic performance that tells the story of conscientious objectors in Great Britain during World War I. The performance starts at 7:30pm and is free and open to the public.

Seminary and Theological Graduate School Virtual Fair: Thur, Mar 29, 11am to 6pm EDT. Want to learn more about Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary but can't make it to our Elkhart, Indiana, campus? At this free online event, you can get answers to your questions about AMBS from faculty, students and Admissions staff. Register today! ambs.edu/visit

You are invited to Fiesta Feast: Support the Center for Healing & Hope and enjoy a Mexican meal at the annual Fiesta Feast, Sat, Apr 14, 5-7pm, at College Mennonite Church, 1900 S. Main Street in Goshen. It's a delicious opportunity to support the mission of the Center, providing medical care for the uninsured and support programs for our immigrant neighbors. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for children, or \$200 for a table for eight. Purchase tickets at CHHclinics.org or call [574-534-4744](tel:574-534-4744).

MCC Borderlands Learning Tour: Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes welcomes you to join us on a learning tour designed to bring awareness to the issues

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caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. The learning tour will take place on May 23-27 in Arizona and will include crossing the border into Mexico. Attendees will also have the option to participate in the Migrant Trail walk following the tour. For more information, including a tentative schedule and online registration, visit mcc.org/borderlands-tour or call Jorge Vielman at [\(574\) 534-4133](tel:5745344133).

Last year MCC Great Lakes partnered with Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants (ICDI) in Chicago to provide immigration detainee kits for folks coming out of the detention center. Thanks to your generosity we were able to reach our goal of 100 kits. Looking forward, MCC continues to receive more requests for relief kits to distribute around the world than we are able to fulfill. Please consider putting relief kits together. A new list of kit contents is available online at mcc.org/kits. Thank you for partnering with MCC to share God's love and compassion in this tangible way.

The Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) Board of Directors seeks a visionary leader to be the ADN public face to constituents, supporters, and congregations. Proven faith-based fundraising and constituent cultivation ability required. A heart for inclusion of persons with disabilities and their families in the life of the church is a must. The ability to regularly connect with regional congregations, supporters, and develop ADN volunteer networks nationwide. See ADNetOnline.org/About/Pages/Staff-openings for more information, or contact Anabaptist Disabilities Network at [574-343-1362](tel:5743431362).

(repeat) **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](http://goshen.edu/tickets) at goshen.edu/tickets, at the GC Box Office

(boxoffice@goshen.edu, [574-535-7566](tel:5745357566)) or at the performance starting one hour before the show.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **A Bird Walk Series**, facilitated by Annie Aguirre, will take place at Pathways Retreat ([309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen](http://30912HackettRd.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 for more info.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace** presents: "[Unequal: the inequality among African Americans and Palestinian Citizens of Israel](http://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.

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(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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