

# 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 25 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 1 <i>Easter, No Sunday School</i>
Worship leader: <i>Joanthon Schramm</i> Preachers: <i>Mary Lehman Yoder &amp; Lisa Koop</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hug &amp; Food Group</i>	Worship leader: <i>Anna Schlabach Yoder</i> Preacher: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Tumbleweeds &amp; Well Seasoned</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>	Scripture: <i>Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18</i>

### CALENDAR

TODAY	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	5:30pm 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)
Wed	Apr 4	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**Kaia Kennedy** (K, Concord Eastside) turned 6 on Mar 19! Kaia likes school especially centers and the kitchen and she LOVES building with Lego. She likes playing with her brother and her dog jinx. She enjoys singing and dancing and takes piano lessons. One thing you should know about Kaia is that she is "really little, but really brave!"

**Emi Dengler Kaufman** (1st, Waterford) turns 7 tomorrow, Mar 26! Emi likes to play with friends at school and church. She enjoys art class at school and doing art projects at home- especially painting. Emi likes to watch movies and eat popcorn with her family, jump on the trampoline, play with her siblings and go to piano and dance lessons.

**Leif Kingsley** (PK, RockRun) turns 5 on Mar 26! Leif is glad to turn 5 because that means he can play on a soccer team and join the triathlon at Shanklin park! He enjoys playing his ukulele and drums, swinging, playing with cars and watching his dad build their tree house! Leif's favorite book is about plants and animals and blue, orange, black and red are his favorite colors!

**TODAY** is Palm Sunday. 2<sup>nd</sup> hour will focus on resting in God's love and will include Taize singing, reflection or centering prayer. Sunday school teachers: this is the last

Sunday in the Winter quarter. Please pick up Spring SS materials on the cart in the CE closet.

**Next week's** Assemblyline will be sent out Thur afternoon, Mar 29. Please have all Aline blurbs in by 12pm on Thur

**Construction Update!** What to expect to see today: More bare sticky floors. 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: Renovation has slowed down until new construction starts. There are a few painting and cleaning projects that need doing. If you are able to help, please email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

**Safety Networks** is celebrating its 1yr anniversary! Still don't know what Safety Networks is? Interested in getting involved with supporting immigrants in our community? Check out our update and current needs on the lit table.

**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, please email Naomi at [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto: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](mailto: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, although if the weather is horrid, we will be inside. Hot drinks provided. Email [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com) for a map or find one in their mail box.

**Our Sunday morning Easter feast** is a beloved Assembly tradition that we plan to continue this Easter Sunday, Apr 1. Please bring festive finger foods to share. The feast is a part of the regular morning worship service. You are also encouraged to bring Easter lilies and other colorful flowers to fill our space (place on the chair cupboards under the windows). There will be no 2nd hour or Sunday school.

**Please join us** for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Wed, Apr 4 at the Greencroft Community Center. Marna Mateer will be our speaker and we will have a salad lunch. Sign up in the gathering space by Mar 25 or call Joyce at [574-537-3762](tel:574-537-3762) before Mar 29.

**April's Leadership Group** meeting will be on Tue, Apr 10. (Leadership Group typically meets the first week of the month, but school vacations led us to schedule our meeting a week later.) April's congregational meeting will be held on Sun, Apr 22 at 7 pm. Congregational meetings are typically held the 3rd Sunday evening of the month. Shifting the congregational meeting one week later will allow us time to get some work done between Leadership Group and the congregational meeting.

**Rose Stutzman** is looking for someone to dog sit/housesit from Fri evening March 30 thru Thur morning Apr 5. [574-304-5028](tel:574-304-5028).

**Want a golden opportunity** to help provide MCC with a big bundle of money? Want to be a part of a fun, time-limited team that puts together the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale online auction? Want to help us put together the auction for Sept 2018? Please consider joining this committee. We are beginning our work in Apr and will meet occasionally through Sept. Contact Jep Hostetler at 537-3762 or [hostetlerjep@gmail.com](mailto:hostetlerjep@gmail.com) for more info about the committee's duties and meeting times. THANK YOU for considering this project.

**Thanks for your service** to our neighbors in transition through Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network! Your food and companionship on the journey were greatly appreciated ("This food is like Thanksgiving every night!"). Thanks!

**It's time to start thinking** about Bible School again. *Digging for Treasure* is the theme. June 4-8, M-F 9 - 11:30am. **\*\*NEW\*\*** Youth and Adults can now register to volunteer online:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ioQbdmYqD0UrahBE2> Click the link to see all volunteer positions. As always, your help at VBS is crucial to its success. Please see Rose Stutzman or Sarah Horst with any questions.

**This month's edition** of the Central District Conference newsletter, [Reporter can be read here](#).

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **The paper cutter** has been moved to its new shelf among the colored paper (across from the copier). It has recently been sharpened. Please be careful when using it.

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(repeat) **JYF March meeting** is rescheduled for TODAY, 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 which they want to do.

(repeat) **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.

## community connections

**Stations of the Cross and Resurrection.** Follow the footsteps of Jesus on his way to the cross at Pathways Retreat, [309 1/2 Hackett Road, Goshen](#), Mar 25-31. The traditional 14 Stations of the Cross are designed and handcrafted of colorful mosaic by local artist and teacher, John Nafziger. Then, on Sun, Apr 1 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 Sylvie Gudin. In addition to the artwork, scripture and reflections accompany each station. These walks through the woods appeal to all ages and are available during daylight hours. Call or text staff at [574-333-1822](tel:574-333-1822) or [574-202-2864](tel:574-202-2864) for use of a golf cart. There is no cost, although donations are gratefully accepted. See [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org) for photos and directions.

**Rev. Naim Ateek**, founder of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center will give a public talk his new book, *A Palestinian Theology of Liberation: The Bible, Justice, & the Palestine-Israel Conflict* on Tue Mar 27, 4-5:30pm at Notre Dames's Hesburgh Center Auditorium. He will describe the emergence of Palestinian liberation theology, examine the challenges of Christian Zionism and speak about what liberation theology means for Palestinians living under Israeli occupation today. Professor Rashied Omar, a scholar of Islamic Studies and Peacebuilding at the Keough School of Global Affairs, and Marcelle, a Palestinian activist and student at Notre Dame, will join Rev. Ateek. Event is open and free to the public.

**MCC Vietnam Storytelling Events:** You have three opportunities to join Mennonite Central Committee for stories of Vietnam with special guest speakers Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations

Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. 1. Tue, Apr 10 6-8:30pm: [Young Adult Gathering](#) at Anna's Bread (212 W. Washington St. #2, Goshen) \$5 suggested donation for hors d'oeuvres. 2. Fri, Apr 13 at 6pm: [Friends of MCC International Potluck](#) at East Goshen Mennonite Church (17861 State Rd. 4, Goshen) Bring a favorite dish to share! 3. Sun, Apr 15 at 7pm: [MCC Stories of Vietnam](#) at Prairie Street Mennonite Church (1316 Prairie Street, Elkhart) First-hand reflections 50 years after the war.

**MCC Great Lakes** has provided a 12-passenger van for area advocates to go to Washington, DC for Ecumenical Advocacy Days. Two days of learning, "A World Uprooted: Responding to Migrants, Refugees and Displaced People" and one day visiting our national legislators offices. Bring your teens newly committed to advocacy! Partial scholarships available. Contact [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com) for more information. <https://advocacydays.org/2018-a-world-uprooted/>

**Amigo Volunteer Weekend.** Apr 13-15 Amigo Centre invites you to consider helping us prepare for the summer season. Projects are dependent on the weather, but will hopefully include wood splitting, painting, cleaning and gardening. There will be something for all ages. Come Fri night and stay all weekend or just come on Sat to help out. Meals and lodging are free. Please RSVP by calling the office 269-651-2811 or on our website at [amigocentre.org/volunteer-weekend](http://amigocentre.org/volunteer-weekend).

**Please join us** for the ADEC Ball at 6-9pm on Apr 20 at the Northern Indiana Event Center. Tix can be purchased at [www.adecinc.com/adecball](http://www.adecinc.com/adecball) and questions can be directed to Jess Koscher at [koscherj@adecinc.com](mailto:koscherj@adecinc.com) or 574-848-2421

**The 4th Annual CAPS Superhero 5K and Sidekick Kids' Fun Run.** Sat, April 28th-8:30AM in Downtown Elkhart. Click [here](#) for more information.

**We are excited to announce** that the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Swamp Benefit will take place on Fri, June 15 and Sat 16 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Wauseon, OH. Proceeds will support Mennonite Central Committee and the local work of Sunshine Communities. We are in need of many handmade and unique items: quilts of all sizes, handcrafted wood furniture, children's items, outdoor

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equipment, gift certificates, vacation vouchers, hosted dinners, handmade crafts and antiques. Please visit [blackswampbenefit.org](http://blackswampbenefit.org) for more info on how to donate.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](http://ambs.edu/visit)

(repeat) **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](http://CHHclinics.org) or call [574-534-4744](tel:574-534-4744).

(repeat) **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 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](http://mcc.org/borderlands-tour) or call Jorge Vielman at [\(574\) 534-4133](tel:574-534-4133).

(repeat) **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](http://mcc.org/kits). Thank you for partnering with MCC to share God’s love and compassion in this tangible way.

(repeat) **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](http://ADNetOnline.org/About/Pages/Staff-openings) for more information, or contact Anabaptist Disabilities Network at [574-343-1362](tel:574-343-1362).

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