

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 1	April 8
Easter, No Sunday School	
Worship leader: <i>Anna Schlabach Yoder</i> Preacher: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Tumbleweeds & Well Seasoned</i>	Worship leader: <i>SG Well Seasoned</i> Preacher: <i>Tom Kauffman</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Groupyndor & Beta</i>
Scripture: <i>Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18</i>	Scripture: <i>Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31</i>

CALENDAR

Fri	Mar 30	7pm Good Friday service at meetinghouse
Sat	Mar 31	5:30pm Family Easter Vigil service at meetinghouse
TODAY	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

Reuben Graber Roth turns 1 TODAY, Apr 1! Reuben is steadier on his feet and loves to explore. Favorite activities include going through the recycling bin, climbing up and down stairs, opening and shutting cabinet doors, keeping the beat with his shakers, and watching the train roll by. He is eager to flash a smile and give a friendly wave.

TODAY is Easter Sunday! We will celebrate our annual Easter Feast during 1st hour. Please bring finger foods to share: deviled eggs, muffins, breads, cinnamon rolls, fruit, cookies, and anything else that can be eaten with your fingers! 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/Sunday school, and no Window offering. Please bring goods for The Window the following Sun, Apr 8.

Our Eastertide series starts next Sun, Apr 8. During this Eastertide, we return to the theme of companionship visited last Fall, this time to learn from and worship with those who were Jesus' closest friends. For more info, please see the introduction at the top of this email or on the lit table.

Lora will be out of town Mon, Apr 2-Thur, Apr 6. Contact Karl or Tom for pastoral needs.

Sunday school teachers: next Sun, Apr 8, is the first Sunday of the Spring quarter. Please pick up Spring SS materials on the cart in the CE closet. Your classroom locations will remain the same for the rest of this quarter,

and you may now leave materials you use every Sunday in your classroom.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: Rough work done to prepare for a new fire alarm system. What is planned for the next week: New flooring!! Volunteer needs this upcoming week: Painting bathrooms. If you are able to help, please email office@assemblymennonite.org

Small Group reps met on Mar 27 and heard about the ten persons willing to be considered for three elder positions; received new info about the proposed congregational 3-year goal; and received info about the proposed pastoral team job descriptions. Ask your group's rep for details.

Fork over Knives, a documentary taken from the China study by Colin Campbell will be shown at the meetinghouse on Sun, Apr 8. Hosted by Bruce Bishop. Discussion to follow. Contact 312-0098, for more info.

Join us at Elkhart County Jail Ministry's annual banquet from 7-8:30pm Tue, Apr 24. The event will highlight how Chaplain Cory Martin and volunteers are working with inmates at the jail and Essenhaus pie will be served. Assembly and Goshen College both have tables to fill at the free event. If you're interested, contact Glenn Gilbert, glenn@goshen.edu, or Marshall King, hungrymarshall@gmail.com.

Naomi Chapman has a new email address: nrchap49@gmail.com.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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, unless weather does not permit. Hot drinks provided. For a map, email SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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 for more info about the committee's duties and meeting times. THANK YOU for considering this project.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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!

community connections

Empty Bowl Soup supper Sat, Mar 31 at Farmer's Market 5-8pm. This year's proceeds recipient is Interfaith Hospitality Network, which provides shelter for the homeless here in Goshen.

MCC Vietnam Storytelling Events: Assembly-ites have four 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 9:30am: preaching at Assembly Mennonite Church during and leading 2nd hour discussion time. 4. Sun, Apr 15 at 7pm: MCC Stories of Vietnam at Prairie Street Mennonite Church, First-hand reflections 50 years after the war.

The Enneagram - Nine Windows Into One's Soul. Apr 20-22, Camp Friedenswald. Presented by Indiana-Michigan M.A.L.E.s *Seeking to be Men As Learners and Elders* The Retreat Leader, Brad Pickle, is a knowledgeable teacher of the Enneagram, having studied it for over a decade. Since his initial introduction to the Enneagram through Fr. Richard Rohr's teachings, he has trained extensively at the Enneagram Institute under Don Riso and Rus Hudson, two of the most respected teachers and writers on the Enneagram. Contact: Jamey Bontrager-Singer, [574-312-4776](tel:574-312-4776) or <http://www.inmimales.org/the-enneagram/>

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Apr 20 Fish Fry: Bethany Christian High School's junior class fish fry is 4:30-8pm, Fri, Apr 20. 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 Jr or at the school (534-2567).

Iona Healing Prayer is a service held at Pathways Retreat ([309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen](http://309%201%2FHackettRd,Goshen)) on the 2nd Thur of each month. Join us on Apr 12 at 7pm for this time of intercessory prayer that is modeled after the same service that happens at Iona Abbey, Scotland.

Elkhart County Clubhouse is looking for the donation of a used minivan -- we can probably get a lot of local miles out of the van you want to replace. The Clubhouse is a support community for adults with mental illnesses, located at [114 S. 5th St.](http://114S.5thSt) -- Rich Meyer 202-3920

Mennonite Creation Care Network is challenging congregations in the Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada to be part of a church-wide river clean-up at some point during the summer of 2018. Youth and adults are encouraged to choose a nearby river and clean up trash, either on foot along the banks or via canoe. Canoeing is a great way to see your community from a different perspective and learn more about your watershed. Find out how to get started [here](#).

Bright Time Summer Camp, June 4-8, has more than 50 athletic, fine arts, science, and all kinds of fun camps for age 4 through rising grade 8. Camps are \$35-\$40. Additionally, Shine On Campcare will provide a place for children for before, between, and after their camps. View camp listings and register online at www.bethanycs.net/BrightTime.

Pathways Retreat's April edition of their newsletter, Rhythms can be read [here](#).

(repeat) **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](http://309%201%2FHackettRoad,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 for photos and directions.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 for more information. <https://advocacydays.org/2018-a-world-uprooted/>

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Please join us** for the ADEC Ball at 6-9pm on Apr 20 at the Northern Indiana Event Center. Tix can be

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purchased at www.adeinc.com/adeball and questions can be directed to Jess Koscher at koscherj@adeinc.com or 574-848-2421

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

(repeat) **We are excited to announce** that the 17th 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 equipment, gift certificates, vacation vouchers, hosted dinners, handmade crafts and antiques. Please visit blackswampbenefit.org for more info on how to donate.

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