

# 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 22	April 29
Worship leader: <i>Ashley Fehlberg &amp; Mary Magdalene Wisdom Circle</i>	Worship leader: <i>Susan Mark Landis &amp; Mary Magdalene Wisdom Circle</i>
Preacher: <i>Kristy Shellenberger Yordy "Journeying toward the Magdalene"</i>	Teaching: <i>Kristy Shellenberger Yordy "Mary Magdalene- Unitive Teacher, Comforter, Beloved"</i>
Welcome & tear-down: <i>B, Omega, One</i>	Welcome & tear-down: <i>Nameless &amp; Cardinal</i>
Scripture: <i>Mary Magdalene in the gospels</i>	Scripture: <i>Excerpts from the Gospel of Mary Magdalene</i>

### CALENDAR

TODAY	Apr 22	7pm Congregational meeting
Tue	Apr 24	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Sun	Apr 29	8am Senior Graduation breakfast at meetinghouse
Sat	May 5	7pm The Dangling Participles fundraiser concert at meetinghouse

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**Aidan Ebricht Zehr (7<sup>th</sup> GMS)** turned 13 on Apr 12! Aidan loves sports of all kinds especially basketball! Aidan likes to hang out with friends, play with his brothers and sleep. He also plays cello and is looking forward to summer travel with his family.

**Jacob Bontrager (3<sup>rd</sup> Middlebury Elem)** turned 9 on Apr 16! Jacob enjoys playing Lego and dart wars with his brothers. He likes to drive the 4 wheeler with his dad and learn about animals. Math is his favorite subject and seafood is his least favorite food. He enjoys travelling.

**Mabel Miller Avelar** turns 1 TODAY, April 22! Mabel is a very active. She is proud of her new standing and walking skills. Putting things in/taking them out and peek-a-boo are her favorite games. She likes to go outside and lets you know by standing at the door and screaming.

**Aaron Hochstetler (2<sup>nd</sup> Rockrun)** turns 8 on April 24! Aaron likes to play soccer, piano and Dutch Blitz. He enjoys drawing robots and writing stories. He loves to eat Hotdogs and is excited to eat a lot of potatoes in Peru when his family is on SST. He currently enjoys his school play.

**TODAY** is the third Sunday in our Eastertide Worship series. Both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hours today and next Sunday will be led by the Mary Magdalene Wisdom Circle. Today's service will focus on Mary Magdalene as portrayed in the

canonical gospels. For more info about this Eastertide series, see intro at the top of this email or on the lit table.

**Construction Update!** What to expect to see today: a much-improved gathering space! Thank you to all who helped paint this past week! What is planned for the next week: More flooring going in!

**Leadership Group** has been made aware of actions taken by College Mennonite Church and Goshen College barring Jan Gleysteen due to his history of unwanted and invasive sexual groping. As a result of the sanctions, Jan has been visiting churches in the Goshen area. In consideration for the safety of people at Assembly, we share this information with you, and have sent Jan a letter telling him that should he attend Assembly he will be escorted by two people at all times in our space. If you have concerns about this plan or know Jan and are willing to be an escort, please talk with someone on Leadership group.

**Are you ever confused** when you find one shoe, or one glove, or a sippy cup in the meetinghouse with no person attached to them? All of these items can be found in the lost and found, which will be on a table in the multi-purpose space TODAY. Make sure you stop and check for your items; they will be taken to the Depot after church.

**Congregational meeting** is TODAY, Apr 22 at 7pm at the meeting house. Come to hear various updates and to participate in our consensus decision making process. On the agenda: 2017 Budget surplus (for discernment); Three-

year goal (first reading); and Proposed changes in staffing (first reading). This final item bears reading in advance (see attachment link at the top of this email or copies on the lit table in the gathering space). It is the entire package, job descriptions for church administrator and pastors, MYF staffing changes, plus projected financial impact. A reminder that for Cong meetings we currently enter through the south doors to not disturb Faith Mennonite's meal.

**Graduating Seniors from college & seminary:** You are invited to a breakfast at 8am Sun, Apr 29 in celebration of your graduation. Your family and out of town guests are also welcome. Please contact Naomi at 534-4190 or [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) with the number attending, your degree, home congregation, and future plans (if you know them). Thanks for being part of us during your time in Goshen.

**As our congregation ages,** we have more seniors who no longer drive and need transportation to church. If you could occasionally provide that transportation, please contact Joyce Hostetler at 537-3762 or [joycehos@gmail.com](mailto:joycehos@gmail.com).

**Spring electives start** on Sun, May 6. Options include: Some Assembly Required for newer attendees, Two Book Studies: [How to Breaking Up with Your Phone](#) by Catherine Price, [Raising White Kids](#) by Jennifer Harvey, and another elective on reading: What I Am Reading.

**Please join us** for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Wed, May 2 at the Greencroft Community Center. Els Shelly will be our speaker and we will have a sandwich and chips or fruit for lunch. Sign up in the gathering space today or call Joyce at [574-537-3762](tel:574-537-3762) before Apr 26.

**Help is needed for the Sunday School** Pizza luncheon for Sunday school teachers and parents on Sun, May 6. Please sign up at the round white table in the gathering space or contact Tara Swartzendruber-Landis if you can provide a vegetable, fruit or cookie platter for 25 people. This is an excellent way to say thank you to the Sunday School teachers and show your support of parents with young children. You can also sign up to help with set up during second hour or help with clean up after the meal. To contact Tara: call or text [\(215\) 901-1584](tel:215-901-1584) or [tarass99@hotmail.com](mailto:tarass99@hotmail.com).

**Book urgently needed:** I am looking for Madame Jeanne Guyon's book, *Experiencing the Depths of Jesus Christ*, for a class I am taking at AMBS. I own this book, but it was accidentally packed away when I moved. Please contact me ASAP if you have a copy that I can borrow in the next two weeks. - Mary Lehman Yoder 574-238-9676

**Hosts still needed!** Central District Conference's annual meeting, hosted by area churches, will be held in Goshen at College Mennonite Church, June 21-23. Host homes are needed for delegates coming from other areas. If you are able to provide guest accommodations for the nights of Thurs, June 21 and Fri, June 22, please email James Stuckey Weber at [jamesnw@gmail.com](mailto:jamesnw@gmail.com). Please include how many and what size beds you can provide, if it is handicap accessible, if you have pets, and if you'd be willing to take a family, rather than an individual. You will only need to provide a bed, no meals.

**Central District Conference's** April newsletter Focus can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

(repeat) **Worship the next two Sundays** (TODAY & Apr 29) will be led by a group of folks from within and outside of Assembly that began meeting in Jan 2017 to focus on marginal texts of Judeo-Christianity. The focus of its work this year has been on the Gospel of Mary Magdalene. The focus of the next two Sundays will be on Mary Magdalene and her role in the early Christian church. The first Sunday will focus on Mary Magdalene as portrayed in the canonical gospels, and the second Sunday on Mary Magdalene as portrayed in the second-century Gospel of Mary Magdalene. Second-hour discussion will follow worship.

(repeat) **Leon Bauman Household Sale** benefiting the AMC Building Fund at [1726 S. 13th St.](#) will be open Fri, Apr 20, 4-7pm and again on Sat, Apr 21, 9am-12pm. During Lynette's last months, she talked about blessing friends, family, and neighbors with a gift from her home. This is your opportunity to receive that blessing. Available items include kitchen items (dishes, utensils, silverware, mugs), wicker chairs, outdoor furniture, wall hangings, rugs, pictures, baskets, pet supplies (cages, aquarium with supplies), garden supplies & tools, compost barrel, car ramps & jack. Donations only.

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(repeat) **Mark your calendars:** Help-a-House on Sat, May 12! Look for a signup sheet TODAY on the round table in the gathering space. See Dale Klassen with questions. There are a variety of projects for all abilities and ages Jr High and above. Expect work, food, t-shirts, dilly bars, and fun!

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Middle School** will perform *Bedtime Stories* and *Beware the Jabberworkcy* featuring Assembly's own Jordana Farran, at 7 pm Fri and Sat, May 4 & 5. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, may be purchased online beginning Apr 16 at [bethanycs.net/tickets](http://bethanycs.net/tickets). Synopsis: Mom's sick, so Dad tells his three rambunctious kids their bedtime stories; but when he gets fuzzy on the details, the classics get creative. You may think you know your fairy tales, but not the way Dad tells them.

(repeat) **Digging for Treasure** is the Vacation Bible School theme this year! 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. Volunteers are still needed!! Please register if you are able to help; see Rose Stutzman or Sarah Horst with any questions.

(repeat) **The Good-Elliotts** are looking for someone to provide companionship and guidance for Alta over the summer. If you or someone you know would be interested in this paid role, contact Phil or Carol Good-Elliott by email [philcajean@gmail.com](mailto:philcajean@gmail.com) or by phone at 574-533-9906.

### community connections

**TODAY, Apr 22nd** is Earth Day. It seems a fitting time to gather for "Church in the Wild." Any and everyone is welcome to gather in Goshen College's Witmer Woods at 2pm to sing with the birds and hum with the bees as we gather in sacred solidarity with the earth. Hundreds of years ago theologians, including the Franciscan theologian, Bonaventure, referred to creation as "The first Bible" - wherein God was revealed without words. It is in this spirit of seeking after God that we gather. The service will be simple: a bit of singing, a bit of wandering, a bit of honoring God in our midst. If you have a Hymnal: A Worship Book, please bring it. Others will be provided. (Witmer Woods is the wooded area adjacent to the Goshen

College Cabin - or just across Main Street from the South end of campus). 2pm, Sunday. Follow the song of the birds (and the people) and join us in Witmer Woods! All ages are welcome, too! (No seating provided...well, there's always the ground but it will probably be wet! Feel free to bring a chair if you'd be more comfortable with one, though the service won't be too long).

**MCC's SWAP** (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program has summer positions open in both West Virginia and Kentucky. The assignments run from May 30-August. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but positions are not limited to young adults. More info about SWAP and an application are available at [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or by calling 606-633-5065. In both positions, an exceptional 18-year-old might be considered. A stipend, room and board and travel expenses are provided. **Job Site Coordinators** – Will be the liaison between homeowners and volunteers. Carpentry skills are helpful but not required. Must be willing to learn, follow instruction and work well with others, both homeowners and volunteers, youth and adults. **Meals Coordinators** – Will assist the Location Coordinator with menu planning, meal preparation, kitchen duties and other. Should be able to work well with staff and volunteers, both youth and adults.

(repeat) **Church Community Services** presents Sounds of Celebration Community Concert. Join us as we celebrate our 50th year of providing help and hope to those in need in Elkhart County! April 26 at Trinity Church on Jackson, 2715 E Jackson Blvd., 6:00 cake, 7:00 concert. Enjoy performances by local dance teams, choirs and praise bands. This is a free concert, but a "love offering" will be collected if you want to support our work as we continue to help those in need in Elkhart County.

(repeat) **IN/MI Mennonite Women's** May Gathering: Sat, May 5 we will be gathering at East Goshen Mennonite Church to share in conversation, inspiration and brunch. Come and fellowship with friends from other congregations and hear Carol Honderich share about a special 'Women of the Bible' quilt she has made. She will be sharing about women from the Bible and from our community. Arrive between 8:30-9, with the program

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beginning at 9am. We will have brunch mid-morning and conclude our time around 11:45.

(repeat) **This year's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer** is Thur, May 3. We have the privilege to worship and pray without fear on the Courthouse Lawn, along with thousands of prayer events throughout our nation. This year's theme is PRAY for AMERICA – UNITY based on Eph. 4:3 "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." We will gather at the Courthouse Lawn from 11:45am-1pm and again from 6:45-8pm.

(repeat) **Youth or young adults** looking for a gap year? [gap year – A structured period of time when students take a break from formal education to increase self-awareness, volunteer, and experiment with possible careers.] Check out MVS and [read](#) how this MVS unit is living out their spiritual practices.

(repeat) **Custodial Opening:** Bethany Christian Schools invites applications for the position of evening custodian beginning Apr 25. Successful applicants will have the aptitude to work independently, perform minor repairs on equipment, and supervise student cleaning crews during the summer. The position is approximately three-quarters time and eligible for partial benefits. Applications are being accepted until the position has been filled. For info about the position and an application form, visit [www.bethanycs.net/jobs](http://www.bethanycs.net/jobs) or contact Head of School Tim Lehman at [tclehman@bethanycs.net](mailto:tclehman@bethanycs.net).

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