

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

April 29	May 6
Worship leader: <i>Susan Mark Landis & Mary Magdalene Wisdom Circle</i>	Worship leader: <i>small group Derailed</i>
Teaching: <i>Kristy Shellenberger Yordy "Mary Magdalene-Unitive Teacher, Comforter, Beloved"</i>	Preaching: <i>Dave Ostergren</i>
Welcome & tear-down: <i>Nameless & Cardinal</i>	Welcome & tear-down: <i>Here & There</i>
Scripture: <i>Excerpts from the Gospel of Mary Magdalene</i>	Window & 2% Offerings
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CALENDAR

TODAY	Apr 29	8am Senior Graduation breakfast at meetinghouse JYF Activity at the meetinghouse
Wed	May 2	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center
Sat	May 5	7pm The Dangling Particles fundraiser concert at meetinghouse
Mon	May 7	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	May 9	6:30-8:30pm Small Group Childcare at meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Shemaya Magatti (6th Bethany) turned 12 on Apr 23! Shemaya loves soccer, playing on the field on the screen and reading about it. He also enjoys geography and won the Bethany middle school geography bee. He likes to wrestle with his brothers and go out to eat with his family.

Landon Glick Miller (8th Street Preschool) turned 4 on Apr 26! Landon can ride a pedal bike and a scooter! He likes climbing and playing cars. He loves the sandbox at school and just got some new sticky sand to play with inside. He likes to listen to stories and play outside.

Hans Vincent Nafziger-Peterson was born to Abby Nafziger & Alex Peterson (and proud grandparents John and Lois Nafziger) at 8:17am on Thur, Apr 26. He was 8 lbs 0 oz and 20" long. He looks to have copper red hair and blue eyes. They are all doing well. Small group 8th St.+ is happy to welcome Hans to the world, to Goshen, and to Assembly. We will organize a sign-up to take them a meal once they're home and settled.

TODAY is the fourth Sunday in our Eastertide Worship series. Both 1st and 2nd hours today will be led by the Mary Magdalene Wisdom Circle and will focus on Mary Magdalene as portrayed in the second-century Gospel of Mary Magdalene. 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: New flooring in the pastor suite, new toilets and faucets! What is planned for the next week: Flooring will continue to be installed. Volunteer needs this upcoming week: Outside cleaning (see below).

This is your last Sunday to sign up for Help-a-House on Sat, May 12! Signup sheet is located on the round table in the gathering space. See Dale Klassen with questions. There are projects for all abilities and ages Jr High and above. Expect work, food, t-shirts, dilly bars, and fun!

On Mon, Apr 30, Patricia Nuyken will have surgery on her right eye in Indianapolis (cataract and DMEK corneal transplant). Lois Kaufmann will be with her. She will return to Indy on Mon, May 14, for the procedures in her left eye. She will be on medical leave from school for the month of May. She covets your prayers during this time.

Small group reps met to discern new elders to join the Leadership Group and chose Dennis Landis as chair-elect; Regina Shands Stoltzfus and Jonathon Schramm as elders. The congregation will be asked to affirm those choices at a congregational meeting. They begin in the fall.

It's a concert, not a grammar lesson. The Dangling Particles will play at 7pm May 5 (That's a Saturday night) at Assembly Mennonite Church. The bluesy Americana band will play a concert at the church that night

to raise money for the Milk & Honey Campaign. Come hear some great music and eat some snacks. Children are welcome. Financial donations will be accepted for the building campaign. Austin Kaufmann, a child of Assembly and of Jim and Lois, is the lead vocalist and guitarist. Questions? Ask Jim and Lois Kaufmann.

Lora is going on sabbatical! May 27 is her last Sunday with us and she will return Sept 4. A document that includes sabbatical plans and coverage is attached at the top of this email and copies can be found on the lit table.

Leadership Group (LG) is forming a search committee of five to seven members to guide the process for hiring pastors. Leadership group will appoint members of the congregation who bring confidentiality, wisdom, emotional and spiritual maturity to this important task. The hope is to have a search committee in place before the end of May. We invite your prayers. -Rose Stutzman, LG chair

Steve Shantz's 2nd grade Sunday school class decided how give away the \$628 raised from last summer's sales of onion and garlic. After much processing, the children decided to divide the money into 3rds, going to National Immigrant Justice Center, Apopo (an organization that trains giant African rats to detect land mines and tuberculosis), and the Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network. Additionally, 405 lbs of onions and 40 lbs of garlic were donated to the Elkhart Seed-to-Feed program. Thank you for your support! This year, in addition to growing onions and garlic, the MYF will be helping to grow 200 or so cabbage plants for Seed-to-Feed.

Due to the renovation and construction, we are skipping Spring work days. However, the playground could use some sprucing up. Some work has already been done thanks to small group Beta and Jon Zirkle. If you would be willing to put a couple of hours in, please contact office@assemblymennonite.org

We have a fellowship meal coming up on Sun, May 20. There is only one small group assigned to cleanup after the meal, and they could use some help. If you are able to help that day, please email office@assemblymennonite.org.

Each year, the Everence Sharing Fund provides matching grants to member congregations. So far this year,

we have requested and received \$750 for LaCasa Help-A-House to match the \$750 already given by Assembly. To learn more about Everence, visit everence.com or talk to your Assembly rep, Eric Yordy.

(repeat) **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, talk with someone on Leadership group.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Spring electives start** on Sun, May 6. Options include: Some Assembly Required for newer attendees, Two Book Studies: [How to Break Up with Your Phone](#) by Catherine Price, [Raising White Kids](#) by Jennifer Harvey, and another elective on reading: What I Am Reading. More information on each elective is on the lit. table and attached to this email.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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the meal. To contact Tara: call or text [\(215\) 901-1584](tel:2159011584) or tarass99@hotmail.com.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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. 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.

community connections

Auditions for Youth Choirs at the Goshen College Comm School of the Arts Mon, May 7, 6-8pm (walk-in).

Auditions for the Youth Orchestras at the Goshen College Community School of the Arts. In-school, Week of May 7-11 and May 14-18. After school by appointment (at the Goshen College Music Center). To schedule an audition, call or text Rosalyn Troiano at (574) 536-9795

The Eighth Day in Concert: The Eighth Day, a six-member bluegrass band of Goshen College first-year students, will give a free concert at 7:30pm Sat, May 12, at Bethany Christian Schools. They play a nice mix of tradition and popular bluegrass with several other musical influences squeezed in. Listen to a sample at [facebook.com/TheEighthDay/](https://www.facebook.com/TheEighthDay/)

Host an IVEPer: Would you be interested in learning from and sharing a cultural experience with a young person from another part of the world? Mennonite Central Committee has an International Volunteer Exchange Program participant who will be working at Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen. Asentha, from Kenya, will be a teacher assistant primarily in mathematics from August

2018 through July 2019. A host family is needed to provide a private bedroom within their home, and serve as a bridge to church, community, activities, and places of interest. A monthly stipend of \$350 is available for the host family to assist with the basics of food, toiletries, and household expenses. If you are interested or would like more information about being a host for Asentha, please contact Tim Lehman at tclehman@bethanycs.net.

Employment Opportunities at Bethany Christian Schools: 5th grade teacher (to fill new position due to growing enrollment) beginning August 2018. Teaching assistant part-time beginning August 2018. English teacher (high school) part-time to full-time beginning August 2018. Custodian evening fulltime beginning immediately. More info about the following positions available at bethanycs.net/jobs or contact Head of School Tim Lehman at tclehman@bethanycs.net

Camp Friedenswald is hiring a Facilities Assistant to join our team. The ideal candidate will have skills in building maintenance, equipment operation, and land management. Eagerness to learn new skills, love of the outdoors, and a desire to create a hospitable environment for guests is a must. Benefits include hourly wage, free housing, utilities, meals, and an amazing work environment! For more information, [email our Facilities Director Jonathan](mailto:jonathan@bethanycs.net) or [Apply today!](#)

(repeat) **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 or by calling 606-633-5065. In both positions, an exceptional 18-year-old might be considered. **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.

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