

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 8	April 15
Worship leader: <i>SG Well Seasoned</i> Preacher: <i>Tom Kauffman</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Groupyndor & Beta</i> <i>Window Offering</i>	Worship leader: <i>Jonathon Schramm</i> Preacher: <i>Doug Hostetter</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Shine & Teatime</i>
Scripture: <i>Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31</i>	Scripture: <i>Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48</i>

CALENDAR

TODAY	Apr 8	7pm Forks Over Knives documentary showing at meetinghouse
Tue	Apr 10	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Apr 11	6:30-8:30pm Childcare for small groups at meetinghouse
Sun	Apr 22	7pm Congregational meeting
Tue	Apr 24	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Sun	Apr 29	8am Senior breakfast at meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY is the first Sunday in our Eastertide Worship series. 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. Bring window offerings today.

Sunday school teachers: TODAY is the first Sunday of the Spring quarter. 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, and use the bulletin boards. If you hang things on the walls please use blue painters tape in the Christian Ed. closet.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: New flooring in some of the gathering spaces and hallways!
What is planned for the next week: More flooring being put in. Volunteer needs this upcoming week: Painting bathrooms. If you are able to help, please email office@assemblymennonite.org

Saving the landscape: Part 1. TODAY, 2nd hour, Grades 4 & 5 will be digging up and transplanting the flower bulbs from the south side of the building to the Sunday School house. Kids, please dress for staying warm, and bring a trowel and/or garden gloves if you have them. Any adults who want to help are welcome to join us. Let Mary Gilbert

know by Sat evening if you plan to come with a shovel, rake, or wheelbarrow. In case of bad weather, the class will meet as usual. The first phase of the project will be folded into Part 2 (see below).

Part 2. Next Sat, Apr 14, 10 am-12 noon: Perennial giveaway and transplant. This for everyone. Help us move the remaining flowers to new homes. Autumn Joy sedum, lilies, lambs' ears and ornamental fescue grass will be available for digging up and adopting, first come, first served. We have 3 weeks to clear things out the area. Thanks for helping out! Mary for the landscaping crew

TODAY after 2nd hour, the shed out on the playground will be open and anything inside of it can be claimed. There are a few tricycles, plastic shelving, plastic sleds, and beat up sand toys. All items not claimed will be disposed of or sent to the Depot.

Forks over Knives a scientifically based, life changing DVD based on the book "The China Study" will be shown TODAY, Apr 8, 7pm. A whole food plant based diet is shown to reduce and relieve heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and more. Environmental concerns also visited. Hosted by Bruce Bishop, discussion to follow. Questions: 312-0098

There are three regular attendees at Assembly that have official Do Not Resuscitate paperwork on file. That paperwork can be found in the fridge on the left in the kitchen. There is also a list of these individuals' names in

the kitchenette in the Worship Space- inside the cabinet door where communion supplies are stored. All Assembly-ites that work in the medical field have already been alerted to this information. For any questions or concerns please contact office@assemblymennonite.org

Childcare will be offered for small groups on Wed, Apr 11 from 6:30-8:3pm. Please RSVP if you plan to bring your child(ren): office@assemblymennonite.org.

The Goshen College Symphony Orchestra, conducted by José Rocha, will present their spring concert in Sauder Concert Hall on Sun, Apr 22, at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students, available online at www.goshen.edu/tickets or via the Goshen College Box Office at (574) 535-7566.

Hosts 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.

Did you happen to lose a set of keys 4-5 years ago that included many membership cards to places like Martin’s, Jewel Osco, CVS, and Newton Public Library? Please email office@assemblymennonite.org if they might belong to you as they will not be held on to for much longer.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Naomi Chapman** has a new email address: nrchap49@gmail.com .

community connections

The Window Benefit Meal will be held during April First Friday, Apr 6 beginning at 4:30pm. Menu: bacon wrapped stuffed chicken breast, garlic fingerling potatoes, julienne green beans with toasted almonds, fresh garden salad with homemade dressings, breads and berry parfaits for dessert. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$9. Call 533-9680 for more info.

Goshen College faculty, staff and student women and nonbinary people will perform stories about friendship, sexuality, body image, trauma and triumph in the fifth annual Goshen Monologues on Sat, Apr 7 at 7pm in the College Menn Church-Chapel. Free and open to public.

TODAY (Apr 8 at 8pm) Goshen College will host a TAIZE Worship Service on the GC Campus in Newcomer 19. This hour of contemplative worship, including singing, meditation, prayer and scripture, will provide space for us to reflectively bask in the persistent reality of New Life celebrated this week. All are welcome!

Pianist and Western Michigan University music professor Lori Sims will present a recital of solo piano music in the Goshen College Music Center’s Rieth Recital Hall on Sun, Apr 8 at 4pm. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students. Goshen College faculty/staff/students are free with ID. Tickets available online at goshen.edu/tickets or by calling the Box Office at (574) 535-7566.

Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace (MV4MEP) will host Robert Cohen, whose talk is entitled "It's Kosher to Boycott: a Jewish Journey to Palestinian Solidarity," Tue, Apr 10 at 7pm at College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, Koinonia Room. Robert is one of the strongest British Jewish voices on Palestine-Israel. He is married to an Anglican minister and has 4 children. He has written: “On Israel-Palestine, I am able to step outside the collective Jewish narrative that sees Israel as a messianic redemption, to question its understanding of history, theology and politics, and to enter the narrative of the Palestinian people and be changed by their experience and understanding.”

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Fiesta Feast supports the mission of the Center for Healing & Hope to provide medical care for uninsured people and resources for our immigrant neighbors. Buy your tickets now for the event on Sat, Apr 14, 5-7 pm, at College Mennonite Church. Enjoy a delicious Mexican meal and live music, sign up for door prizes, and add your support to making our community stronger for all of us. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for youth; children 0-5 eat free. Purchase tickets and make an additional donation at www.CHHclinics.org, or call 574-534-4744.

The Goshen Choirs will again explore the large palette of sounds available to the human voices from around the world, in the annual EARTHTONES choral concert on Sat, Apr 14, at 7:30pm in Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. The program will feature choral works from a wide variety of composers, cultures and countries, including works from Ukraine, South Africa, Thailand and India, and sung in such languages as native Hawai'ian, Gaelic, Zulu and Spanish. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 seniors/students, available online at www.goshen.edu/tickets or via the Goshen College Box Office at (574) 535-7566.

The Goshen College Theater Department will present its final performance of the "Swords into Plowshares" season with three student-directed one act plays on Fri, Apr 20 and Sat, Apr 21 at 8pm and Sun, Apr 22 at 3pm in the Umble Center. Tickets are \$5, available online at www.goshen.edu/tickets or via the Goshen College Box Office at (574) 535-7566.

All are invited to a gathering for those interested in Heifer International on Sat, Apr 21 at Goshen City Church of the Brethren. 9am coffee/tea and light refreshments followed by 9:30 informational presentation "What is new with Heifer International" by Beth Gunzel, Community Engagement Coordinator for Heifer in Chicago and surrounding states. Her presentation will focus on new ways Heifer International is involved in global efforts to overcome food and nutrition deficiencies in countries with famine and food shortages.

You're invited to Church Community Services' Sounds of Celebration, celebrating 50 years of hope. Apr 26, 6pm "birthday cake", 7pm free concert with performances by

local dance groups, choirs and praise bands. Trinity Church on Jackson, 2715 E Jackson Blvd, Elkhart.

Amigo Centre is excited to announce registration for the 21st Annual Camper Scholarship Golf Scramble is open. The Golf Scramble will be June 2, 2018 at 8 am at Klinger Lake Country Club in Sturgis MI. Proceeds from this event go towards camper scholarships for Amigo Centre's Trailblazer camp. Trailblazer campers would often not be able to come to camp otherwise. If golfing is not something you enjoy you can give directly to our camper scholarship fund. Information about registration can be found at www.amigocentre.org or by calling Amigo Centre at 269-651-2811.

SEMILLA Anabaptist Church Tour Oct 19-30. Join interesting people from across North America in a tour focusing on Anabaptist churches and seminary programs in Guatemala and El Salvador. The tour is arranged to include a wide variety of experiences to give you exposure to what Anabaptist churches are doing in Guatemala and El Salvador as well as a sense of the challenges and joys they face. For more info contact Charles Geiser (574) 612-8361 geisersemilla@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed at Church Community Services! We are in need of volunteers who can work in the following areas: A weekly shift in the food pantry Mon, Wed or Thur; Individuals interested in cutting or sewing Soup of Success upcycled mittens; Individuals who enjoy outdoor work and are interested in weeding, mowing, watering and harvesting food from our Seed to Feed garden and greenhouse. For more info, contact Gwen at 295-3673 x112 or volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org

(repeat) **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

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during and leading 2nd hour discussion time. 4. Sun, Apr 15 at 7pm: [MCC Stories of Vietnam](#) at Prairie St Mennonite Church, First-hand reflections 50yrs after the war.

(repeat) **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 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/>

(repeat) **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 (534-2567).

(repeat) **Iona Healing Prayer** is a service held at Pathways Retreat ([309 1/2 Hackett Rd, 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.

(repeat) **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.](#) -- Rich Meyer 202-3920

(repeat) **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](#).

(repeat) **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.

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