

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

May 6	May 13
Worship leader: <i>small group Derailed</i> Preaching: <i>Dave Ostergren</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Here & There</i> 2% Offering	Worship leader: <i>Merritt Gardner</i> Preaching: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Auklet & 8th St+</i> Window Offering
Scripture: <i>Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17</i>	Scripture: <i>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19</i>

CALENDAR

Sat	May 5	7pm The Dangling Participles fundraiser concert at meetinghouse
Mon	May 7	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	May 9	6:30-8:30pm Small Group Childcare at meetinghouse
Sun	May 20	9:30am Pentecost, Recovenanting, 1 st Grade Bible presentation 12pm Fellowship Meal 7pm Congregational meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Leo Baldanzi Schlabach (College Kindergarten) turned 6 on May 3rd! He is excited that the chicks are hatching in his kindergarten classroom. He likes to play with Legos, read comics, and write his own illustrated stories. He is looking forward to riding his scooter and his bike all summer long.

Eva Lake Rittenhouse (3rd Parkside) turned 9 on May 5th! Eva enjoys ninja classes and piano lessons. She likes to ride her scooter and is eager for warm weather to play in the water! She likes to read and listen to stories and create art. She enjoys playing with her friends at school.

TODAY we continue our Eastertide Worship series. For more info about this Eastertide series, see intro at the top of this email or on the lit table. During second hour you can choose to participate in one of four electives: What I'm reading (Worship space); How to break up with your phone (West side multipurpose); How to Raise White kids (Old church office, NE corner of the building); Some Assembly Required (for newer attenders- East side multipurpose space). For more details about spring electives see the descriptions at the top of the Assemblyline.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: A very sad South entrance all torn up with tress cut down! A fence through the playground. What is planned for the next week: We have a building permit! New construction will begin

next week! Flooring in the renovated space will continue to be installed. Eventually.

Assembly's pattern of collecting food for the Window has been an important way to share with our community and include our children in worship. However, in the past year or so, collections have tapered off and both space and time considerations have made this practice more challenging. Worship committee is proposing a break from our corporate worship Window offerings. Sun, May 13th will be our last collection in worship until the fall, so please give generously. If you have ideas of how to modify this practice or strong feelings about it please feel free to contact Tom Kauffman.

Caring for the Corporate Body: We are a congregation with diverse abilities, disabilities, and comfort levels; we experience the world differently. Please recognize that needs for personal space and touch are different for different people. Offer a hand in greeting and ask before you give a hug or greet someone in a physical manner. Some have serious scent allergies. Please don't use perfumes or scented lotions as you come to worship. Some have difficulty hearing. Please use the microphone and stand up to speak (if you're able) so that others will hear more clearly. Some are vision impaired and need to hold printed materials close to read them. Please respect their need to use their own song book and handouts.

Small group Maple is delighted to recommend Danny Aramouni and Eliana Neufeld Basinger for Covenanting on May 13th! Please offer them your welcome!

The poem Magdalene-The Seven Devils by Marie Howe, read during 1st hour last week can be read [here](#). Also, attached at the top of this email is a document titled “The Problem of Divine Plurality”, reflections from Paul Keim on the 'divine plurality' cited in the Gen 1:26-27 reading from last week's sermon.

The Goshen Community Chorale will be presenting its spring concert on Sat, May 19, at The Goshen Theater. The starting time is 7pm. The featured work will be "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass," by Carol Barnett. Assemblyites Ethan Setiawan and Sarah Turner both have featured roles in this performance and a number of others of us are also involved. Although new, this unique composition is already being described as a “masterwork” and “a compelling statement of faith.” There is no admission charge and all are welcome.

It's time to register your children for Vacation Bible School June 4-8! You can register online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZSJl-Pcoik2cDV5hArctNNueQ_GuhMsOqCbuEDSYcBBO8rw/viewform

The Yoder Smucker family sends out a big thanks to Assembly for helping to welcome baby Ada! Levi, Rebecca, and Ada will be moving to Cooperstown, NY in June for Levi's general surgery residency at Bassett Medical Center. They welcome all baseball, opera, and Brewery Ommegang fans to come visit!

The entire move is not yet complete, but the mail for Al and Mary Ellen Meyer is now going to 645 River Race Drive. Please make that change on your mailing address list! Phone number and email address remain the same.

Michiana Relief Sale 2018 Quilt Auction is looking for quilts! You can fill out the form attached at the top of this email or register online [here](#). See Helen Glick with ?'s.

Please find attached at the top of this email the latest update from the Ross Richer Family.

Kailey Rice, a student at Goshen College, is looking for a host family for the summer (May 24-July 16), ideally close to the college. If you or someone you know might can help, please contact Kailey at kayleystarshine@gmail.com or 214-842-1444

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **On Mon, Apr 30**, Patricia Nuyken had surgery on her right eye in Indianapolis (cataract and DMEK corneal transplant). Lois Kaufmann was 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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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

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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.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

community connections

The Window's list of needs: Pantry- Shampoo, Deodorant Baby Wipes, Diapers sizes: 4, 5 & 6, canned beans: kidney, Pork, Chili & Refried, Hamburger, Roasts, Pastas, Canned Corn, Tomato & Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Products; Katie's Kitchen – Coffee, Paper Napkins, Sugar, flour, Jello, Pudding, 10# Cans of Fruit & Vegetables, Kool-Aid & Lemonade

Back by popular demand: Ed's Famous Enchiladas. Fri, May 4, our Executive Director, Ed Swartley will prepare his special chicken enchiladas along with green beans with bacon and cottage cheese pie for dessert. Dinner is served from 4:30-7pm or until the food runs out! A suggested donation of \$9 will benefit The Window's programs.

Spring Concert: Bethany Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present their spring concerts on Fri, May 11, in the school chapel. The instrumental

concert will begin at 6:30pm with the choral concert to begin after a brief intermission at about 8. There is no admission charge and all are welcome to attend.

The Maple City Community Orchestra will present "Vintage Pops" Sat, May 12, 7:30pm at Goshen College's Sauder Concert Hall. The concert will feature music of Leroy Anderson, best known for his compositions performed by Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops. The concert also includes the original Star Wars Suite composed by John Williams. Guest soloist Kentucky T. Dutchersmith will perform Anderson's *The Typewriter*. The concert is free and open to the public. Free will offerings will be accepted at the door.

Emmaus Performance: Bethany Christian High School's performing arts troupe, Emmaus, will present its final public program on Sat, May 13, at 6pm in Bethany's chapel. Shared in area elementary schools and other public venues, this year's show is entitled *Metamorphosis*, a show about change. The performers lead the audience through stages of change, from freaking out, to reaching out for help, to acceptance, to living into the change. *Metamorphosis* is lively, entertaining, and insightful incorporating songs like "We Don't Know" (The Strumbellas), "One Call Away" (Charlie Puth), and "Changes" (Ziggy Marley), and stories like "The House in the Hole in the Side of the Tree" and "Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons."

Free Training: Community Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect Luncheon May 18, 12-1:30pm at CAPS- Joy Rose Center [1000 W. Hively Ave. Elkhart, IN 46517](http://1000.W.Hively.Ave.Elkhart.IN.46517). CAPS - Child And Parent Services is offering free training for both professionals and volunteers who work with children. A complimentary lunch will be served and seating is limited to 50 participants. Attendees of this training learn how to recognize signs of abuse and neglect and the details on how to report it. Click the [Register Now](#) link to sign up. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gina Stone at gstone@capselkhart.org or at 574-522-1998 ext. 244.

Maple City Chapel presents "Come Alive". Ichoose Student Conference "The Student Worship Experience" with conference speaker Calvin Whetstone. Worship Leaders: One Worship. May 20 5:30pm at Maple City

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Chapel in Goshen with a parking lot party at 4pm and pre-service special guest Hilgy at 5pm. For more info: 533-0327 or maplecitychapel.org.

The final event of MEDA's program year, our annual business meeting, has been moved to May 31 so that outgoing MEDA president Allan Sauder can attend as our guest speaker. Sauder recently announced his retirement from MEDA, effective later this year. The event will be held in the Lambright Center at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart, and will feature a Middle Eastern meal as a nod to our support of the Jordan Valley Links project this year. We'll review chapter finances, talk about board transitions, and enjoy Allan Sauder as our featured speaker. Please plan to join us! To RSVP, please email info@michianameda.org, text or call 574-355-3607 (voicemail only).

All are invited to the installation service for Glen Guyton, which will take place Aug 1 at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. More information: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/glen-guytons-installation-as-mc-usa-executive-director-to-take-place-in-august/>

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

(repeat) **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: Rosalyn Troiano at (574) 536-9795

(repeat) **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/)

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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!](#)

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