

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 20 | May 27 |
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| Pentecost & Recovenanting | |
| Worship leader: <i>Merritt Gardner</i> | Worship leader: <i>Leon Bauman & Char Yutzky</i> |
| Preaching: <i>Karl Shelly</i> | Preaching: <i>Randy Roth</i> |
| Welcome & tear-down: <i>Ad Lib & Alpha</i> | Welcome & tear-down: <i>Cantaloupe & Asabado</i> |
| Scripture: <i>Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</i> | Scripture: <i>Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17</i> |

CALENDAR

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| Sun | May 20 | 9:30am Pentecost, Recovenanting, 1 st Grade Bible presentation 12pm Fellowship Meal 7pm Congregational meeting |
| Sun | May 27 | 12-2pm JYF gathering |
| Tue | May 29 | 7:15pm Small group reps meeting |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

David Oladipo (1st Parkside) turned 8 on May 5! David enjoys playing basketball and soccer, and likes going to the boys and girls club. At home he likes to play outside with brother Ayo and ride bikes. David also enjoys going places like on fieldtrips or to the zoo with mom.

Kaylee Martin (8th St Preschool) turns 5 TODAY, May 20! Kaylee's favorite foods are French fries, milk and corn flakes. She is good at pumping her legs to swing herself on the swings and learned how to ice skate in her backyard. She likes playing dolls with mom and exercising with dad.

TODAY Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate the annual ritual of recovenanting during 1st hour. The celebration will continue with a fellowship meal after 2nd hour. Please bring festive and fiery foods to share, as well as your own table service. You are also invited to wear red or other fiery colors to celebrate.

For more info about our current Eastertide worship series, see intro at the top of this email or on the lit table. During second hour today, 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); Raising 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: An even more torn up South parking lot. Do not park South or West of the meetinghouse. What is planned for the next week: Flooring in the renovated space will continue to be installed. Bigger and bigger holes in the South parking lot.

TODAY, Worship Committee is collecting worship gifts forms. Filling out this form is a way to indicate interest in being involved in Sunday morning worship in a variety of capacities. There will be hard copies of the form available, but if you'd rather fill out the worksheet ahead of time, you can print out the attachment found at the top of this email, or you can fill it out online on our website [here](http://assemblymennonite.org/assembly-101/get-involved/) (assemblymennonite.org/assembly-101/get-involved/). If you miss turning in a hard copy today and would rather not fill out the form online you can turn in a hard copy to the office at any time.

Congregational meeting TONIGHT, Sun, May 20 at 7pm at the meetinghouse! This is an important meeting which includes a second reading and discernment of the pastoral job descriptions and the congregational 3-year goals. The meeting will also include discussion of safe church policy updates, pastor-congregation relations tasks, and leader selection (among other things). Childcare is provided.

Write your name in Martin's hymnal. May 27 is Martin Hofkamp's last Sunday with us before leaving for a 3-year MCC service term in Cambodia. As a keepsake from Assembly, he'd like you (whether you know Martin well or

not) to write your name on the page of your favorite hymn and maybe a sentence about why it's your favorite. You can find the hymnal in the gathering space.

Karl Shelly will be in Washington DC attending the Festival of Homiletics beginning Monday. He is back on May 28, then gone again June 2-3.

Assembly now has sole ownership of the washer and drier and can use them during the week! Nobody has to take soiled rags and tablecloths home anymore! There is a laundry basket to the right of the sinks; please deposit soiled cloths in there. If you are on clean-up duty and you notice the basket is full, please start a load in the mechanical room (any Assembly key can open it). Naomi will dry loads and put rags, etc away during the week. If you happen to have any Assembly rags or towels at home, please return them to the kitchen; we are currently running a bit low.

There is a meal schedule to take meals to Abby Nafziger and Alex Peterson to welcome their new son, Hans. <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=VVME7244> Please sign up on-line. Give Anne Birky a call if you have questions.

Hilary and Gladys Bertsche are home and would be happy for meals. The site to sign up can be found at <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=OQGN6364&welcome=1> or you can contact Sandy Fribley or office@assemblymennonite.org for questions.

Thanks to Penny, the beautiful paper cranes once hanging in the Worship Space have been safely moved and temporarily hung in Karl's office. If you have suggestions for where they should be hung in the new space, talk to Susan Nelson or Naomi (office@assemblymennonite.org)

Brooke Rothshank will be meeting with the Health and Safety officer for Goshen Public Schools on Mon morning about her concern for the toxicity of chopped tire used on many of the elementary school playgrounds. If you are a Goshen school parent and would like to include your name on a list of people interested in removing the chopped tire or if you have questions, please email Brooke at blrothshank@gmail.com or be in touch before Mon. If you know of other people in the community who are concerned about this, please let me know. A few informative

links: Huffington Post, Sciencedirect.com, Assoc-law.com, NBCnews.com

The 2% Committee proposes the following distributions by the end of May 2018. Please contact committee members if you have any questions (Phil Good-Elliott-chair, Sandy Fribley, Dave Ostergren, Sarah Phend Horst, Mat Lind, Jim Lehman). **Local Needs:** MCC Great Lakes "Kits" \$500; ADEC \$500; Chain Reaction Bicycle Project \$250; Church Community Service- Seed to Feed \$500; Center for Healing and Hope \$500; Elkhart County Clubhouse \$500; Goshen Farmer's Mkt- Share the Bounty \$500; Goshen Ministerial Association \$750; The Window \$500; Latino Scholarship Dinner- Goshen College \$500; Total \$5,000. **World Needs:** National Immigrant Justice Ctr- Summer Intern \$1,500; Christian Peacemaker Teams \$1,000; Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) \$1,500; Mennonite Disaster Services- Puerto Rico \$1,000; Total \$5,000.

(repeat) **Come celebrate** with our high school seniors! There are 5 Assembly seniors this year and Ben, Greta, Hannah, Simon and Elena invite you to attend their open houses. The details for each are: **Simon Graber Miller**- Sat, May 26, 11am-1pm, Graber Miller home, 208 River Vista Drive. **Ben Good Elliot**- Sat, May 26, 3-5pm, College Cabin, 309 Reservoir Pl. **Elena Meyer Reimer**- Sat, June 2, 12-2:30pm Meyer Reimer home, 618 S. 6th St. **Greta Lapp Klassen**- Sat, June 2, 6-9pm, Lapp Klassen home, 619 S. 7th. **Hannah Kurtz**- Sat, June 9, 5-8pm, Kurtz home, 201 N. 22nd St.

(repeat) **It is with joy** that we will celebrate the baptism of Jeremiah Chico on May 27 during first hour. Offer your words of counsel and affirmation with him!

(repeat) **Assembly seeks one new MYF coordinator** to work with high school aged youth throughout the year. You will be joining Daniel and Ally Mast. Coordinators receive a stipend for their work; two-year term is preferred. The job description is available on the website. To apply, submit a letter of interest and resume to Cynthia Good Kaufmann, chair of the MYF search committee.

(repeat) **Leadership Group's** meeting on Monday included agenda items discussing an update to our safe church policy, next steps in transition work, building

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updates and much more. To follow the work of Leadership group you read approved minutes on the website.

(repeat) **Assembly's** Spiritual Life Resources binder contains info about local spiritual directors, local retreats, and more. It currently resides on the left-hand side of the metal mailboxes. Feel free to take any document with more than one copy or make copies of any of the handouts.

(repeat) **A key labeled** "Garden Meter" was found in the Assembly parking lot last Sun. If it is yours, please email office@assemblymennonite.org

(repeat) **Tanzania Education Aid (TEA)** thanks Assembly for your support. For a recent report on the organization, see a letter from TEA linked at the top of this newsletter.

(repeat) **John and Lois Nafziger** have a basement apartment at 1807 Mayflower Place directly behind the hospital available June 1. It has a kitchen/living room, bathroom, bedroom and its own laundry. \$400/month all utilities included. Great location for Goshen college students. Call 534-3968 if interested.

(repeat) **Rieth Park Neighborhood Association** is seeking a volunteer to help with communication. This role involves about 1-3 hours/month and involves sending emails to neighborhood residents about upcoming meetings and events, preparing occasional one-page newsletters and posting on the neighborhood Facebook page. Please talk to Mary Gilbert if you're interested or know someone who might be!

community connections

Curious about what Palestinian Liberation Theology is? Join Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace as they host the Palestinians Speak Justice tour featuring prophetic Palestinian voices: Tarek Abuata, executive director of Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA), and Rev. Naim Ateek, founder of the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem. Abuata will discuss how to live liberation theology by lifting up Palestinian voices and acting in solidarity with Palestinian calls for justice within the United States. Ateek will share insights from his newest book, *A Theology of Palestinian Liberation*. Wed, May 23, 7pm at Mennonite Church USA offices [3145 Benham Ave., Elkhart IN 46516](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3145+Benham+Ave.,+Elkhart+IN+46516)

Come hear about the work of the Colombian Mennonite Church and Colombia's path to peace. Jenny Neme is the director of the Christian Center for Justice, Peace and Nonviolent Action (JUSTAPAZ) in Bogotá, Colombia, one of MCC's largest partners in Colombia. As a member of the Colombian Mennonite Church, Jenny is a leading peacebuilder on the national stage in Colombia and has decades of experience working for peace from a faith perspective. All are welcome to hear Jenny speak at East Goshen Menn Church on Thur, May 31 at 7pm. More [here](#).

If you or someone you know had damage to your home during the recent flood, you can register for disaster assistance on the web at www.disasterassistance.gov or by phone 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585).

Helping GC Latino students: Please consider giving to the Goshen's Latino Scholarship Fund and attending the third annual Latino Scholarship Dinner, 7 pm, Friday, June 1 at College Mennonite Church. The \$100 per-plate fundraiser will feature fine dining, music and comments from community leaders. The stars of the evening will be Latino students and alumni who will share inspirational stories. Send dinner reservations or gifts to the Latino Scholarship Fund c/o the GC Development Office. For more information, contact Jan Ramer at janmr@goshen.edu or call 574.535.7564

Run or walk for relief for Puerto Rico! On Sat, June 9, join the Puerto Rico Rising 5K Run/Walk to raise money for Academia Menonita Betania (AMB) in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, as it seeks to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Maria. AMB, a member of Mennonite Education Agency, believes students should integrate faith and education in all aspects of their life so they can positively contribute to society. The funds raised will be used to help rebuild buildings, purchase equipment such as computers which were destroyed during the storm and more. The route will take you along the Winona Interurban Trail, a paved surface that connects Bethany Christian Schools and Goshen College. The race will be followed with food and drinks provided by Mennonite Central Committee and an age group awards presentation. Registrations must be received by May 28 to be guaranteed a T-shirt. A raffle will be held after the race to win beautifully matted and framed

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pictures of Puerto Rico. Register online at runsignup.com/Race/IN/Goshen/RunforPuertoRico5k or contact AmberFalcon@mcc.org with questions.

Host Family Needed: 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 Merry Lea Environmental Center (SE of Goshen in Wolf Lake IN). Deus, a young man from Tanzania, will serve as a Sustainable Agriculture Volunteer 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 and would like more information about being a host for Deus please contact Jon Zirkle at jzirkle@goshen.edu

Host Families Needed: Bethany Christian Schools is in need of host families for serving international students who would like to attend Bethany. This opportunity to gain cross cultural experience in your own home often becomes a rewarding experience for the host family, as well as a blessing to the student. Families receive monetary compensation. One school year commitment. For more information, contact advancement associate SaeJin Lee (admissions@bethanycs.net or 534-2567).

Employment Opportunity at Bethany Christian Schools: Teaching assistant part-time beginning August 2018. More information about the position is available at bethanycs.net/jobs or contact Head of School Tim Lehman at tclehman@bethanycs.net.

MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Peace & Justice Coordinator. This person will provide leadership to regional peace and justice programs related to the MCC strategic priorities of restorative justice, immigration, dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery, gun violence prevention, countering militarism and undoing racism and sexism. Responsibilities include speaking in churches, planning and leading learning tours, representing MCC in various settings and fostering good relationships between

MCC and constituents. This full-time salaried position will be located in Goshen, Ind., and has education, networking and capacity-building components with MCC's diverse constituency in the Great Lakes region. For a full job description, visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings. Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online by June 12. For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

(repeat) **Sharing Sacred Stories** is a group experience of telling our own and receiving one another's experiences of the sacred. Hosted by Nina Lanctot at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). May 7, 14, 21 & June 4, 11, 18, 25. Come once or often. There is no cost or registration required, though a contribution to Pathways is appreciated. Visit www.pathwaysretreat.org for more information.

(repeat) **Spirited Movement Prayer** is an opportunity to practice yoga for mind, body and spirit at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). Classes are open to all shapes and abilities. May 7, 14 and 21, 5-6pm. To register: www.pathwaysretreat.org.

(repeat) **A Bird Walk Series**, facilitated by Annie Aguirre, will be hosted at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen): Sat, May 12 at 9am, Sun, May 13 at 3pm, Sun, May 27 at 2pm, and Sun's, June 3, 10, and 24 at 3pm. Come for one or all of the walks. There is no registration; a donation of \$5-10 per walk is appreciated. For more info: www.pathwaysretreat.org.

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(repeat) **Goshen College** will again offer a number of summer camp opportunities for kids of all ages, including Musical Theater Camp (grades 9-12; June 17-23), 3D Art Camp (Grades 6-8; July 9-13), Write on Sports Camp (grades 7-8; July 9-20), basketball fundamental skills camps (ages 8-15; June 18-20 or July 23-25) and basketball elite camp (high school sophomores, juniors and Srs; Aug. 4-5). Learn more, sign up at goshen.edu/summercamps.

(repeat) **Amigo Centre Summer Camp** Registration is open and filling up fast. Summer camp is a fun week of outdoor activities, learning about God and making new friends. We've added a second week of Adventure camp for High Schoolers. Overnight camps start for ages 6-17. to register or to find more information about camp check out our website amigocentre.org/summer-camp.

(repeat) **Attention Golfers** - Registration for Amigo Centre's Camp Scholarship Golf Scramble is open. This event will be held on June 2 at 8am at Klinger Lake Country Club in Sturgis MI. If you enjoy hitting the links and want to support scholarships for kids to come to camp, sign up for this event! You can register by calling 269-651-2811 or online at amigocentre.org/amigo-golf-scramble.

(repeat) **How Then Shall We Live?** A week-long immersion in the wild to bring out the deep wisdom, fierce joy and sacred strength of men. Come wade into the wilds of New Mexico! Highlights include homemade meals in an adobe hacienda, visiting Taos Pueblo, plunging into the waters and canyons of the Rio Grande Gorge, wilderness solos, songs and campfires, morning meditations and biblical analysis in wild places—all designed to open radically new possibilities for men seeking a wilder way of fierce love for God, humanity and our precious earth. Guided by Todd Wynward for adventurous men 18+ in Taos, New Mexico, Sept 8-15, 2018. For registration info on this Mennonite Men experience, visit www.mennonitemen.org.

(repeat) **Putting together a kit for MCC?** Our kit contents have changed, so be sure to check out the updated lists before shopping. See mcc.org/kits for complete lists or contact the MCC Great Lakes office at 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org for printed kit cards with itemized lists and instructions. MCC needs comforters and relief kits

most urgently at this time. Thank you for sharing God's love and compassion in a tangible way, reminding people that their needs are not forgotten.

(repeat) **Serve with MCC** for two years as a canner operator! Are you interested in an exciting opportunity to travel across the U.S. and Canada canning meat for those in need all over the world? Consider serving with MCC as a canner operator! Canner operators travel with the mobile meat cannery to 34 different locations, canning beef, turkey, chicken and pork. Canners are responsible for all aspects of the project including: operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, maintaining and communicating USDA regulations and the maintenance of all machinery in the process. Potential applicants should be male, single, at least 21 years old with CDL eligibility and possess mechanical aptitude. Student loan assistance available. Visit mcc.org/canning for more information!

(repeat) **Administrative Assistant / Bookkeeper** sought for small virtual office based in Goshen, IN, 15-20 hours per week. Requirements: Excellent organizational skills. Standard office skills working with Word, Excel, and other Microsoft Office products. Proficiency in QuickBooks (including adaptability to QuickBooks Online version). Ability to work remotely with Executive Director using various online tools. Ability to work from home or an existing office in the Elkhart County area with regular access to the Goshen Post Office. Pluses include writing skills, familiarity with social media, and familiarity with a broad range of Anabaptist/Mennonite organizations and people. Interested persons should submit a resume and three references (employment, personal, pastoral). For further information, see www.mennohealth.org or contact Paul Leichy at Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship, 1-888-406-3643 or pdleichy@mennohealth.org.

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