

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 27 | June 3 |
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| Worship leader: <i>Leon Bauman</i> Preaching: <i>Randy Roth</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Cantaloupe & Asabado</i> | Worship leader: <i>Patricia Ebersole Zwier</i> Preaching: <i>Willi Hugo Perez (SEMILLA)</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Rad & Derailed</i> |
| Scripture: <i>Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17</i> | Scripture: <i>1 Samuel 3:1-10; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 3:23-3:6</i> |

CALENDAR

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| Tue | May 29 | 7:15pm Small group reps meeting |
| Sun | June 3 | 12pm Caring for Elderly support group brown bag lunch |
| Mon | June 4 | 7pm Leadership Group meeting |
| Sun | June 10 | 1 st Sun of Summer Worship |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Eli Kauffman (1st Waterford) turns 7 on May 27! Eli's favorite parts of school are math, reading and recess. He likes to play soccer and baseball and is hoping to have a later bedtime now that he's 7. Other things he enjoys are eating macaroni and cheese, feeding brother Roy bottles, and riding his bike.

TODAY we continue our Eastertide worship series; for more info, see intro at the top of this email or on the lit table. During 2nd hour we will continue our 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 this email.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: A dark (windows covered) torn up South wall in the Worship space, surveyor stakes and marks on the leveled ground, and new paper towel, hand soap and toilet paper dispensers in the bathrooms! What is planned for the next week: Flooring in the renovated space will continue to be installed. Continued construction South of the building.

Worship Committee continues to collect 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 are hard copies of the form on the lit table, or 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/).

Write your name in Martin's hymnal. TODAY 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.

The Pentecost art work that we signed last week was created Assembly participant Mildred Orama. It will be available to sign again TODAY in the worship space. Here is Mildred's statement: "Grace is a woman because I paint women. She represents an important moment for the church and for our country, where women's voices and their experiences are coming to the fore. Our society demands so much of women. Grace is present, trying to be, trying to walk. She's a woman of color, in a time where the hue of our skin makes a difference in how we are perceived and how we are treated. She's entering into grace and has a journey before her. It can be hard to see our way sometimes, but the path is there. She reminds me of the echoes from Scripture, when over and over again we hear: "Do not be afraid." Grace looks like she's walking alone, but as we all sign her skirt in our re-covenanting today, we remind her that we choose to walk together, one body. As we journey as a congregation toward an uncertain future, with a new building, a growing body, a reconfigured

pastoral team, what does it mean to walk gracefully, as individuals and as part of a body?"

A reminder to 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.

At the end of a two-year term (Jan. 2016-18), the Mennonite Church USA Panel on Sexual Abuse Prevention created guidelines for response when non-credentialed individuals are accused of sexualized violence. The booklet is now [available online](#) and in print in our church library. For further information on steps Assembly takes to protect our children see our newly revised safe church documents including a digital communication guideline attached to the Assemblyline and [on our website here](#).

The next meeting of the support group for those caring for adult family members will be Sun, June 3, after 2nd hour. Bring a brown bag lunch if you care to. Anyone with interest in being supported or providing support is welcome to come. We usually meet in the MYF room. If you have questions contact Mary Roth at 574-312-1763.

I recently received a donation from Assembly to purchase items for my classroom at Parkside. Two things I'm focusing on next year with my class: field trips and meditation/mindfulness. We'll use the soft sleep masks to help us in meditation, and we'll use the nylon backpacks to carry our water bottles, jackets, notebooks, and souvenirs for our walking field trips. Thank you, Assembly, for supporting public schools. -Maria Wenger

Sue and JR Burkholder have both changed their email addresses to suehburk@gmail.com and jrburkholder28@gmail.com. Please update your contacts accordingly; they no longer use their old email addresses.

(repeat) **Karl Shelly** is in Washington DC attending the Festival of Homiletics. He is back on May 28, then gone again June 2-3.

(repeat) **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 have any Assembly rags or towels at home, please return them to the kitchen; we are running a bit low.*

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

(repeat) **Hilary and Gladys Bertsche** are home and would be happy for simple main dishes and salad meals on Mon and Fri. 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.

(repeat) **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)

(repeat) **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

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Teams \$1,000; Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) \$1,500; Mennonite Disaster Services- Puerto Rico \$1,000; Total \$5,000.

(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!

community connections

Join Michiana MEDA for dinner and our annual chapter meeting! Thur, May 31 at 6:30pm. Lambright Center, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door (cash or check). Please RSVP by Mon, May 28, to info@michianameda.org or text or call 574-355-3607.

The CAPS Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Melinda Konrath-Fielding as president and CEO beginning on June 4. Konrath-Fielding follows Candy Yoder who has served at CAPS for 29 years. Yoder will be joining the Community Foundation of Elkhart County as Chief Program Officer beginning July 1. Visit CAPS on June 13 from 3-6pm to honor current CEO Candy Yoder and greet the new CEO Melinda Konrath-Fielding.

Dove's Nest and Mennonite Women USA—are joyfully partnering to sponsor a unique summer event: [Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries](#) July 26–27 in Omaha, Nebraska. We are excited about this opportunity to resource both women and girls (age 13–18). We have heard mothers, grandmothers, and older women remark that they wish they'd had this kind of awareness training (based on the [Circle of Grace](#) curriculum) when they were teens, so we designed this event to include multiple generations. For more info and registration: <https://dovesnest.net/Claiming-Healthy-Personal-Boundaries>

Join MCC Great Lakes and Center for Community Justice for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour, Aug 5-10. Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to Elkhart, Peru and Kokomo. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law

enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome. For more information and registration visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison or contact Cyneatha Millsaps at CyneathaMillsaps@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Housing for international student: Our tall, quiet Goshen College Polish student - basketball team member Patryk Ostrowski - is looking for a host family to live with near campus. He can pay \$50-100/month for a room, and he can buy & cook his own food. If you would be interested in housing this fine young man starting next fall, please contact me. Thank you! Skip Barnett, International Student Adviser, Goshen College; carleb@goshen.edu.

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 seniors; Aug. 4-5). Learn more and sign up at goshen.edu/summercamps.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking young adults to serve with the Tanzania Mennonite Church in its National Youth Ministry Team. Young adults will work with a team helping to facilitate Bible studies, discipleship training, and children's ministries. Successful candidates will be willing to share about their faith and be open to working closely with others on the National Youth Ministry Team. For more information, check out our website at [Journey International Tanzania](#) or contact Sharon Norton at SharonN@MennoniteMission.net.

(repeat) **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

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perspective. All are welcome to hear Jenny speak at East Goshen Menn Church on Thur, May 31 at 7pm. More [here](#).

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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

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

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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