

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** 1 Samuel 17:32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship at 9:30am

## WORSHIP

June 24	July 1
Worship leader: <i>Wilma Harder and Barb Swartley</i> Storytelling: <i>Oscar Quintana, Craig Glick-Miller</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hug &amp; Food Group</i> Playground supervisors: <i>Tristan Beechy-King &amp; Brian Yoder Schlabach</i>	Worship leader: <i>Sean Smuts</i> Storytelling: <i>Susan Lanning</i> <b>10am Outdoor Worship at Ox Bow Park</b> <b>Potluck picnic to follow</b>
Scripture: <i>Psalm 98:4-9</i>	Scripture: <i>Psalm 42, John 15:1-17</i>

## CALENDAR

Thur-Sat June 21-23 Central District Conference annual meeting at College Mennonite Church in Goshen  
Fri June 29 8:30am-1pm Worship Committee retreat

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Erich Schramm** (rising 7th, Goshen Middle) turned 12 on June 15! Erich enjoyed a recent family camping trip in PA and playing soccer for the Middlebury Magic. He also likes playing trumpet, learning social studies and math, and is looking forward to a 3-day bike trip with his grandparents.

**Ella Shank Van Eenige** (rising 2<sup>nd</sup> Chandler) turned 7 on June 21! Ella enjoys math and recess and is looking forward to learning her times tables next year. She is good at riding her bike, and ice cream is her favorite food. She enjoys going out with her mom on hot days for ice cream.

**TODAY** is the third Sunday of our summer worship series, *Growing and Tending*. A reminder that there is no separate second hour or Sunday school though children will have special activities during the service. This summer will focus on nurturing the spiritual gifts and fruits of faith. The introduction to this new series can be found attached at the top of this email and paper copies are on the lit table.

**TODAY** the north parking lot is NOT available as a parking lot. Please keep 11<sup>th</sup> St parking close to the building available for handicapped and elderly. Enter and exit only through the East entrance (though the north doors can be used as an emergency exit if necessary).

**Construction Update!** What to expect to see today: A torn up north parking lot and a poured foundation for the new construction south of the building. Volunteer needs: We have several jobs that need to be done in June and July including painting, cleaning bricks, and sprucing up some

of the classrooms. Please email

[office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) if you are able to help!

**This Monday morning** starting at 8am, there will be a painting party. If the weather is good, we will be staining the cedar siding. If raining, the South classroom will be primed. Please consider joining!

**Outdoor worship:** On July 1, we will gather at Ox Bow County Park for worship at 10am followed by a picnic. Please bring a blanket or chair and picnic foods to share, plus any needed serving utensils and your own table service. Vehicle entry fee is \$2 without a season pass (free if you bike!). We will meet at the Stable shelter, in the northwest corner of the park (once inside park, keep turning left). The shelter is reserved through the afternoon for those who wish to linger, and the park closes at 9pm.

**Hans Vincent Nafziger Peterson** is about 7 weeks old. People have been faithfully taking meals to Abby, Alex and Hans. They still would like some meals at times no one have volunteered for. If you want to take them a meal, here's the link to sign

up: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=VVME7244>

**Moving and cleaning help needed:** Kristine Regehr needs help loading the truck on Thur 6/28 (8:30-10am and 7:00-9:00 p.m.) and cleaning on Fri morning. It is a difficult move for her because of the toll full-time physical labor has had on her hands and wrists. If you are able to help pack anytime next week starting Tue 6/26, she'll make sure there's a cup of cold water for you. A friend in another state has offered to pay for pizza delivered. If you can't come but

have money, find a friend who has time and strength but needs money. Thanks. Kristine Regehr (574.349.7053)

**Group Auklets and Group Rad** invite everyone at Assembly to join Dominique Burgunder-Johnson and Patrick Coonan as they anticipate the birth of their first child. Dominique's and Patrick's small groups are hosting a baby shower for them at their house, [1726 S. 13th St., Goshen](#), on Sunday, 7/8, 2-4 p.m. Dominique and Patrick have a [registry](#) and also welcome gently used baby-related items. They would like everyone to feel welcome to come celebrate, though, whether or not they bring a gift! (They also encourage anyone bringing gifts to either leave them unwrapped or find eco-friendly wrappings like old newspapers or paper bags.) All are welcome! If you have questions, contact Carol Good-Elliott at 574-533-9906.

**Sunday school teachers** and assistants are needed for this upcoming school year for both Jr Youth and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please consider supporting Assembly's next generation! If you know someone who might be particularly talented in this role, or if you are interested, please email Maria Wenger at [frau Wenger@hotmail.com](mailto:frau Wenger@hotmail.com).

**Information about** Assembly's 2 open pastoral positions are available on the website [here](#). Attached at the top of this email is a document describing support being offered for Assembly internal candidates.

**Goshen College** is once again asking for welcome baskets for newly arrived international students. This is a great way for a small group or family to show hospitality to a student in a time of transition and stress. For more information on what is needed in the welcome basket, see the document attached at the top of this email.

**Julie and Paul Keim's** grandson, 9 months, is coming to visit. Does someone have a car seat and highchair we could borrow? Julie Keim, 536-3208

**Al and Mary Ellen Meyer** are selling their house at 708 Emerson Street. Foursquare home with four bedrooms, 2.5 baths in quiet residential neighborhood. If you are interested in more info or seeing the home, contact Christina Clauss 202-0573 or [christina@barbandchristina.com](mailto:christina@barbandchristina.com).

**Jail Ministry** of Elkhart County wrote a letter to Assembly thanking us for our generosity over the years and explaining what they have done with our donations. To read the letter, see the attachment at the top of this email.

**Assembly** is now the proud owner of a blood pressure cuff! It is located in the kitchen, in the cabinet above the coffee percolators along with the 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit.

**Central District Conference's** June edition of their newsletter, Focus, is available [here](#).

(repeat) **Kara Shields** is looking for volunteers to be interviewed about the congregation for her dissertation project. The interviews take 30-90min and is an open-ended discussion of the congregation. She'd like to hear your view, whether this is your first month at Assembly or your second (or third) decade. (Due to University requirements, only those 18 and up can be interviewed.) There are introductions to the project, copies of consent forms, and sample questions in Kara's mailbox for the curious to take and think about. Talk to Kara in person at church or email her at [jshield5@nd.edu](mailto:jshield5@nd.edu) if you have questions. If you are ready to sign up to be interviewed, go to this online calendar to claim a time: <https://jonkarashields.youcanbook.me>.

(repeat) **The congregational** meetings for June, July and Sept have been canceled. Congregational meetings are usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of each month.

(repeat) **Anti-racism resource** from Mennonite Mission Network. MMN has produced a video titled "Jesus Wasn't White," along with discussion questions that you may want to use in your small group or elsewhere. <https://www.mennonitemission.net/video/Jesus-wasn't-White>

## community connections

**Families belong together—and free!** On Sat, June 30, as part of a nationwide protest, we will rally in front of the Elkhart County Courthouse in Goshen at 10am to demand that the Trump administration reunite families separated by the U.S. Department of Justice's policy of cruelly separating children from their parents on the U.S.-Mexico border. We also demand an end to their "zero tolerance" policy and to the mandate in President Trump's executive

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order that indefinitely detains families who are being prosecuted for crossing the border to seek asylum. In addition, we oppose the systematic criminalizing of immigration and immigrants, from revoking Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and deceptive tactics by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the increased detentions of immigrants and refugees. Let's send a clear message to the Trump administration and Congress that "Families Belong Together -- and FREE!" If you have questions, contact Naomi Ludden Zook at 574-742-1313.

**Habitat for Humanity** of Elkhart County is getting ready to complete another round of family selection and are in need of motivated families to apply for our Homeownership Program! More information about program qualifications can be found at our website, [www.habitat.com](http://www.habitat.com), or by calling our office at 574-533-6109. Any families wishing to apply for Habitat's affordable Homeownership Program must attend an Information meeting. Meetings usually last around one hour, childcare is not provided. Meetings in Goshen will be on Tue, July 10 at 6pm and Wed, July 11, at 12pm at the Habitat Office, 2910 Elkhart Rd, Goshen. A Spanish translator will be present at the meeting on Tue, July 10.

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