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AssemblyLine

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WORSHIP

Join us on Sundays at 9:30 AM in Person, or [on Zoom](#)

<p>March 12</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time begins 9:30AM Worship & Sunday school <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Barb Swartley Sermon: Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42</p>	<p>March 19</p> <p>9:30AM Worship & Sunday School <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>2nd hour: Congregational meeting</i> <i>Fellowship Meal</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: TBD Sermon: Steve Wolma Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-41</p>
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SUNDAY MARCH 12

Daylight Savings Time Begins! – Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before Sunday morning!

8:45am Young adult breakfast. Those who are post-high school through age 30 are invited to a breakfast in the multipurpose space.

9:30am Worship. [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) Today is the third Sunday of Lent. This year we're using a Lenten series created by A Sanctified Art. This series is founded on questions, and this week our question is "Will you give me a drink?" [Read more about the series here.](#)

The peace lamp this week will be lit in honor of First Light Mission.

You may read a congregational update on First Light Mission from Susan Mark Landis [here.](#)

Sunday School classes for children and youth (infants through 12th grade) immediately following first hour. Locations of classrooms by age/grade are posted in the Gathering Space.

Second hour. There are three opportunities to engage in second hour:

- Visio Divina: Worship Space
- Poetry prompts: Multipurpose Table (self-led)
- Anabaptist Bible Study: Multipurpose North. Two Anabaptist Bible studies are happening in multipurpose north for those who have signed up for them. This study bible project is intended to reflect the Anabaptist church in all of its diversity at this point in time, 500 years after the Radical Reformation. Karl Shelly and Jep Hostetler are facilitating.

Prayer Requests. Please share prayer requests by contacting one of the pastors via email or phone. Prayer requests are sent out to the congregation via the Assembly listserv on Wednesdays.

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<p>Please email announcements to assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org by 11PM local time Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's AssemblyLine. To receive the AssemblyLine via email visit http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr.</p>	

COMING UP

<https://assemblymennonite.org/about/calendar/>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Mar 12 ● 8:45am Young adult breakfast ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Mar 13 ● 10am Grief group ● 6:30pm Dance group on Zoom <i>(contact Linda Schlabach Miller for the link)</i>		Mar 15 ● 6pm Lent Meal & Evensong		Mar 17 ● 9am Play group ● 3pm Creative movement class	
Mar 19 ● 8:45am Young adult breakfast ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school ● 11am Cong mtg ● Noon Fellowship meal	Mar 20 ● 10am Grief group		Mar 22 ● 6pm Lent Meal & Evensong		Mar 24 ● 9am Play group	
Mar 26 ● 8:45am Young adult breakfast ● 9:30am Worship & Sunday school	Mar 27 ● 10am Grief group ● 4:30 & 6pm Yoga ● 6:30pm Dance group	Mar 28 ● 7:15pm Small group reps mtg				

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Magdalena Horst (GJH, 7th) turned 13 on Feb 28! Magdalena enjoys acting and is taking a theatre class and in extracurricular theatre as well. She sings in the Shout for Joy children's choir and plays trumpet and piano. Magdalena loves camping, especially with her cousins and likes to read, play games and work on art projects. Magdalena's favorite food is tomatoes!



Ellie Hirschler (BCS, 7th) turned 13 on Feb 25! Ellie loves art and her favorite colors are green, brown and purple. She enjoys being active playing volleyball, soccer, and tennis. She would like to improve her violin vibrato and get over her fear of biking on the road. She is excited about being in the middle school play and going to California to see family over spring break.

LENT ACTIVITIES

Mar 12 - Apr 9

For more details on events throughout Lent, the season's worship theme, and who will be preaching, please [read the Lent intro here](#).

March 15, 22: Meal and Evensong service/children's worship activities 6 pm Please bring your own bowls and utensils. Bread and soup will be provided. Each week we'll use the Anabaptist prayerbook as the structure of a simple evening service of prayer, scripture, and music. Children's worship will be led by Lora and childcare for preschoolers will be provided.

April 6 Maundy Thursday Soup and bread supper and foot washing 6 p.m. (children welcome). [RSVP here](#).

April 7 Good Friday service with Faith Mennonite 7 pm. Intended for adults and older children

April 8 Family-friendly Easter Vigil More information to follow.

April 9 Easter Sunrise Service 7am, Steve Shantz's house

April 9 Easter Service with feast during service (bring Easter finger foods and flowers to share)

TWO PERCENT FUND

Two Percent Committee recommended that 80% of donations to Two Percent Offering (other 20% goes to reparations) and \$1250 from the general budget designated for Local Needs be distributed as follows:

Local: [Center for Healing and Hope](#) \$500; [Church Community Services Seed to Feed](#) \$750; [First Light Mission](#) \$1000; [Goshen Farmers' Market Share the Bounty](#) \$750; [LaCasa Help a House](#) \$1000; [The Window](#) \$500; [Bushelcraft Farm](#) \$750; Global: [NIJC](#) \$1000; [MCC Ukraine](#) \$1200; [MCC Afghanistan](#) \$1200; [MDS](#) \$1000; and [Goshen Ten Thousand Villages](#) \$750.

We focused on groups buying seeds for spring planting. If you have concerns, please contact chairperson SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com or any committee members: Barb Hassan, Marshall King, Glenn Gilbert, Joel Zwier by March 24.

DOING JUSTICE & SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Please consider contributing to Safety Networks, which was started in 2017 by some at AMC to support immigrants in our community. While much of the work of Safety Networks is volunteers helping to provide transportation, to translate or to help navigate life in the United States, there are also growing costs as these volunteers help those who are receiving services from the National Immigrant Justice Center, which has an office in Goshen. Small group Crisalida is asking you to consider a donation. A letter with more information is linked [here](#) and also a printed copy is in mailboxes.

Thanks to all who contributed period products, sewing skills, money and time to create Care Packs for women at First Light Mission, Puberty Packs for fourth grade girls at Parkside school and emergency supplies for the junior high school. One in five people who menstruate miss school or work because of lack of supplies. Please continue to watch for sales of pads of various sizes and underwear that fits school girls. Leave your donations in the tub under the mailboxes.

Pathways Retreat Creation Care event on March 18, 1-3pm. During this time of outdoor work, we'll be focusing on clearing spaces in the woods for new tree plantings and preparing our Meadowlands site for its next phase. Please dress in clothes suitable for outdoor work, including sturdy, close-toed shoes. Bring work gloves if you have them and a water bottle. If you have any questions or concerns, please [email our volunteer coordinator](#). In the case of bad weather we will reschedule the work day, so check our website and social media for updates.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations on the birth of Georgia Lucille on March 6 to Bre, Trevor & Elona Daugherty! You may [sign up to help provide meals for the Daugherty family here](#).

Plan to join the congregational meeting next Sunday, Mar 19, during second hour. We will take this opportunity to have meaningful conversations surrounding Assembly's Welcome Statement from 1999 and discuss formation of an ad-hoc Welcome Statement review committee. Our current Welcome Statement is: *As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation.*

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY, continued

Fellowship meal next Sunday, Mar 19, after second hour. The Hospitality Committee requests that households with names beginning with A through L bring a side or salad, and M through Z bring a main dish. Everyone should feel free to bring a dessert in addition. If you prefer to bring something different than requested that's fine; what's important is to have plenty of all types of food. **Please label your food with any allergens (including gluten, dairy, nuts), and please deliver your food to the kitchen before worship.** Remember to bring table service for your family.

Maundy Thursday- April 14, 6:00 p.m. Join with others for a meal, love feast and foot washing as we enact the story of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Children are encouraged to participate. Sign up in the gathering space or [RSVP here](#). A light finger food supper will be provided. Please bring your own plates.

Leadership group met this past week. Agenda items included the State of the Congregation report, planning for AMC's 50th anniversary next year, and working toward Scott Coulter's ordination. The approved Feb Congregational and LG minutes can be read [here](#).

If you attend worship on Zoom, I (Scott) am looking for volunteers to serve as **Zoom Greeters**. The Zoom greeter would join Zoom a few minutes before first hour starts, and make a point of welcoming others who are attending worship via Zoom, by name, if possible, in the chat. You can volunteer to try it once, or to do it as often as 1-2 times per month, or less often. If you're interested, please let me know: scottc@assemblymennonite.org

Children's creative movement class. Kids are invited to explore the world of dance in a free youth class on 3/17 (Friday), from 3:30-4:30pm, in the Multipurpose Space. This class is open to Assembly Mennonite families, and is for kids ages 4-8. Participants will enjoy stories, songs, and activities designed to engage with rhythm exploration and creative movement. This month's theme will be Rainbow Run, and will highlight leaps, runs, hops, and gallops through a world of color. [Sign-up](#) is required, so that we can make sure we have enough resources available for class. Contact Sara Morris with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ASSEMBLY

Parents and Sunday school teachers: please save the date of Sunday, May 7, immediately following Sunday school. This will be the spring pizza lunch and meeting for all families with Sunday school age children, including MYF, along with their Sunday school teachers.

Curious about Children and Worship Sunday school? Adults interested in learning about Assembly's use of the Young Children and Worship approach in faith formation are invited to the meetinghouse on Saturday, April 22, starting at 9am. This is for parents, prospective storytellers and greeters, and those currently helping with the program. Please contact Rose Stutzman or Lora Nafziger for more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Addams Family Musical will be presented by Goshen High School from March 9-12. AMC cast members include Eliza Koop Herber. For more information and to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Goshen College's 2023 Conference on Religion & Science will be held Mar 10-12 at College church-chapel. The keynote speaker is Dr. Andrew Newberg, director of research at the Marcus Institute of Integrative Health and a physician at Jefferson University Hospital. Two of the lectures are free and open to the public at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 10 & 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 11. More information can be found [here](#).

The Goshen College 2023 Beechy Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Public Lecture will be given on March 14 @ 7pm in the College church-chapel by Ben Goossen, entitled "Reflections on the History of Mennonites and Nazism". Ben Goossen is a historian at the Institute on the Formation of Knowledge at the University of Chicago. He is the author of *Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era* (Princeton University Press). The lecture will also be livestreamed.

Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 12-May 23. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online short course. No grades, no papers! Register by March 22 to save \$50. ambbs.edu/online-short-courses

Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus) include Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose; and Preaching. **Campus courses** (also open to auditors) include Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; The Religious Other in the Bible; and The Spirit World and the Global Church (also available via live videoconference). Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

WIDER CHURCH

Syria earthquake response: Mennonite Central Committee is working with partners in Aleppo, Syria to provide emergency assistance such as food baskets, clothing, hygiene supplies, winterization supplies and water resources. MCC will also be providing partners with psychological and trauma training. Donations are being accepted online [here](#).

Climate Justice. Mennonite Church USA has hired a climate justice intern, Sarah Werner, as part of an effort to provide a continual emphasis on creation care. This internship is funded by a Schowalter Foundation charitable funding distribution awarded to MC USA in late 2021. Read more about her work here: mennoniteusa.org/news/climate-justice-intern

The Spring 2023 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*, published by the [Institute of Mennonite Studies](#) at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and by the Canadian Mennonite University [Centre for Faith and Life](#) (Winnipeg, MB), can be read for free [here](#).

Amigo Centre Men's Retreat: To all who identify as male, there is an upcoming retreat at Amigo Centre for you on April 28-30. Leon Bauman is facilitating the weekend with input from James Yoder on the theme "Creating Stories of Hope." See Leon for more details.

Mennonite Central Committee's *In Touch* newsletter can be read [here](#).

Mennonite Mission Network prayer request. From her home in Burkina Faso, Anicka Fast serves with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference. One of her ministries is to amplify the voices of African Christian historians. Pray for her as she helps facilitate a history-writing workshop for Congolese Mennonites in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, this month.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Little Eden Camp, a Christian camp in Northern Michigan, is seeking a full-time, year-round **Food Service Director**. This is a salaried, onsite position with benefits. Little Eden is also accepting applications for college-aged **Summer Staff** (10 weeks or more) and one- and two-week **Cabin Leaders** for our June youth camp programs. For more information or to apply, visit the work/employment page at www.littleeden.org.

The [Anabaptist Climate Collaborative \(ACC\)](#) is seeking an executive director. Essential traits include a strong desire for institutional collaboration, a knack for visionary leadership, and an interdisciplinary approach to climate justice. [Click here for the job description.](#)

Bethany Christian School job openings can be found [here](#). **Goshen College** job openings can be found [here](#). **AMBS** job openings can be found [here](#). **Other Mennonite Education** job postings can be found [here](#). **Mennonite Church USA's** job postings are [here](#).

Current COVID-19 Information (Mar 10, 2023)

In Elkhart County, Indiana, the [COVID-19 Community Level](#) is **Low**.

Please join on Zoom if you are feeling sick.

Masks are optional during worship & Sunday school, unless Elkhart County's Community Risk Level becomes "High" – in which case masks will be required indoors for everyone over age 2. We encourage everyone to stay up to date on vaccinations and boosters, and encourage anyone who is not feeling well to join us on Zoom.

Parents should contact Sunday school teachers directly if they are sending kids to Sunday school during days 6 through 10 after a positive COVID test. During this time children are asked to wear a mask during Sunday school and sit apart from the group during snack.

For more information visit <https://assemblymennonite.org/covid-19-information/>