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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 19 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: Becky Snider Sermon: Steve Wolma Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-41</p>	<p>March 26 9:30AM Worship & Sunday School <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Jeannette Hughes Sermon: Anna Yoder Schlabach Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45</p>
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SUNDAY MARCH 19

8:45am Young adult breakfast. Those who are post-high school through age 30 are invited to a breakfast in classroom 3.

9:30am Worship. [Click here for Order of Worship.](#) Today is the fourth 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 "Who sinned?" We invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God. [Read more about the series 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 Congregational meeting 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.*

Fellowship meal. 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 & napkins for your family.

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 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Young adult breakfast 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 11am Cong mtg Noon Fellowship meal 	Mar 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Grief group 		Mar 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Lent Meal & Evensong 		Mar 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Play group 	
Mar 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Young adult breakfast 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 	Mar 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Grief group 4:30 & 6pm Yoga 6:30pm Dance group 	Mar 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:15pm Small group reps mtg 				
Apr 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Young adult breakfast 9:30am Worship & Sunday school 	Apr 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 & 6pm Yoga 		Apr 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm Lunch bunch 	Apr 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Maundy Thursday service RSVP 	Apr 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Greencroft meet up 7pm Good Friday service 	

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS



Brooklyn Hulbert turns 1 on March 22! Brooklyn loves following mom and dad all around the house. She loves waving bye, clapping, high fives, laughing, blowing raspberries and sticking out her tongue. She also is a great helper with unloading the dishwasher so she can sit in it!

LENT ACTIVITIES Mar 19 - 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 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 at Fidler pond. Led by Leon Bauman & Char Yutzky

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.

La Posada Immigrant Aid Resource. [La Posada](#) has obtained recognition and accreditation from the United States Department of Justice. This distinguished acknowledgment grants their accredited representative, Irma Ramirez, the authority to represent immigration clients under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). You are invited to an open house on Sat, March 25 from 12-1:30pm at their office at 23786 Sunnyside Ave in Elkhart.

Mennonite Disaster Service Summer Youth Program. Youth groups, young adults and their friends, and multigenerational groups are all invited to participate in our Summer Youth Program! Our SYP locations this summer include Crisfield, MD; Dawson Springs, KY; and Red Lake, MN. See the calendar [here](#) to list the top three dates and locations for your group. Applications are due by Friday, March 24th!

REPAIR NETWORK

People of all ages who support **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery** are invited to Newcomer Center Rm 19 at Goshen College on **Sunday, March 19, at 2 pm**. Goshen College students will be sharing about the current U.S. Court of Appeals case in which the [Apache](#) are contesting the transfer of their sacred land ("Oak Flat" *Chi'chil Bitdagoteel*) to a copper mining company. The event includes a walk to the Goshen Dam for prayers and reflection; snacks are provided after the return to campus. Arleth Martinez, GC sophomore, is the lead organizer. Please come to show our support. Also, you can make a sign at home and bring it with you to church in support of the Apache Stronghold/Oak Flat. Please take photos either at home or at church with your sign of support. We ask that you use the hashtag #saveoakflat if you share to social media. **Note: Please share photos with Michaela Esau at michaela@dismantlediscovery.org** so we can share them as encouragement with Apache Stronghold and spread the word on social media! [Read more here.](#)

COMMUNITY LIFE AT ASSEMBLY

Spring Work Days are upon us! Twice a year we assign a cleaning or landscaping task to all small groups. This year our Spring Work Days will be done April 12, 19 and 26 (each group chooses one night to complete their task). If you are not in a small group but would like to participate, please email naomikr@assemblymennonite.org. Small groups can expect to receive their assignment via email (along with a hard copy in their small group rep's church mailbox) this coming week.

Assembly Facebook group. Do you ever wish that the amazing discussions that get started during church could continue afterwards? That was my dream when I created the Assembly 3rd Hour group on Facebook. This group is open to all assembly participants. We envision it as a place where people can: post links or discussion related to Sunday worship; share significant information or events in your life; share links related to church mission (eg: social justice issues); solicit information from the collective mind of Assembly; and recruit volunteers to help with church or personal activities. Contact [Jenna Martin](#) or go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AMC3rdHour>

Sunday Sound techs Are you sitting in worship Sunday morning, feeling the urge to use technology? Do you find yourself trying to glance at your screen during children's time? That feeling might not be guilt. You just might be experiencing a divine call to work at the sound booth. If you would like to learn more about joining the sound booth team, there are several openings that need to be filled. Experience not required. Just a willingness to learn. Contact [Eric Kaufmann](#) if you are interested.

Corrected date & link! Maundy Thursday- April 6, 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Attend the Spring Mainstage Musical: Into the Woods! The Goshen College Theater Department will present Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*. The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. Performances on March 24, 25, 26, 31 and April 2. You can purchase tickets at goshen.edu/tickets.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Community Peacemaker Teams delegations: Join a 7-14 day delegation for a first-hand experience of CPT's on-the-ground experiment in non-violence. Upcoming delegations can be found [here](#).

Online Short Course: Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace: April 12 – May 9. Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this four-week online AMBS short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and explore practical and effective nonviolent strategies for resisting it — drawing insights from how Jesus countered oppression. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 22 to save \$50. ams.edu/online-short-courses

WIDER CHURCH

Mennonite Church USA is seeking nominees for its 2023 #BringthePeace awards. The annual award is given to two honorees: a legacy peacemaker in recognition of their life's work and a young peacemaker (age 16-25), who can help inspire other young leaders. Submit your recommendations for nominees by completing this form by April 14: mennoniteusa.org/btp-nomination

The March edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares his experiences of working on an MDS project in Dulac, Louisiana; a home dedication in Kentucky provides visible reminders that God cares; and MDS Canada returns to Cape Breton to repair damage from Hurricane Fiona. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3JazUG0>

Mennonite Mission Network prayer request. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Elena and Freddy Satalaya and their toddler, Matías, as they transition, after five years of ministry in Peru, to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they are serving with Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they engage in discipleship training and leadership training

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Anabaptist Disabilities Network is seeking an Office Administrator. This is a quarter-time (8-10 hours per week), hourly position at \$15-17 per hour (depending on experience) with paid vacation and holidays. Applicants will be highly organized with excellent computer skills and a strong sense of responsibility. Working in the Elkhart office building, the office administrator will provide collaborative support for ADN staff and volunteers as they work toward fulfilling ADN's vision. Interested applicants should fill out this [online form](#). [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 17, 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/>