

# AssemblyLine

February 26, 2017

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**Lectionary Texts:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21;  
Matthew 17:1-9

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship at 9:30am, Sunday school at 10:45am

## WORSHIP

### February 26- CARNIVAL!

Worship leader: *Glenn Gilbert*  
Sermon: *Brother Pilgrim Marpeck*  
Welcoming & tear-down: *Hygge & Rad*

### Carnival Sunday

"Make Anabaptists great again!"

**No Sunday School**

### March 5

Worship leader: *Barb Swartley*  
Sermon: *Anna Yoder Schlabach*  
Welcoming & tear-down: *Net & B*  
**The Window & 2% Offerings**  
**Communion**

Scripture: *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19;*  
*Matthew 4:1-11*

Sunday School: *Jesus and the Samaritan woman (John 4:1-42)*

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Feb 26	Carnival Sunday; <b>no Sunday School</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour: Bible charades and other intergenerational activities (and donuts!)
Wed	Mar 1	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Family Oriented Ash Wednesday Service at Mitch & Lora's house 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service at meetinghouse

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**We need cash counters!** As part of good practices, we no longer have the treasurer handling the cash offering on Sun morning. Instead, we have two volunteers count the cash together. We are in need of more volunteers to help out with this 10min task on Sunday mornings. If you're able to help, please email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org).

**We have two used beds** we would love to give to someone in need. One is a queen, the other is a twin. Both beds include the mattress, box spring, and bed frame. Contact Andrew and Caitlin Lanctot if you have interest [533-7506](tel:533-7506).

**Overheard in the church office this week:** Naomi: "Lora, can I toss those two dying ferns in the worship space?" (insert silent pause) Lora: "Maybe let's put something in the A-line about it." Naomi: "Sure." So here it is, folks. Under Naomi's very brown thumb, these poor ferns have been on a slow march towards death. If you're able, please consider helping these poor plants!

**Mark your calendars** for Bible School this summer at College Mennonite Church June 5-9.

**Mary Gilbert has been keeping MCC in stitches** ever since retirement, piecing comforter tops for refugees. The

tops are taken to the Depot, where they are knotted and bound. After hearing of a woman whose friends helped her make 60 MCC comforters for her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, Mary has jokingly set a goal of 70 tops for when she reaches 70. With 12 months and 50 tops to go, she can use some help. If you would like to help her sew pieced tops and let people know that their needs are not forgotten, let Mary know. She can provide fabric from the Depot, pattern ideas and/or kits of cut-out blocks with directions for those who simply want straight sewing. See background information at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters>

**Thank you, Assembly Mennonite Church,** for giving \$28,909.47 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2016! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission play a vital role in our global church. Thank you for doing your part.

**Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board** wishes to express our sincere appreciation for AMC's financial support. Our records show that you are among the top 10% of the congregations who have most generously for our work in the last three years. May God bless you abundantly. –Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director

**We at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC),** along with our partners in over 50 countries around the world, are

blessed by your continuing support for the work of MCC. We want to thank our friends at Assembly Mennonite for the many ways you contribute to the work of MCC. In addition to the energy and time you give at relief sales, thrift shops, meat canning and material resources, your congregation contributed \$23,942.90 in 2016. We are especially grateful for your prayer support for MCC's work of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. Whether in Syria, Haiti, Vietnam, Nigeria, Colombia or Appalachia, your support shares God's love and compassion with vulnerable people. Thank you! Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC Great Lakes

(repeat) **The Window would like to thank** Assembly for their generous donation of 640.6lbs of food in 2016.

(repeat) **“Make Anabaptists great again!”** Among Assembly's *usual and unusual* practices is the celebration of Carnival, a centuries-old tradition of feasting and frolic before the season of Lent. **Carnival will be held TODAY, Feb 26.** On Carnival, we sing with more abandon and eat doughnuts. Some of us appear in some sort of costume (or at least we accessorize.) We create intergenerational Bible charades with creativity and lots of laughter. On Carnival we remember that sometimes it's OK to play, and that playing may actually help us begin our Lenten work. *For more on this year's theme, pick up a handout (also attached to this Assemblyline.)*

(repeat) **Contemplative Worship and Teaching Space** to Explore "the Edge of the Inside" of Christianity: Growing out of her own vision and calling and supported by Assembly's pastors and Leadership Group, Kristy Shellenberger Yordy, with several others, is exploring the viability of forming a contemplative worship and teaching space to explore biblical and extra-biblical texts that are not commonly read in our Protestant tradition. The first meeting will be TODAY, Feb 26, 4:30-6pm at Dennis and Susan Mark Landis's place (820 Steury Rd, Goshen).

(repeat) **Women's Lunch bunch** will be at 11:30 on Wed, March 1, at the Greencroft Community Center. Our speaker will be Naomi Chapman. Lunch will be a greens/chicken /apples/craisins/cheese/walnuts salad for \$4.00. The lunches have been ordered, but if you decide to come, call Joyce Hostetler at 537-3762 today. (Please let us know

if you sign up and cannot attend because we pay for all lunches ordered.)

(repeat) **The office is trying to track down** Assembly alums to update our records. If you have a current email address for: Melinda Butler, Sarah Dick, Matt Fisher, Steve Shank, Bryan Falcon, Buffy Garber, Joe Company, Eric Hilty, Heidi Dyck Hilty, or Landon Yoder, please pass it along to the office at [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

(repeat) **Musical Tickets:** Bethany Christian High School will perform the musical, *Honk!*, on Thur-Sun, March 2-5. *Honk!* is a lively and colorful re-telling of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Ugly Duckling*. Tied through the duckling Ugly's adventures, travels, and encounters is the thread of a mother and child's love for each other. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. Tickets may be purchased online at [bethanycs.net/tickets](http://bethanycs.net/tickets). Performances are at 7pm Thur, Fri, and Sat, and at 3pm Sun. The cast includes our very own Clara Lind and Sam Ostergren!

(repeat) **Dates for the Leadership Group meeting** and Congregational meeting are shifting slightly for March and April. In March, the Leadership Group will meet on Thur, 3/2, and the Congregational meeting is scheduled for 3/12 at 7pm. In April, Leadership Group will meet Wed, 4/12, and the Cong meeting is scheduled for 4/23 at 7pm.

(repeat) **Friedenswald Retreat is set** for Sept 29-Oct 1, 2017 (That's the weekend after the Relief Sale). Please mark your calendars! Thank you for your excellent responses to the survey. There was significant concern about retreat conflicting with Goshen College homecoming weekend, so we will avoid that date.

(repeat) **From Alfonso Jimenez:** My mother, Gladys Lilian Marín de Jiménez, b. Nov 22, 1910 died on Jan 28 in the company of my daughter, Nayla and myself. My brothers and grandchildren and many family members were able to be with her in the last days of her life. We sang to her, prayed with her, and came together as a family. It was a beautiful time to celebrate a wonderful 96 year-old soul. We were able to share wonderful memories that brought us together as a family. Thank you for your prayers.

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(repeat) **Goshen College's Hymn Club** is organizing a singing marathon in which every song and every verse of Hymnal: A Worship Book will be sung over the course of a week as a fundraiser for Christian Peacemaker Teams. They will be meeting to sing on Sun, March 12-Thur, March 16 from 6-11pm, and then Fri, March 17 from 9pm until finished. The Hymn Club is hoping to have two host churches each evening that will provide song leaders, musicians, and food. If anyone is interested in organizing Assembly to host one night, you can sign up on [this Google Doc](#). If you would like to donate, checks can be taken to the event and written to CPT with "hymn marathon" in the memo line or sent: CPT, PO Box 6508 Chicago, IL 60680.

**community connections**

**The Window list of needs:** Shampoo, deodorant, baby wipes, diapers (4,5,6) Canned beans (kidney, pork, chili, refried), canned tuna, pastas, canned corn and mixed vegetables, tomato soup, canned fruit, cereal, hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, tomato products, salad dressings (Ranch, French), Canned beans (Northern, White), #10 cans of fruit and vegetables, butter, egg noodles, coffee, coffee creamer, paper napkins, laundry soap, koo-aid/lemonade mix, elbow macaroni, instant potatoes, chicken and beef broth, tomato juice, sandwich bags, paper lunch bags.

**The Window: March First Friday meal** hosted by College Mennonite Church will be March 3, from 4:30-7:00pm. Beef stroganoff, rice, salad and Hawaiian soufflé will be served. Suggested donation is \$9.00.

**Open House at Bethany:** Bethany Christian Schools will host a drop-in open house noon to 2:30pm Sun, Mar 5, for anyone considering enrolling for fall 2017. Bring your family and invite others from your church or neighborhood who may have interest in Bethany. Stop by after church for lunch, and faculty and staff will be available to answer questions and give tours. So we know to expect you for the meal, please [register online](#) or RSVP to Sarah Kraybill Lind at 534-2657 or email: [admissions@bethanycs.net](mailto:admissions@bethanycs.net)

**The Mennonite Church USA** Archives is seeking volunteers between now and mid-March to assist with packing and moving collections from Goshen to Elkhart. Tasks include packing office supplies; flagging furniture to be moved; staging collections (labeling, stretch-wrapping

boxes, etc...); helping to manage the process of loading and unloading boxes in Goshen and Elkhart; and placing boxes on shelves in Elkhart. If you are able to help, please contact Jason Kauffman at [JasonK@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:JasonK@MennoniteUSA.org) or [574-523-3059](tel:574-523-3059).

**The Elkhart County Juvenile Court** presents the 2017 Elkhart County Children's Summit: Empowering Knowledge through Perspective. March 10 in Goshen. Elkhart County youth care workers, case managers, law enforcement professionals and others who work to improve the health and welfare of children are invited to attend this 9th annual daylong event featuring keynote speakers on child issues, opportunities for networking and continuing education credits. Registration is \$20 per individual, \$35 for a table in the service fair. Registration is capped at 400. Payment due prior to event. More information [here](#).

**Join Michiana MEDA** for a spring business tour of Miller Poultry Pine Manor Hatchery on Saturday, March 18, at 8:30am. Our morning will start with a buffet breakfast at Maple Indian Cuisine (127 S Main Street, Goshen), and then we'll head to Pine Manor Hatchery (2704 S Main Street, Goshen) for a tour and presentation about this portion of the Miller Poultry business. Please RSVP by Friday, March 10, to [info@michianameda.org](mailto:info@michianameda.org) or [574-355-3607](tel:574-355-3607). Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

**Save the date for a Comforter Bash! Tops needed!** Make plans to join us on Oct 20 and 21 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23). We also need precision sewers to piece and sew comforter tops for the event. Size: 60"x80"; made of cotton fabric. Free fabric is available from Nadine Zook Miller, Material Resources Coordinator at The Depot. Contact her at [nzm@mcc.org](mailto:nzm@mcc.org) or [534-4071](tel:534-4071). For more info about the event contact Carol Honderich at [536-9062](tel:536-9062). A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

(repeat) **The public is invited** to view an MCC quilt from Tanzania on display in The Depot. In Tanzania, the rate of albinism, an inherited condition where people lack pigmentation or coloration in their skin, hair and eyes, is

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10x higher than in the US, Canada and Europe. MCC works with partners in Tanzania, where people living with albinism are stigmatized and marginalized by their families and communities. In 2015, MCC partnered with Albino Peacemakers to conduct a camp for 91 students with visual impairments teaching them to protect their skin, encourage them to be peacemakers and model the love of Christ so they can know they are valued by God. Children drew on the quilt squares and women with albinism made this quilt for MCC. The quilt will be on display, along with literature, stories and other information, in the atrium of The Depot MCC Thrift Shops (1013 Division Street) through March 18. Hours are Mon-Fri, 9-5, and Sat, 9-4.

(repeat) **Child and Parent Services** (CAPS) is holding a training seminar on March 3 at 12pm "Recognizing and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect". For more info click [here](#).

(repeat) **The Goshen College Women's World Music Choir** will present their home concert following a spring break tour, titled "Reflection of Light," on Sun, March 5 at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, available online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or by calling (574) 535-7566. GC faculty, staff, and students are free.

(repeat) **From March 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> the Mexican Consulate** will be assisting Mexicans with several forms of IDs: passports, matriculas, voter ID and birth certificates at La Casa's Roosevelt location. The only way to participate is by scheduling an appointment: Mexitel, [1-877-639-4835](tel:1-877-639-4835) or Online [here](#). Wed March 8 and Sun March 12, there will be limited number of appointments, but Thu March 9, Fri March 10 and Sat March 11 the Consulate will work during normal business hours.

(repeat) **Would YOU like a full tuition scholarship** to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary? (Or do you know someone who would?) Help spread the word! The deadline is Feb 15. [Learn more!](#)

(repeat) **This summer's Mennonite Church USA** Convention will feature a new way to involve high school youth reps in the delegate sessions. Called "Step Up," the goal is to prepare young people who have an interest in being involved with the broader church for future involvement as denominational delegates and leaders. The

program will include two interactive seminar sessions and attendance at and participation in delegate sessions. Conferences and constituency groups can nominate youth who are rising high school sophomores or older. For questions, contact Brook Musselman at [brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net](mailto:brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net)

(repeat) **Have a vehicle to donate?** For two years, an organization of students at GC concerned with safety has been providing free shuttle service from town to campus on weekend nights. They always send two trained volunteers, and they have been using student cars. To make this sustainable, they are looking for a reliable vehicle (prefer a van) for the project. If you have a vehicle you might be willing to donate, or with any questions, contact Zach Zimmerman at [419-966-6948](tel:419-966-6948) or [zacharyz@goshen.edu](mailto:zacharyz@goshen.edu) (You can donate to the operating costs at <http://www.goshenfunded.com/firsst> or by writing FIRSST in the memo line of a check to Goshen College.)

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network is seeking** a Product Distribution Coordinator to serve in the Marketing and Communication department to coordinate the distribution of communication products, record distribution information and provide distribution-related customer service. The varied job includes managing constituent information and subscriptions, distributing completed projects, providing reporting services, assisting with print orders, and fulfilling special mailings, all in a team environment. Able to think logically and creatively about the relevance and meaning of stored data, to analyze trends, and to select and retrieve data based on organizational needs. Familiar with and experienced in using computer systems, information systems, and internet based communication. Able to organize, prioritize, schedule and complete work assignments in a timely manner. Able to communicate clearly and positively with constituents and other staff members. Read the full position description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). Please send resumé and cover letter to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

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