

AssemblyLine

January 28, 2018

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Lectionary Texts: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

January 28

Worship leader: *Helen Glick, Small Group Auklets*

Sermon: *Bethany Swope*

Welcome & tear-down: *Nameless & Cardinal*

Scripture: *Psalm 84: 5-12, Luke 2:22-40*

February 4

Worship leader: *Jep Hostetler*

Sermon: *Carmen Horst*

Welcome & tear-down: *Here & There*

Scripture: *Proverbs 4:23*

CALENDAR

Sat	Jan 27	8:30am-3:30pm Children in Worship Sunday school training
Tue	Feb 6	7pm Leadership Group Meeting
Wed	Feb 7	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center
Sun	Feb 18	Surprise Luncheons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY is the 3rd week in our stewardship series: "Gates and Gardens: Tending our Spaces and Letting Others In". This week's theme is "tending the gates and gardens of our homes". 2nd hour will include sermon response. The introduction to this Gates and Gardens series is attached to the top of this email; hard copies are on the lit table.

Circle of Grace this week in Sunday school. One Sunday in January we take a break from regular Sunday school curriculum and learn about our Circle of Grace as part of our safe church practices. If you have questions, ask a child about their Circle of Grace. Ask Lora for more details about our safe church policy and practices.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: A new entrance to the worship space and wall in the south classroom. What is planned for the next week: renovation of classrooms and beginning painting. Construction volunteer needs this upcoming week: Fri afternoon for hauling to the dumpster and rough cleaning. Painters watch for an email for details of painting in the coming weeks.

Naomi will be traveling with her family from Jan 19-Feb 5. Please contact Lora for any office needs during this time.

A Community Celebration of the withdrawal of the detention center plans will happen this Saturday evening, Jan. 27, 7:30 pm at College Mennonite <https://www.facebook.com/events/600358996968384/>. If you can donate finger foods or cookies please contact Richard Aguirre at raguirre@goshen.edu.

Small group reps met on January 23rd and were asked to solicit feedback from their group about a potential congregational 3-year goal. Instructions for Leader Selection 2.018 were also given, as was information on how your group could serve at Goshen Interfaith Hospitality. Ask your small group rep for details.

Please join the Assembly Women for our Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Wednesday February 7 at the Greencroft Community Center. Heather Bridger-Ulloa will share immigrant stories and we will explore ways we can help immigrants in our community. Lunch will be soup, cheese and crackers. Sign up in the gathering space today or call Joyce at 537-3762 before Thursday February 1.

Do you want to know what is happening in our conference? Read the Central District Conference reporter attached at the top of this newsletter.

Do you need help with home repairs? If you live within Goshen City limits, you may be eligible for LaCasa's Help-A-House. We are taking applications now from homeowners who need some help and fit the eligibility guidelines. If you need help, or know someone who might, please check out this webpage to see what the requirements are: <http://lacasainc.net/programs/help-a-house/> You can also call [574-533-4450](tel:574-533-4450) for more information.

From Beth Landis I know there are many bike riders at Assembly! Would be great to have some join us! MCC Bike Ride in 2018 in Idaho - see <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/west-coast-mcc-bike-ride-2018> website for details. Registration opens on Feb 3, 2018

Mothers and Daughters, Mentors and Mentees- save the date: Mennonite Women USA and Dove's Nest are thrilled to announce the upcoming event Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries. This event will take place on July 26-27, 2018 at the Community Engagement Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska. This event is designed for girls ages 13-18 and adult women.

(repeat) Doris Ebersole (95yr.) wife of Bob Ebersole and mother of Patricia Ebersole Zwier, passed peacefully early Sat morning Jan 13. Prayers to the Ebersole Zwier family.

(repeat) 2 Percent Fund End of 2017 distribution proposal. Local: Chain Reaction Bicycle Project \$500, Church Community Service - Seed to Feed \$701.86, Center for Community Justice \$750, Jail Ministry of Elkhart County \$750, Ryan's Place \$1000, El Sistema \$500. World: MCC \$1201.86, MDS \$1000, Tanzanian Mennonite Church \$1000, Ankur Kala \$1000. Please contact members of the 2 Percent Committee if you have any questions.

(repeat) Sun, Jan 14, Marlette Gomez Wenger presented during 2nd hour on the ICE detention center being proposed in Elkhart County, and presented 2 handouts with facts/data people can use to write letters to the Elkhart County Commissioners. They are attached at the top of this email.

(repeat) Join us for a Baby Celebration! Rebecca and Levi Yoder Smucker. Feb 4, 2-4pm at the meetinghouse. All are invited to drop in for food, drinks and socializing. For details, see invitation posted on the bulletin board above the lit table.

(repeat) To the Congregation at Assembly: I wanted to thank each and every one of you that helped with the transition of Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center. We were honored by the wonderful gifts, blessing and physical help that went into moving and cleaning. I know that many hours were poured into the hard work and mess of moving and we are all forever grateful for all of your support. As those of you who have moved before know, sometimes things don't go according to plan. Our timeline got adjusted with some permitting approvals and our plan to open on January 8th came down to the wire. This move meant we didn't have the teacher's time we had hoped and planned for to thoroughly clean out the previous classrooms and

storage. The staff spent most of their Christmas breaks rushing to prepare the new rooms and ensure the space was safe and ready for young children. Your understanding and assistance was not overlooked by all and we couldn't have done it without you! We look forward to continuing to have many friends at Assembly and hope you will watch for a date in the upcoming weeks to tour the new facility. Blessings, Erin Syslo, Walnut Hill Director.

(repeat) Merv, Rose, and Elena Stutzman will be SOOP volunteers in Aibonito, Puerto Rico for a month beginning Feb. 17. We hope to help out at Academia Menonita Betania where Hurricane Maria left a lot of damage. If you have connections in Aibonito and want us to take greetings, let us know.

community connections

First Friday Window meal: Come in out of the cold and warm up with a mouthwatering meatball Parmesan sub, seasoned waffle fries, and a slice of sheet cake for dessert. Chef Michael and his crew from The Maples at Waterford Crossing are our host for this fundraiser! The cost for this meal is a suggested donation of \$9.00 and as always, all proceeds benefit The Window's programs!

Singing Valentines: Bethany Christian High School's performing arts troupe, *Emmaus*, will deliver singing valentines on Wednesday, Feb. 14. The cost is \$10 and includes two songs and a card with the option of including a message on a card. Recipients need to be within 1 mile of Goshen, and the Valentines will be "delivered" between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The troupe can only do a limited number of Valentines. Orders accepted through Monday, February 5, or until the schedule is full Registration forms are available in the school office or may be downloaded online (bethanycs.net/emmaus-2018-sv).

(repeat) Goshen Community Schools will again be offering United Way Reading Camps to 20 children at Chandler, Parkside, Model, Waterford, and West Goshen. Our Reading Camps connect 2nd grade students with an attentive, adult volunteer to practice their reading skills. Every Tue & Thur for 8 weeks (Jan 30 -Mar 22) from 3-4pm. All volunteers will be given a limited background check and will participate in a training session to be held the last week of Jan. For more info or if you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Michelle Kercher

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(Coordinator of Volunteers) at mkercher@goshenschools.org or (574)-535-3086.

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