

AssemblyLine

August 5, 2018

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Lectionary Texts: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

1201 S 11th St, Goshen, Indiana 46526

574-534-4190 / office@assemblymennonite.org

Worship at 9:30am

WORSHIP

August 5

Worship leader: *Deanna Risser*
Storytelling: *Katie Schramm, Donna Shenk Sensenig*
Welcome & tear-down: *Here & There*
Playground supers: *Mary Beechy-King & Lisa Rose*
Martin
2% Offering
Communion

Scripture: *Jeremiah 29:4-7; Psalm 85*

August 12

Worship leader: *Gretchen Krause*
Preacher: *Gayle Gerber Koontz*
Welcome & tear-down: *Auklet & 8th St+*
Playground supers: *Eric Kurtz & Tristan Beechy-King*

Scripture: *Genesis 1:26-31, Psalm 139, John 1:1-18*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Aug 5	11:15am Sunday school teacher/assistant orientation (following 1 st hour)
Sat	Aug 11	JYF overnight campout
Mon	Aug 13	8am Penny's Painting Party at the meetinghouse!
Mon	Aug 13	7pm Worship Committee meeting
Thur	Aug 16	6pm Leadership Group retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Magdalena Bridger-Ulloa (rising 6th, GMS) turned 12 on July 30! Her favorite subject is math and she is looking forward to going to multiple classes each day. Her favorite activity of the summer was a 4th of July celebration with her family in South Bend. They had sparklers!

Sophie Yoder Schlabach (rising K College) turned 6 on Aug 3! Sophie is looking forward to the toys in the play room and the friends she made in Bible School who will also be in K with her. Sophie's favorite colors are pink, purple, blue, yellow and white! She is a good bike rider.

Caleb Yoder Schlabach (rising K College) turned 6 on Aug 3! In Kindergarten, Caleb is looking forward to recess and playing with his friend. Caleb's favorite color is orange or purple. His favorite food is crazy bread, and his special talent is snapping his fingers.

We extend heartfelt sympathies to Mary Lehman Yoder, Anna & Brian Yoder Schlabach, and the extended family upon the death of Michael Yoder on July 30. A full obituary is available [online here](#). A memorial service is planned for Sat, Aug 18 at 11am, with visitation on Fri, Aug 17, both at the Assembly meetinghouse.

TODAY is the last week of our summer worship series, *Growing and Tending*. A reminder that there is no separate second hour or Sunday school. Today's theme is "Peace".

Next week we begin the 2018 Fall series on sexuality. The introduction to this series can be found attached at the top of this email. Hard copies are on the lit table.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: Steel structure is finished! What is planned for the next week: Begin framing the new construction area. Volunteer needs: We have another painting party led by Penny Yarman on Mon, Aug 13 starting at 8am. Please join if you are able! We also need help cleaning bricks for reuse in our future memorial garden. Email office@assemblymennonite.org or contact Matt Lind if you are available to help.

Naomi Roots (Church Administrator) will return to her normal office hours next week: M/W/F 9am-3pm. She is often in the office outside of those hours, so feel free to call or text her cell phone (in the directory) any time during business hours M-F if you need to get a hold of her.

The Search Committee is pleased to share that we are now actively reviewing candidates' materials for our two pastoral team openings and we are pleased with the pool of applicants. Please keep praying for us as we continue the work of discernment you have asked us to do.

Annual Friedenswald Retreat As you make your fall plans, remember our annual church retreat at Camp Friedenswald is Sept 29-30. This retreat is a wonderful time to relax, do some fun activities, and get to know your

fellow Assemblyites better in a beautiful outdoor setting. Retreat this year will be coordinated by Jeff Martin, Paul Phend Horst, Betsy McCanse, Eric Yordy, Doug Schirch, and Mary Beechy-King.

(repeat) **Teacher/Assistant orientation:** All 2018-19 Sunday School teachers and assistants, join us for a brief orientation after 1st hour TODAY, Aug 5. We will go over details about teaching at Assembly as well as information about roles in the classroom and new systems for our renovated space. Looking forward to seeing you there. The Christian Ed Committee

(repeat) **Assembly meetinghouse classrooms** have a new numbering system! A map of this numbering system is attached at the top of this email (to help orient you, the numbers start South and move counterclockwise around the building so that the offices are the highest numbers). The doors have all been labeled, feel free to look around!

(repeat) **Assembly's Children in Worship** (K & 1st) classrooms are looking for two lamps, ideally for a shelf, but one floor lamp would also be welcome. Email pebersole.zwier@gmail.com if you have one to donate.

(repeat) **Eunice Brenneman's** address has changed: 1725 Juniper Place #208. Email and phone remain the same.

(repeat) **Please join us** in honoring Lacasa's retiring president/CEO Larry Gautsche, who has served as CEO for 17 years, at a public open house. The open house will be held on Fri, Aug 3 from 4:30-7 pm at Gaining Grounds Coffee House. At 5:30pm, Senator Blake Doriot and Mayor of Goshen Jeremy Stutsman will each present Gautsche with a state and local award. You can RSVP and read more on our [Facebook event page](#).

(repeat) **Small Group Derailed** will be hosting a Baby Shower for Daniel and Ally Mast, Sun Aug 19 from 3-4:30pm at their home. ([1726 Berkey Ave, Goshen IN 46526](#)) Please carpool or bike as there is very little parking. (Parents of small children, be aware that there is a pool in their backyard so extra supervision is needed.) They plan to purchase cloth diapers and would be grateful for gifts of money to offset the cost. If you prefer tangible gifts, they are registered at Target and Amazon. Just use one of their names to search. They request that gifts not be wrapped or use recycled materials to wrap.

(repeat) **Greta Lapp Klassen** will spend a gap year volunteering with MCC SALT (Serving and Learning Together) in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. She will be working as a tutor and general assistant with one of MCC's partner organizations. Greta begins orientation in Akron, PA on Aug 15 and will return to the US in early July 2019. Assembly's prayers are greatly appreciated. If interested in supporting Greta's MCC term financially, see this page: <https://donate.mcc.org/registry/greta-lapp-klassen-bolivia>

(repeat) **A letter to Assembly** from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is attached at the top of this email with updates on AMBS's previous year and current updates.

community connections

Individual tickets for Goshen College's Performing Arts Series concerts will go on sale Mon, Aug 6. Performances in this series include Gillian Welch, Diana Krall, The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, The Summit: The Manhattan Transfer meets Take 6, Conspirare: Considering Matthew Shepard, I'm With Her, The 5 Browns, Imago Theatre's FROGZ!, Seraphic Fire with American Brass Quintet, The Step Crew, and Arturo Sandoval. Tickets can be purchased at the GC Box Office at the Music Center or over the phone at 535-7566, M-F, 9am-1pm.

The Window is having a Nelson's chicken fundraiser Sat, Aug 11 at the Kroger parking lot to raise funds for Katie's Kitchen. This is a great way to enjoy some delicious chicken and support our mission to feed the hungry. Presale tickets are now available for \$6.50, and can be purchased at The Window.

Women Doing Theology 2018 has extended the deadline for proposals for both papers (mennoniteusa.org/papers) and workshops (mennoniteusa.org/workshops). Submit all proposals by Monday, Aug. 13. Women of color are especially encouraged to submit.

MC USA invites you to Learn, Pray, Join for Immigration Justice. Register for the webinar on Aug 13, join in churchwide prayer on Sept 23 (Peace Sunday) and support work for immigration justice at mennoniteusa.org/IJ.

Auditions for Youth Choirs at the Goshen College Community School of the Arts gcmusiccenter.org/cschoirs

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Mon, Aug 13, 6-8pm (walk-in); Sun, Aug 20 from 2-4 pm (walk-in). For students in Grades 3-12 who love to sing! Open Auditions for our three choirs (Rejoice, Shout for Joy, and Sommo Voci) will be held at the Goshen College Music Center. No need to schedule an audition, just come out to sing!

The annual Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale fundraiser Banquet for sale expenses will be held on Thur, Aug 16, beginning at 6pm at the Essenhaus in Middlebury. Those wishing to purchase tickets (\$30) or host a table of eight (\$200) can call 888-503-8559 by July 15.

Registration for Fall Semester of Private Music Lessons at Goshen College is OPEN! This Aug, start or continue your musical education with lessons offered in piano, strings, Suzuki program, voice, woodwinds, brass, and percussion! Fall Semester officially begins the week of Aug 20, and the deadline to register with no fees is Fri, Aug 17. For more information or to register, visit gcmusiccenter.org/csa or contact CSA Director Mary Rose Norell at (574) 535-7849 or csa@goshen.edu

The installation for Glen Guyton as the incoming executive director of MC USA will take place on Sat, Aug 18, 2-4pm at College Mennonite Church in Goshen. All are invited. A livestream will be available for viewing online at <http://collegemennonite.org/watch-online/>.

You are invited to a "Haystacks for Hershberger's" benefit dinner on Sat, Aug 18 from 4-7pm at Holdeman Mennonite Church, 65723 CR 1, Wakarusa, IN. Donations will be accepted and carry-outs will be available. In the fall of 2013, Randy Hershberger died suddenly, leaving his wife Marcia and two young adult children. More recently, their youngest daughter, Abby has been diagnosed with a disabling illness. Their old home in Wakarusa is not accessible for Abby nor suitable for their family any longer. The dream of Holdeman Mennonite church is helping them build a new duplex in Goshen! The haystack dinner is open to the public, so feel free to invite friends and neighbors!

Mennonite Creation Care is organizing an Elkhart River clean up on Sat, Aug 25, 9am-1pm, and invites your participation. This is a great activity for those who care

about their city and God's creation. For more details and to register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc9rgzwy>

The Window, Inc. Outrunning Hunger 5k Run/Walk and Family Fun Mile Sat Sept 1 at Shanklin Park. 5K at 8am. Family Fun Mile at 8:15am. Registration begins at 7:30am or register online at thewindowofgoshen.com. Register by Aug 17 to receive a t-shirt.

(repeat) **Please make plans** to join The Window and LifePoint Church for a hearty First Friday dinner, Aug 3 from 4:30-7pm, unless the food runs out. LifePoint Church will be serving grilled BBQ chicken, cheesy hash brown bake, green beans, rolls, along with brownies, cookies and more for dessert. Coffee and water will also be provided. The cost for this meal is a suggested donation of \$9, and as always, all proceeds benefit The Window's programs.

(repeat) **For those interested** in the Indiana prison system, there will be very informative presentation TODAY, Aug 5 at 6pm at College Mennonite Church. Details about the presentation and two presenters can be found attached at the top of this email.

(repeat) **Evergreen Singers to present benefit concert:** The Evergreen Singers will present a concert to benefit the Center for Healing & Hope on Sun, Aug 12, at 3pm, at the Plymouth United Church of Christ, 902 S. Main Street in Goshen. The concert is open to all at no charge; a free-will offering will be taken to support the Center's urgent medical care for people who are uninsured and advocacy programs for our immigrant neighbors.

(repeat) **Join us at the MCC Great Lakes Open House** on Tue, Aug 21. You are invited to stop by our office in The Depot building in Goshen for an informal time of conversation and fellowship with MCC Great Lakes staff. At 4pm, there will be MCC updates from J. Ron Byler, MCC U.S. Executive Director, as well as stories from Great Lakes programs around the region. For more information and to register, visit mcc.org/gl-open-house or RSVP to 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org and indicate whether you would like a tour of the Material Resources Center warehouse.

(repeat) **Sustainability Assistant** at Camp Friedenswald, Voluntary Service Position: Camp Friedenswald is seeking a candidate to serve as Sustainability Assistant for Sept

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2018 – Aug 2019 (exact dates are flexible). The Sustainability Assistant will aid in implementing organizational goals related to increasing education for sustainability, reducing energy use, reducing waste, increasing sustainable food sources, and increasing biodiversity. Specific duties will include teaching outdoor education classes, helping with ecological restoration projects at Camp, and tracking metrics related to goals mentioned above. Benefits include free housing in a beautiful setting and utilities, monthly stipend, flexible work schedule, and the opportunity to be a part of a fabulous team working to create resilient and sustainable change. For more information contact Amy@Friedenswald.org or call 269-476-9744.

(repeat) **The Mennonite Church USA** Archives office is seeking applications for an Archives Assistant, currently a half-time and temporary position from Aug 2018 to July 2019. The Archives Assistant will help facilitate the daily operations of the denominational archives and records management center. He/she is responsible for providing reference assistance, assisting with the arrangement and description of historical records, performing general clerical work, and managing statistical information about archival operations. B.A. degree, preferably in History, Religion, Spanish or German. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request a copy of the job description and an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call [316-281-4257](tel:316-281-4257).

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