

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

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 1:1-3, John 1:14-18, 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2*

August 19

Worship leader: *Jon Zirkle*

Preacher: *Carmen Horst*

Welcome & tear-down: *Ad Lib & Alpha*

Playground supers: *Brian Yoder Schlabach & Lisa Rose Martin*

Scripture: *Ruth 1:1-18*

CALENDAR

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

Quinn Shreiner Landes (6th, Goshen Middle) turned 11 on Aug 1! He enjoyed a great family camping trip in the Upper Peninsula, and nearly caught a 10 lb. bass before it got away. Quinn also enjoys playing chess, Catan, shortstop on his baseball team, and rooting for the Nats!

Cora Shreiner Landes (3rd, Parkside) turned 8 on August 11! Cora is good at ballet and soccer, and she loves to read. She's currently reading "Frogged." She recently enjoyed a camping trip with her family which included swimming in the river and roasting hot dogs!

Linden Rothshank (K Waterford) turns 6 on Aug 14! Linden is very good at building Legos and enjoys playing ninjas and puppies. His favorite color is green and his favorite book is Family Circus. He had great fun this summer going to the Boundary Waters with his family.

Small Group Derailed is thrilled to welcome the newest child of Assembly into their arms! Daniel and Ally Mast welcomed their son Beck Lloyd into the world on Thur, Aug 9. All are doing well! He arrived a little earlier than expected so the baby shower that was planned for Sun, Aug 19 will be rescheduled for a later date. A link to the meal schedule will be sent out in the near future.

Fall Worship and Sunday School start TODAY! That means the morning has both 1st hour (worship service) and 2nd hour (Sunday school). Attached at the top of this email is the Sunday school roster (list of students, teachers, and classroom locations). The end of summer worship also

means that the children's activity shelves are gone. We would love for EVERYONE (whether you have children or not) to fill out a very brief survey providing the Christian Education Committee feedback/opinions about the activities. [You can fill out the survey here.](#)

TODAY is the first Sunday of our Fall Sexuality Series and this week's theme is "Goodness of Bodies". Tom Kauffman will lead a 2nd hour discussion posing the question "What did people learn about sexuality (positively or negatively) from the congregations they were part of throughout their lives?" If there are follow up questions to Gayle's sermon, those will be entertained as well. More about this series can be found in the introduction attached at the top of this email (hard copies on the lit table).

TODAY is the beginning of our church year. Those who agreed in the spring to serve on committees begin their work. For those continuing in leadership roles and taking on new ones, you will find in your mailbox a list of all the committees and positions with your name highlighted. That same document is attached at the top of this email and printed 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. Contact Matt Lind or email office@assemblymennonite.org or if you are able to help.

Michael Yoder's memorial service will be held at the Assembly meetinghouse on Sat, Aug 18 at 11am with a light finger food lunch to follow. All are welcome. If you would be interested in baking cookies for that lunch, please email office@assemblymennonite.org.

Art pieces from our two most recent covenanting ceremonies have been hung in the AMC library. The art pieces were done by Brooke Rothshank (2017) and Mildred Orama (2018).

New Wisdom Group Study on Mary of Nazareth
The Wisdom Group that shared about its engagement with Mary Magdalene last spring at Assembly will reconvene every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 4:30-6pm, beginning TODAY Sun, Aug 12. This fall, Judith Davis, a local Catholic woman and professor emerita at Goshen College, who also periodically attends Assembly, will be leading us in a study of Mary of Nazareth. Judith has done extensive research and writing on the subject of Mary and has experienced Mary personally throughout her life. She has much to offer us in terms of lived experience and academic insight into this Mother of God. To guide and focus our discussion, we will be working through Penelope Duckworth's book *Mary: The Imagination of Her Heart*. Contact Kristy if you're interested (shellenbergerkristy@gmail.com). All welcome.

"Screenagers Movie: Growing up in the digital age" will be shown at College Mennonite Church on Sun, Aug 19 at 2pm and hosted by several local churches including Assembly. Lora Nafziger, along with several local pastors, was instrumental in bringing us this opportunity and she strongly suggests that all parents and caregivers attend! A trailer for the movie [can be viewed here](#), and a parental guide is attached at the top of this email.

October 19-30 - There will be a Learning Tour to Guatemala to learn more about the work of SEMILLA. A special invitation has been sent to Assembly folks to consider participating in this tour later this fall. For more information please contact Charles Geiser, geisersemilla@gmail.com

Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Interests wrote a letter thanking Assembly for support. The letter is attached at the top of this email.

Housemates wanted! Anika is renting a 3br on W. Douglas starting Sept. They're looking for 2 housemates to share with. Need to be queer-friendly & preferably 27+. Let them know if you know of anybody!
anika.roth@gmail.com

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Naomi Roots** (Church Administrator) has returned to her normal office hours: 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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 McCause, Eric Yordy, Doug Schirch, and Mary Beechy-King.

community connections

Evergreen Singers to present benefit concert: The Evergreen Singers, a choir of 35 people age 50 and older, will present a concert to benefit the Center for Healing & Hope TODAY, Aug 12, at 3pm, at the Plymouth United Church of Christ, 902 S. Main Street in Goshen. They will perform 12 pieces, including an African-American spiritual, several pieces composed by John Rutter, and several arranged by Alice Parker. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Center's urgent medical care for uninsured people and advocacy programs for our immigrant neighbors.

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Goldenrod Advocates Meeting Join us in the Conference Room in the Goshen Administration Office for Goldenrod's Self-Advocacy group. This meeting is open to anyone and we encourage you to invite your friends! Wed, Aug 15, 4-5:30pm. Future meetings will take place on the 3rd Wed of each month.

Auditions for Youth Orchestras at the Goshen College Community School of the Arts gcmusiccenter.org/yho Week of Aug 20-24. For students in Grades 7-12: Scheduled Auditions for our two orchestras (Youth Honors Concert Orchestra and Youth Honors Symphony Orchestra) will take place in after school hours by appointment at the Goshen College Music Center. To schedule an audition, contact CSA Director Mary Rose Norell at (574) 535-7849 or csa@goshen.edu.

Mennonite Creation Care Network is sponsoring a river clean-up, Sat, Aug 25, 9am-1pm. To paddle, meet at Goshen Dam Pond at 9am. To help with trash clean-up on land, meet at Roger's Park at 10:30am. Lunch will be provided around noon. Both paddlers and walkers need to [register here](#) and sign a waiver.

Maple City Health Care Center invites donations to our solar energy project as a way to help uninsured, underserved neighbors in our community. Send your gift to Solar Project, Maple City Health Care Center, 808 N. Third Street, Goshen, IN 46528 or visit www.mchcc.org for more information.

(repeat) **Individual tickets** for Goshen College's Performing Arts Series concerts went 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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Auditions for Youth Choirs** at the Goshen College Community School of the Arts gcmusiccenter.org/csachoirs 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!

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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/>.

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(repeat) **You are invited** to a “Haystacks for Hershbergers” 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!

(repeat) **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 for a t-shirt.

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