

AssemblyLine

August 19, 2018

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Lectionary Texts: 1 Kings 2:10-12; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

1201 S 11th St, Goshen, Indiana 46526

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

WORSHIP

August 19

Worship leader: *Barb Swartley*

Preacher: *Carmen Horst*

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

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

Scripture: *Ruth 1:1-18*

August 26

Worship leader: *Michael Miller*

Storytellers: *Bertha Beachy, Deanna Risser*

Welcome & tear-down: *Cantaloupe & Asabado*

Playground supers: *Eric R Kurtz*

Scripture: *1 Corinthians 7:25-35*

CALENDAR

Tue	Aug 28	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Wed	Sept 5	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center
Thur	Sept 6	Building loans from congregants meeting, evening
Sun	Sept 9	12pm JYF gathering at Leon Bauman and Char Yutzy's home (505 S 6 th St)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Saya Quintana (CCYC) turned 4 on Aug 15! She likes to play with her little brother in her new treehouse and bounce on her hopping ball. At school she enjoyed making blueberry muffins in part because her favorite color is blue. She also loves to eat pasta!

Graysen Beasley (7th, Northridge Middle) turns 13 on Aug 29! He's very active running cross country this fall as well as playing club soccer. Other seasons he competes in tennis and wrestling. He also loves to go camping, fish for trout in local streams, and learn about science.

Small Groups Rad and Auklet invite you to share in joy and excitement with Dominique and Patrick on the arrival of Phoenix Burgunder Coonan-Johnson. She arrived in the early hours on Tue, Aug 14. Parents and baby are healthy and adjusting well. Meal sign-ups to come soon.

TODAY is the 2nd Sunday of our Fall Sexuality Series and this week's theme is "Intimacy". More about this series can be found in the introduction attached at the top of this email (hard copies on the lit table).

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: Start of framing around the steel structure. What is planned for the next week: Continuation of framing. Over the next few weeks we will begin to see walls going up! Volunteer needs: Painting and cleaning bricks for reuse in our future memorial garden. Email office@assemblymennonite.org if can help.

Temporary Parking Update: For this weekend only during Michael Yoder's visitation (Aug 17 3-5pm & 6-8pm) and memorial service (Aug 18 11am) and Sun morning worship (Aug 19), we have space to park ~30 cars to the West of the meetinghouse. Please walk around the playground to the East entrance, and a reminder to reserve the North parking lot for handicapped and elderly. The lot West of the building is only available this weekend.

Update your contact information with Assembly by checking in at the round white table in the gathering space TODAY. If info is incorrect or missing, correct it on the clipboard. Also, Paul Meyer Reimer will be taking pictures for [the photo directory](#) TODAY, Aug 26, and Sept 2. Find him if you'd like your picture added or updated, or you can email a digital copy of your household to office@assemblymennonite.org.

A reminder to AMC parents to please fill out the medical forms for your child. This is a new practice this year! If your child is in grades 0-5, [please fill out this form](#). If your child is in grade 6-12, [please fill out this form](#). Thanks, and email office@assemblymennonite.org with questions.

Loans of five thousand dollars or more are solicited from members of the congregation to minimize the construction loan/mortgage we will need to take from Everence. Info and an agreement form are available [at the Assembly web site](#), hard copies also available on the lit table. If you have questions or comments, contact Dennis Landis, John Nafziger, or Ben Nelson. There will be a meeting for those interested Thur evening, Sept 6.

Hi, Johanna Sutter here, I've been asked several times if I'm still taking money for MCC Hygiene and School Kits. Yes! Yes! Yes! I actually never stopped! I have been buying out Kohl's hand towels. I will be your buyer. \$5 for Hygiene Kits and \$3 for School Kits. You can write a check to Assembly and put "MCC Kits" on the memo line. Cash can be put in an envelope labeled MCC Kits and put in the offering or given directly to me.

September is "Small Group Shuffle" time – that time of year when we form new small groups and help people find their way into Assembly small groups. If you're not in a small group, read the flyer on the literature table and consider entering the Shuffle. We also encourage people currently in small groups to consider shuffling in order to make space for new people and expand the number of folks you know at Assembly.

What is Retreat? Our annual church retreat at Camp Friedenswald is a time to relax and get to know your fellow Assemblyites better. If you are new to Assembly and would like more info, check out the document attached at the top of this email, or the brightly colored handout on the round table in the gathering space. Retreat this year is Sept 29-30. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Please join us for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Wed, Sept 5 at the Greencroft Community Center. Sign up in the gathering space by Aug 26.

JYF's first meeting of the school year will be Sun, Sept 9, at Leon Bauman and Char Yutzy's home, 505 S 6th St where they plan to have "Walking taco's, games and planning for the year". We ask that parents bring youth to their home after Sunday School (12pm). Let Leon and Char know if you need another form of transportation.

Several announcements for the Michiana Relief Sale can be found attached to the top of this email. Please see Jan Seimens with questions.

(repeat) **Fall Worship and Sunday School** continues: 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.](#)

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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 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.

(repeat) **"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 at the top of this email.

(repeat) **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

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information please contact Charles Geiser,
geisersemilla@gmail.com

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

(repeat) **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

community connections

Please join Meijer and The Window, Inc. in the fight against local hunger. The Meijer 2018 Simply Give campaign begins TODAY, Aug 19 and runs through Sat, Sept 15. With each \$10 Simply Give gift card you purchase, Meijer's will match and donate the amount to The Window. This is an awesome way to support our mission and programs. You can pick up your \$10 cards at The Window or at Meijer, so please be sure to mark your calendar as a reminder to shop at the Goshen location during these dates.

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 info 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.

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors and celebrate our cultural diversity at the 3rd annual Maple City Multicultural Festival, which will be held Sat, Aug 25 from 12-6pm at Rogers Park, 102 Chicago Ave. The festival will have food, music, art and games that represent the diverse culture of our neighbors. A basketball clinic for children aged Pre-K through 5th grade, and a "passport game" will encourage kids to get involved and compete for a prize! This wonderful event allows community members

to exchange a small part of what embodies their culture. We hope to see you there!

Rapid Response training is planned for Thur, Aug 30 from 6-8:30pm at Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen. As of now, we almost have 50 trained in Goshen, but have less than 20 trained in Elkhart. If you know of people in Elkhart who would be interested, please pass on this information! We are still planning on having our celebration and release of the Solidarity Hotline number on September 15. We need to raise over \$2000 for the event. If you can donate, please send checks to Hively Mennonite Church with "Sanctuary Coalition" in the memo line.

Bethany Theater Reunion Show, Sat and Sun, Sept 1-2. Come enjoy a performance of talent, fun, and nostalgia with Bethany's Theater Reunion Show! Cast members from the past 14 years are traveling from both coasts to revisit songs from Bethany musicals, including *Godspell*, *Frog and Toad*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Working*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. All proceeds go to the Bethany theater program in support of their urgent need to replace the wireless microphone system in the chapel/performing arts space. Experience an evening/afternoon of theater and make it possible to hear Bethany musicals for years to come! Reserve tickets at bethanycs.net/tickets.

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale is committed to reducing trash to the landfill by supporting recycling and composting. Volunteers are needed Wed, Sept 19 to setup barrels and on Fri and Sat, Sept 21-22 to encourage separating and to move bags to dumpsters. Shifts of two hours or ninety minutes are available on all days. Please contact Aaron Gerber (8th St. Mennonite - agerbman83@gmail.com) for more info or to volunteer.

MC USA released the Journey Forward study guide "Pathways" to invite churchwide engagement in the two-year Journey Forward process. It is now available online in Spanish at mennoniteusa.org/Caminos.

Mennonite Disaster Service is hoping to operate more binational projects than normal in 2018, and are seeking Weekly Volunteers who are willing to serve for a 1-3 weeks during the months of Oct, Nov, or Dec. They are seeking volunteers for, Pine Ridge, SD (until early

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November), Lake County, CA, Victoria County, TX, La Grange, TX, Puerto Rico, Fort Myers, FL, West Virginia Bridges. If interested, you can contact MDS in one of three ways: filling out a General Volunteer Form [here](#) on our website, emailing the Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers at dfrey@mds.mennonite.net, or calling 1-800-241-8111.

Church Community Services is Hiring a part-time Volunteer Coordinator. If you are looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of those in Elkhart, while working with an amazing group of passionate people, apply on indeed.com or send your resume to Vonda at vhorst@churchcommunityservices.org.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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