

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

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*

September 2

Worship leader: *Jeannie Brunk*
Welcome & tear-down: *Rad & Derailed*
Playground supers: *Cheryl Shreiner & Tristan Beechy-King*
2% Offering
Hymnsing during 2nd hour

CALENDAR

Tue	Aug 28	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Sun	Sept 2	Hymn Sing during 2 nd Hour followed by Fellowship Meal
Wed	Sept 5	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center
Thur	Sept 6	7pm Building loans from congregants meeting at meetinghouse
Sun	Sept 9	12pm JYF gathering at Leon Bauman and Char Yutzy's home (505 S 6 th St)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Holden Ebricht Zehr (4th Chandler) turns 10 on Aug 28! He is especially excited about being in Chandler's High Ability program. His favorite subjects are math and reading, and favorite sport to play is basketball. A highlight this summer was a family vacation to Costa Rica!

Graham Ebricht Zehr (2nd Parkside) turns 8 on Sept 1! His favorite subject is math and he's a good dodgeball player. He especially liked the activity time in worship this summer. On their family vacation, he and his dad were the first ones to do the Tarzan swing (it's like bungee jumping).

TODAY is the 3rd Sunday of our Fall Sexuality Series and this week's theme is "Gifts of Singleness". 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: There is a roof over the future worship space! 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 you can help.

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 and next Sun, 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.

Are you ever confused when you find one shoe, or one glove, or a sippy cup in the meetinghouse with no person attached to them? All of these items can be found in the lost and found, which will be on a table in the multi-purpose space TODAY. Make sure you stop and check for your items; they will be taken to the Depot on Sept 2.

Small Group Derailed will be hosting a Baby Shower for Daniel and Ally Mast, TODAY Aug 26 from 3-4:30pm at their home, and baby Beck will be present! ([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.

On Sun, Sept 2 we will share in a fellowship meal. To improve our method of communication about dish ingredients, laminated cards will be available that can be written on with dry-erase marker indicating if the food contains particular common allergens or is vegetarian. Please feel free to look for these and label your dish! **ALSO, We all scream for ice cream!** Ice cream will be provided for the lactose-tolerant, along with a treat for the

lactose-free. Please bring plates and utensils for your household, and don't forget a spoon for ice cream!

Sunday school is up and running! Thank you to all adults who are (or will) participate this year. A reminder that if you have not read the Memo of Understanding and signed Assembly's Safety Covenant, to please do so ASAP. You can do both things [by clicking here](#). The Safety Covenant has been updated and includes an appendix on how to report abuse along with a new digital communications policy. Please take time to read through everything and thank you in advance for helping to create a supportive and safe learning environment for our children and youth.

Thank you to all parents who have filled out medical forms for their children so far. If you have not yet done so, you can access the forms via our website. If your child is in grade 0-5 [fill out this form](#). If your child is in grade 6-12 [fill out this form](#). These forms are new this year and we hope they allow us to continue to be good stewards of our 100+ children and youth here at Assembly!

Congratulations to Dominique and Patrick on the arrival of Phoenix Burgunder Coonan-Johnson. She arrived on Tue, Aug 14. Patrick and Dominique are happy to accept meals starting in Sept. [Click here](#) to sign up to take them a meal or contact Lois Nafziger.

Want a good laugh? Our very own Patrick Farran returns to the stage at the Elkhart Civic Theatre's production of *Ripcord* by David Lindsay-Abaire. The story: a sunny room on an upper floor is prime real estate in the Bristol Place Senior Living Facility, so when the cantankerous Abby is forced to share her quarters with new-arrival Marilyn, she has no choice but to get rid of the infuriatingly chipper woman by any means necessary. A seemingly harmless bet between the women quickly escalates into a dangerous game of one-upmanship that reveals not just the tenacity of these worthy opponents, but also deeper truths that each would rather remain hidden. The play is hilarious, heart-warming, and eclectic. (But, please be advised, there are a handful of off-color jokes and a few instances of profanity in the script.) **PERFORMANCE DATES:** Sept 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16 at the Bristol Opera House ([210. E Vistula \(SR 120\), Bristol](#)). Fri/Sat night performances are

at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees at 3pm. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://elkhartcivictheatre.org/tickets>

Retreat Talent Show! When I was 22, I tried to learn the piano. I got through one beginners book and learned the final song - a melody that took 2 minutes, used 7 notes, and demanded *all* of my concentration. I played it about 40 times over 4 days and haven't played since. If you have a talent that you're hiding, showing, or in the middle of developing, we'd love to give you a stage at the Assembly Retreat Talent Show! The show will be co-hosted by Naomi Lapp Klassen and Phil Weaver-Stoesz. If you're interested in performing (or need help boosting your confidence) contact Phil at Phil.Stoesz@gmail.com

The 3rd Women Doing Theology conference will be held at AMBS, Nov 8-10, 2018. The theme is "Talkin' Bout a Revolution: Dialogue, Practice and the Work of Liberation." Registration is \$125. Funds are available to defray costs for three Assembly women who plan to attend the conference. If interested, contact the Assembly office.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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order to make space for new people and expand the number of folks you know at Assembly.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 transportation.

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

community connections

Menno-Hof Hymn Sing at the Farmstead Inn Pavilion (new location), Sun, Sept 9, 5pm. Come and enjoy a cappella singing of familiar hymns. To celebrate Menno-Hof's 30th anniversary, there will be cake and ice cream following the hymn sing. Chairs and hymn books provided.

The Indiana Friends of Meserete Kristos College invite you to enjoy an Ethiopian meal at Berkey Ave Mennonite church on Mon, Sept 10 at 6pm. The cost of the meal is \$12.50 per person to be paid at the door. The event will serve as a fundraiser for MKCollege. Cash and checks accepted. You will hear updates about the college from a former MKCollege student and the overseers of the MKC Link. Please RSVP to Peter Shetler by Mon, Sept 3.

"Wisdom of the Body" at Pathways Retreat. Saturdays Oct-Nov. Wilma Cender will facilitate this series of eight Saturday morning retreats for women using the book, *The Wisdom of the Body: a Contemplative Journey to Wholeness for Women* by Christine Valters Paintner.

[Register now](#)

Pathways Retreat's most recent edition of their newsletter, Rhythms can be viewed [here](#).

(repeat) **Please join Meijer** and The Window, Inc. in the fight against local hunger. The Meijer 2018 Simply Give campaign has begun 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.

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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 Sept 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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 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.

(repeat) **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.

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