

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

September 16	September 23
Worship leader: <i>Kim Stuckey</i> Preacher: <i>Kristy Shellenberger Yordy and Regina Shands Stoltzfus</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Maple</i> Playground supers: <i>Mitch Rhodes</i> Scripture: 2 Samuel 13; Psalm 22	Worship leader: <i>Gretchen Krause</i> Preacher: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hug & Food Group</i> Playground supers: <i>Ryan Gomez Wengerd & Anne Horst Hanby</i> Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17, Mark 3:31-35

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sept 16	8am Mentor-mentee breakfast and recognition 12pm Students in our homes for lunch 7pm Congregational meeting
Tue	Sept 25	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Fri-Sun	Sept 28-30	AMC annual retreat at Camp Friedenswald
Wed	Oct 3	Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center
Sat	Oct 13	6:30pm Barn Dance at Ebright Zehr Barn (63950 Old CR 17)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Alice Kauffman (8th St preschool) turns 4 on Sept 19! Alice loves dressing up and playing on the monkey bars at school. She can make baby Roy laugh many crazy ways. She likes to play cars with brother Eli, watch shows, and play games with mom and dad. She is "super super good" at go fish. She can ride a balance bike and a tricycle.

TODAY we continue our Fall Sexuality Series and this week's theme is "Lamenting Sexual Abuse". We will wrestle with the reality that good gifts can often be used in harmful and hurtful ways. More about the current series can be found in the intro attached at the top of this email (hard copies on the lit table).

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: Continued framing of walls in new construction space.
Volunteer needs: Painting and cleaning bricks for reuse in our future memorial garden. Email office@assemblymennonite.org

Condolences are extended to Susan & Ben Nelson on the death of Ben's brother Paul. He died Thur morning of this week. He had been suffering from progressive supranuclear palsy, a form of frontotemporal dementia since 2014. Paul had attended Assembly in the 70's before going to Ireland with his wife Dawn to serve in Dublin through MCC and

(then) MBM. His funeral service will be at Plains Mennonite Church, Hatfield PA, on Sept 23 at 4pm.

Congregational Meeting is tonight at 7pm. Come to hear updates on our building project and talk about the house across the street. In addition, we will hear a special report from the search committee. We will also eat the leftover ice cream from Karl's 20 year party!

Friedenswald Retreat registration forms are DUE TODAY! All participants in our church retreat must register so that we can arrange food and lodging for you. Please [use this link to sign up!](#) On Sept 28-30, we invite you to consider *The evolving face of Assembly*. A diverse panel will host a discussion on Sat afternoon, and bridge pastor Tom Kauffman will ruminate on Assembly and its identity during Sunday morning worship. Other fun opportunities include a talent show, running games, board games, boating, and conversation with fellow Assemblyites! The full schedule [is available here.](#)

Ever wonder what worship looks like for Faith in this building on Sunday nights? We would like to invite you to join us TONIGHT at 5pm for worship and our meal following. If not tonight, you are welcome anytime! We are so grateful for your generosity in sharing this building with us. --Kay Bontrager-Singer on behalf of Faith folks

MCC - My Coins Count - please bring your change, and especially your quarters TODAY! We hope to fill the congregational-sized quarter collector before the relief sale on Sept 21-22. Banks and credit unions have \$10 rolls of quarters - check them out. All donations help provide clean water, food, educational options, and peace building. Contact Bruce Glick if are willing to help with a matching donation: bglick2@gmail.com 330-317-7798. Thank you!

Leadership Group met last Tue and discussed HR developments, heard an update regarding the building and the search process. If you would like more details you can always find the minutes [on the website here](#). Username: member Password: potuck74

Assembly Retreat Talent Show! In a new development, church authorities have mandated that if a requisite number of silly, beautiful, and/or meaningful talents are not displayed at the talent show they will be forced to replace the show with 2 hours of Keith Graber-Miller making sex puns about historical Mennonite figures. So, for Dirk Willems' sake, email Phil.Stoesz@gmail.com and cast your talent into the ring!

Please join us for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Wed, Oct 3 at the Greencroft Community Center. Ann Birky will be our speaker. To ask a question or RSVP, contact Joyce at joycehos@gmail.com.

Shake a leg at Barn Dance! Playfully subversive, joyfully physical, rustically bombastic! The Assembly Barn Dance is coming up on Sat, Oct 13 at Robin and Marcus Ebright Zehr's Barn. The address is 63950 Old CR 17. We will be gathering at 6:30pm, with dancing and music beginning at 7pm. Required: A body. Not Required: Any skill.

Tanzanian Education Aid is holding its annual Tanzanian Dinner at 5-6:30pm on Sat Oct 13. This fund raiser will feature Tanzanian food prepared by people from there. It is open to all who love good African food. -TEA Committee

Assembly's own Bev Lapp is being installed as Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's new academic dean! All are warmly invited to an installation service on Fri, Oct 19 at 7pm in the AMBS chapel, [3003 Benham Ave, Elkhart](#). More details [here](#)

The 2% Committee is proposing the following distribution of available funds as of September 2018. World: SEMILLA - \$1,000, Dove's Nest - \$1000, Mennonite Central Committee - \$1,100, Mennonite Disaster Services - Puerto Rico - \$1,000. Local: ADEC - \$500, LaCasa Help-A-House - \$750, Chain Reaction Bicycle Project - \$400, Center for Healing and Hope - Diabetes Alliance Program - \$1,200, Goshen Ministerial Association - \$750, The Window - \$500. Please speak to anyone on the 2% Committee if you have questions or proposals: Sandy Fribley, Sarah Horst, Dave Ostergren, Jose Rocha, Joel Zwier, Phil Good-Elliott (chairperson).

Assembly family: It has been six weeks since Michael's death. I cannot thank you enough for your cards and thoughtful notes, the extra set-up for the service, the food you shared, and the visits you made to Michael in the last weeks of his life. While I continue to grieve, I remain grateful to be among you in this part of the body of Christ. - Mary Lehman Yoder

Jeremiah Chico has had his email changed in the directory and would prefer the following email be used for future contact: jeremiahchico1168@gmail.com

(repeat) **Welcome and take down** update: After conversation with Faith Mennonite, the following changes have been made: Anything set up in the gathering space (round white table with info/nametags on it, children's picture board, podium, lit table items, etc) can be left set up. Chairs still need to be taken down (to four rows).

(repeat) **Small group reps** recently met and discussed the small group shuffle, where we make space for new people to join small groups. Anyone interested should pick up a flyer on the literature table and contact Karl Shelly. Reps also talked about an upcoming Baptism class for post-high school adults (see Karl if interested). For more info about the meeting, ask your group rep.

(repeat) **It's time to sign up** for next year's Hospitality and Child Care tasks! Did you know that Assembly relies on 40+ active participants each Sunday? We ask everyone to complete a form and sign up for at least two hospitality and/or child care tasks. The form can be accessed [on our website](#), and pink paper copies are available on the lit table. Please fill out the form by Oct 21.

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(repeat) **Mailboxes have been shuffled!** All assigned mailboxes are now in alphabetical order with the exception of Bertha Beachy who is at the end of the alphabet. Keep in mind that if a couple's last names are different, the mailbox is assigned to the last name that comes first in the alphabet.

(repeat) **The AMC directories** (on the AMC website, [click here](#)) have been updated! Hard copies of the email, address/phone directories are on the lit table.

(repeat) **Support group for caretakers of aging relatives:** We are meeting for a brown bag lunch Sun, Sept 16, immediately after 2nd Hour, in the MYF room (3a & b). Anyone is welcome for sharing, learning and supporting one another. Contact Susan Mark Landis for details or questions.

(repeat) **You're invited to celebrate** with Dr. Elisa Zwier! Join us for an Open House on Sun, Sept 23 from 4-8pm at the Zwier Ebersole home, 916 S. 7th St.

(repeat) **In exchange for** Assembly's donation for their annual summer trip, MYF provide service hours to AMC and its congregants. If there is a project you would like help with you can contact the MYF directly or email office@assemblymennonite.org and Naomi will contact the youth that still need service hours.

(repeat) **Childcare for Hans Nafziger-Peterson:** We are looking for individuals who have interest in babysitting our 4-month-old in Sept/Oct. Our normal childcare providers are taking a three-week trip, so we have a number of daytime hours of childcare we are looking to fill. If you have experience with babies and would have interest in learning more about the shifts, please let me know at abby.nafziger@gmail.com or text/call 206-639-7275.

These would be available either as volunteer/service hours or as paid time, depending on your preference.

(repeat) **If you lost your sunglasses** at Wednesday's Lunch Bunch, please call Joyce at 574-537-3762.

(repeat) **Help our long-time partner** celebrate their 50th anniversary by attending the Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center Annual Dinner & Auction on Oct 12, 6 pm at Bread & Chocolate. Tickets are \$100. Let Leon Bauman know by Sept. 24 if you want to attend.

(repeat) **Online Auction:** We need volunteers to greet people and others to help them get on computer Fri, Sept 21 and Sat, Sept 22. Contact Jep Hostetler to help. Be sure to register to bid at the NEW Online Auction website! This is the year for new TVs, marble games, new furniture, paintings, wood turned treasures and much, much more. More goodies every day! <http://charityauction.bid/MCCsale2018>

(repeat) **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 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>

community connections

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Board has chosen the Auctria Online Auction platform to house this year's Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Online Auction. Items are posted at <http://charityauction.bid/MCCsale2018> and you can already register to bid, and see what items are posted. Bidding begins Sept 14.

Alumni Nights at Bethany: Bethany Christian Schools alumni and their family will receive free admission to the following fall athletic events: volleyball (Tue, Sept 18, at 6pm), and boys soccer (Fri, Sept 22 at 5pm).

Come preview Parables, Goshen College's traveling worship team, on Wed, Sept 19 at 7:30pm, in Goshen College Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall.

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Interested in learning more about Goshen College? Upcoming visit days include a pre-med and environmental science open house on Sept 21. See all visit dates and learn more at goshen.edu/visit.

Please join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA) for our Sept event -- "Living Values: stories of faith and family business," featuring Dave Hawkins and friends. The event will take place Thur, Sept 27, 6:30pm at the Everence Corporate Office (1110 N Main Street, Goshen). Please RSVP by noon on Fri, Sept 21, to info@michianameda.org or 574-355-3607. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door (cash or check only).

The Donald Sinta Quartet, Gold Medal winners at the Fischhoff Competition, will perform a Rieth Chamber Series concert on Fri, Sept 28, at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. Hailed as "...a tight-knit ensemble exploding with power and virtuosity and an unconcealable ambition to connect with its newly found listeners," the DSQ performs entirely from memory, and has earned praise from audiences and critics alike for its virtuosic performances, compelling recordings and distinctive repertoire. Tickets are \$16 and are available at the GC Box Office or online at goshen.edu/tickets.

"Consider it all Joy" is the theme for the Retreat for Women and Girls and Amigo Centre, Oct 12-13, 2018. This year we are again inviting young girls (thrd grade and older) to come with an adult for a fun-filled weekend. The girls will be included in all the worship services and will have additional activities designed specifically for them during our free time options. Our speaker is Cyneatha Millsaps who recently accepted th position of Executive Director of mennonite Women USA. questions can be directed to mandy@amigocentre.org and more info at amigocentre.org

INNOVATE: Past | Present | Future: Are you a communications professional wanting to explore how your faith intersects with your work? If so, you won't want to miss this year's Anabaptist Communicators conference at Laurelville Mennonite Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant, PA on October 24-26. Join other communicators from the U.S. and Canada in learning from a dynamic group of speakers

from different denominational lenses on how we can all bring innovation to our work. There will be a time of project sharing with others who share your same challenges and passions. And of course, there will be plenty of networking! More information and registration at anabaptistcomm.org/conference.

Local food pantries currently have high needs. Both The Window and [Church Community Services](#) are asking for extra food and monetary donations. More info about CCS's particular needs at the above link. The Window's Oct list of needs is attached at the top of this email.

MCC's response to flooding in India: The worst monsoon flooding in a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. As displaced people are returning to their homes, Mennonite Central Committee is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at mcc.org/india-flooding; by phone at 888-563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., [21 S. 12th St.](#), PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

(repeat) **A few last-minute reminders** about how you can help make the upcoming Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale (Sept 21-23) a success are attached at the top of this email.

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(repeat) **Alumni Reunions at Bethany:** Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen will be hosting class reunions and activities for its alumni and their families on Sat, Sept. 22. The following graduating classes will hold their reunions Sat: 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2013. Reunion classes will meet Sat afternoon/evening at Bethany for visiting and a catered dinner. Alumni interested in attending should register by Sept 12. More details are available at bethanycs.net/reunions

(repeat) **Have you thought about** who is under your carbon footprint? Join The Center for Sustainable Climate

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Solutions (CSCS) and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) as they bring partners from El Salvador, Zimbabwe, and Nepal to share firsthand accounts of the shifting climate and its effects on individual communities. On Tue, Sept 25, 7:30-9pm Zacarías Arecio Bernabé Martínez, Dr. Sibonokuhle Ncube, and Durga Sunchiuri will share personal testimonies and accounts of their work in their home countries at College Mennonite Church. For more info, please contact Bekah York (bekahyork@mcc.org) or the MCC Great Lakes office at 534-4133. All are invited!

(repeat) **Jerrell and Jane** Ross Richer will be sharing an update on their work and evolving ministry with the Two-Way Mission of the Ross Richer Family in Ecuador on Sun, Sept 30th from 6:30-8pm at Waterford Mennonite Church. All are welcome to this event. We give thanks for the way God is moving in the lives of the indigenous people of the Rainforest. Ecuador Ministry Support Team.

(repeat) **Join us for a Comforter Bash!** Make plans to join us on Nov 9 and 10 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/comforter-bash or contact Carol Honderich at 574-536-9062. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

(repeat) **Amigo Centre** is seeking a year-round, full-time Guest Service Coordinator. Responsibilities for this role include working with guest groups to ensure their retreats, reunions, worship and fellowship meet their expectations, coordinating details between staff, organizing and managing the front office and sharing what Amigo Centre has to offer our guests. This person must have a passion for serving people, be detailed oriented and be excited to learn. The ideal candidate would have experience in the hospitality or camping industry but that is not a requirement. For more information contact Sheila Moore, Operations Director either at Sheila@amigocentre or 269-651-2811

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