

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

September 2

Worship leader: *Michael Miller*

Welcome & tear-down: *Rad & Derailed*

Playground supers: *Cheryl Shreiner & Tristan Beechy-King*

2% Offering

Hymnsing during 2nd hour

No Sunday school

September 9

Worship leader: *Anna Yoder Schlabach*

Preacher: *Keith Graber Miller*

Welcome & tear-down: *Rad & Derailed*

Playground supers: *Marlette Gomez Wengerd, Mary Beechy-King, Mitch Rhodes*

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-23, Colossians 3:12-19

CALENDAR

TODAY Sept 2 Hymn Sing during 2nd Hour followed by Fellowship Meal, No Sunday school
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 6th St)
Wed Sept 12 6:30-8:30pm Small Group childcare at meetinghouse
Sun Sept 16 8am Mentor-mentee breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY is the 4th Sunday of our Fall Sexuality Series and this week's theme is "Music". There is no Sunday school this week. We will participate in a multi-generational hymn sing during 2nd hour with a fellowship meal to follow. Please bring a dish to share along with plates and utensils for your household. Don't forget a spoon for ice cream! 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: A roof and the beginnings of walls. What is planned for the next week: Continuation of framing. Volunteer needs: Painting and cleaning bricks for reuse in our future memorial garden. Email office@assemblymennonite.org

Update your contact information with Assembly by checking in at the round white table in the gathering space TODAY. Please correct or add info on the clipboard. Also, Paul Reimer will be taking pictures for [the photo directory](#) TODAY. Find him if you'd like your picture updated.

On Sept 1, 1998, a bright-eyed young family arrived from Washington, D.C. to participate in a bold experiment. Assembly would now have three pastors, and the new one was male! It must have worked, because 20 years later, we still benefit from the gifts of our Lawyer-turned-Pastor/

Prophet/Pastor, Karl Shelly. We are grateful for these two decades of Karl's ministry among us, to "carry the fire and light the spark." We will celebrate today with words of reflection in first hour and scoops of ice cream during the fellowship meal. Please share your words of appreciation with Karl and Michelle during lunch or in the days ahead.

TODAY, 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, 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!

Naomi will be out of the office Fri, Aug 31 and Mon, Sept 3. Feel free to call her cell if you need to contact her.

When our youth enter 7th grade, they are paired with a mentor and receive a full text Bible. This year's 7th graders are Tristan Mast, Erich Schramm, Shemaya Magatti, Adam Siemens-Rhodes, Ian Jimenez, Luke Yordy, Rachel Schrock, Jesse Bontrager, James Lind, Gray Beasley, and Joryn Yoder. Before they receive their Bibles next Sun, Sept 9, you are invited to write a note or highlight your favorite scripture in their Bibles TODAY. Find them on the chair cabinets along the West wall in the worship space.

The two refrigerators in the meetinghouse kitchen have been labeled “Faith” and “Assembly” to help keep items straight. Please feel free to use both fridges during high need times such as during fellowship meals.

The Lost and Found items are back in their cabinet to allow space for the fellowship meal. Feel free to look through the items this Sunday and claim what is yours. Everything will be taken to the Depot next week.

Wondering what Lora will do when she returns from her sabbatical next week? Respond to a lot of emails! And remind mentors and mentees that the mentor-mentee breakfast is Sun, Sept 16 at 8am. Look for an email from Lora next week asking for an RSVP.

Daniel and Ally Mast are ready to accept meals following the birth of their son, Beck, now that Daniel will be heading back to work this month. You can [sign up to take them a meal here](#) or you can contact Janine Ostergren.

Rachel and Luke Yoder Penner who previously attended Assembly and who are now home with baby Margaret have been well fed by their current church home, Benton Mennonite (along with a few Assembly-ites!). Meals continue to be very helpful to them and Assembly is invited to sign up for a few more available meal slots in Sept online at: www.TakeThemAMeal.com/NEOO9967 or contact Cas Byler (219 401-1897).

Curious about the naked bodies dancing around the sun we've been using as visuals during this season? They were created by Chad Martin, former Assembly member who currently resides in Pittsburg. Read Chad's explanation about the banner and some very kind words about Assembly's lasting legacy at the link above.

The evolving face of Assembly... is the theme for this year's church-wide retreat at Camp Friedenswald, Sept 28-30. We invite you to consider the changes, during Assembly's 40+ year history, to our building, our demographics, our values, and how we are still changing. A diverse panel of Assemblyites will host a discussion on Saturday afternoon, and Tom Kauffman will ruminate on Assembly and its identity during Sunday morning worship. A preliminary schedule of activities, and [registration forms](#) are in your mailboxes and available on the round table. Click on the links above to view the schedule and register.

Peggy and Harold Metzler have not been with us for several Sundays. Peggy is recovering from a broken shoulder. Fortunately, she did not need surgery but needs to protect the shoulder break by keeping her arm in a sling. She shows patience and resilience in all of this and Harold is right by her side. Feel free to write them a card of encouragement. They are at home at 1801 Greencroft Blvd, #113, Manor IV, Goshen, IN 46526. Phone 537-4456.

MCC - My Coins Count - please bring your change, and especially your quarters for the next 3 weeks! 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. We also hope to have several matches from the congregation, to help provide more clean water, food, educational options, and peace building through MCC. Contact Bruce Glick if you have questions or are willing to help with a matching donation: bglick2@gmail.com 330-317-7798. Thank you!

A report of how Join Hands has used AMC's contribution so far is attached at the top of this email. To date, they have extended \$7,312 in two grants to African churches and have plans to extend the balance of AMC's \$60,000 contribution this fall. Join Hands is working with Everence to produce a video story of this project.

The Goshen Community Chorale, under the direction of Bill Mateer, will begin rehearsals for its upcoming fall season on Tuesday evening, Sept 11. The Chorale will be working toward a performance of Alice Parker's "Melodious Accord" cantata, which will take place on Sunday evening, Nov 18. Alice Parker will be coming to Goshen to participate in this event, which will include other local choral groups. Rehearsals will be every Tue evening from 7-9 at College Mennonite Church. Persons who are interested in joining the Chorale and participating in this "Alice Parker Festival" should touch base with Bill.

Childcare for small groups is back! On Wed, Sept 12, 6:30-8:30pm there will be free childcare at the meetinghouse for small groups. If you plan to bring your child, please rsvp to office@assemblymennonite.org (repeat) **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

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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 comm 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.

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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.

(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 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>

(repeat) **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

community connections

Please join The Window for their Sept First Friday dinner Sept 7 from 4:30-7pm. Our host is River Oaks Community Church, and on the menu for the event is rosemary chicken, roasted vegetables, rice, rolls and dessert. A suggested donation of \$9 or more benefits The Window's programs.

Donations for the Online Auction for the Michiana Relief Sale are needed! Donate handmade art pieces, collectibles, memorabilia, hand crafted furniture, home décor, lawn/garden equipment, outdoor recreational items, etc. Purchase and donate a gift certificate from an area restaurant, business or service (must be a minimum value of \$50). Creating themed gift baskets to donate is a fun activity for a Sunday School class, small group, ministry group, etc. (if you would like to donate a gift basket, you must contact Jep Hostetler for details). Donations to the Online Auction must be received by Friday, Sept. 7. We are not able to accept donations during the sale weekend. To donate, contact Jep Hostetler at 574-537-3762 or hostetlerjep@gmail.com. Items must be new with the exception of unique collectibles and antiques, and must have a minimum value of \$50. All items will be on display at the MMRS sale. All donors will be recognized!

Church Community Services needs your help to move the greenhouse! We are moving our greenhouse to improve safety and accessibility and we could use your help!

When: Sept 11, 12 and 13, 8am-5pm (weather dependent and we can especially use help on Sept 12 and 13) **Where:** Church Community Services, [907 Oakland Avenue, Elkhart](#) Join us for a few hours or a whole day! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Morgan, mshort@churchcommunityservices.org

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Enjoy your Dessert First on Wed, Sept 12, 4:30-6:30pm, at 902 S. Main Street in Goshen, while you support the Center for Healing & Hope. Enjoy a free dessert and buy **EAT•SHOP•GIVE** certificates to Goshen area restaurants and businesses. You pay \$20 for each certificate and half of the value will go to the medical care and immigrant support programs of the Center for Healing & Hope and half will go to the business. You get the full value of \$20. Twenty-five businesses are participating this year—some for the first time. You also may purchase certificates online at CHHclinics.org beginning Sept 13.

Music on the Lawn: Bethany Christian High School’s band, orchestra, and choir will perform their annual Music on the Lawn concert on Fri, Sept 14. A fundraiser dinner will be served prior to the concert (5pm dinner, 6:15 concert). BBQ pulled pork sandwiches (vegetarian/gluten free option available), chips, veggies/dip, fruit, and Rise’n Roll pie—all for \$7! Funds raised will help defray expenses for music festivals and trips. Ask any Bethany musician or contact Stacey Farran for tickets (safarran@bethanycs.net) by Tue, Sept 4. Meal and concert will be held in the Friendship Garden (weather permitting), so bring your lawn chair and come ready to enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and music!

You’re Invited! Join us for Dinner at the new Center Six One Five as we celebrate another great year at ADEC! On Oct 25, we will celebrate the people ADEC serves and enjoy the Keynote message from FRANK STEPHENS. To learn more about the event and our speaker and to buy tickets, visit <http://adecinc.com/celebrate/>

The Window’s current list of needs is attached at the top of this email.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **“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](#)

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