

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 9	September 16
Worship leader: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Preacher: <i>Keith Graber Miller</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hygge</i> Playground supers: <i>Marlette Gomez Wengerd, Mary Beechy-King</i>	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: Ephesians 5:21-23; Colossians 3:12-19	Scripture: 2 Samuel 13; Psalm 22

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sept 9	12pm JYF gathering at Leon Bauman and Char Yutzy's home (505 S 6 th St)
Tue	Sept 11	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Sept 12	6:30-8:30pm Small Group childcare at meetinghouse
Sun	Sept 16	8am Mentor-mentee breakfast 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Clara Hanby (1st Waterford) turns 7 on Sept 10! This is Clara's 2nd year in the English/Spanish dual language immersion program. She likes reading, art projects, pretend play, and playing with sister Martha. She also enjoys playing rock and roll keyboard and going to small group.

Julian Quintana turns 2 on Sept 11! Julian loves playing, especially if Papi and big sister Saya are involved. He loves animals, especially insects. Julian also loves food. All of it, and in large quantities. Fortunately, he's an active guy and loves showing off how fast he runs and how high he jumps!

TODAY we continue our Fall Sexuality Series and this week's theme is "Gift of Mutuality in Marriage". 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

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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 16, 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.

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

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).

Students in our homes for lunch! Consider signing up to host Goshen College and seminary students in your home for lunch on Sun, Sept 16. Signup sheets for hosts and students can be found on the table in the gathering space. If you are not able to sign up TODAY, you can email office@assemblymennonite.org by Sept 12 to let Naomi know that you are interested in hosting or attending.

A reminder that the Sunday morning service next week, Sept 16, will be a service of lament around sexual abuse. We will wrestle with the reality that good gifts can often be used in harmful and hurtful ways.

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.

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.

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.

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. If you would like a copy of your current picture in the photo directory, email office@assemblymennonite.org

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. Anyone is welcome for sharing, learning and supporting one another. Contact Susan Mark Landis for details or questions.

Retreat Talent Show! Come join the Assembly Retreat Talent Show! With all the acts we have so far, some possible themes are emerging: Beluga Whales, Fedoras and Tutus, Luther's 95 Theses, or Pudding. I hope you fancy yourself talented, because we sure do! If you'd like to add an act, email Phil at Phil.Stoesz@gmail.com

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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) **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.

(repeat) **Daniel and Ally Mast** are ready to accept meals following the birth of their son, Beck. Daniel is returning to his teaching and coaching schedule next week and they would be grateful for this support as they navigate this new

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normal. You can [sign up to take them a meal here](#) or you can contact Janine Ostergren.

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(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>

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All are invited to join with Goshen College students in an evening of contemplative worship as we gather for Taize TODAY in Newcomer 19 on the Goshen College Campus. The service will run from 8-9pm and is open to everyone.

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.

Alumni Nights at Bethany: Bethany Christian Schools alumni and their family will receive free admission to the following fall athletic events: girls soccer (Thur, Sept 13, at 5pm), volleyball (Tue, Sept 16, at 6pm), and boys soccer (Fri, Sept 22 at 5pm).

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

Have you thought about who is under your carbon footprint? Join The Center for Sustainable Climate 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!

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.

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.

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

Pathways Retreat's September issue of their monthly newsletter Rhythms [can be viewed here](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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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!

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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/>

(repeat) **The Window's** current list of needs is attached at the top of this email.

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