

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

October 14	October 21
Worship leader: <i>Jep Hostetler</i> Preaching: <i>Julie Hart</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Shine &amp; Teatime</i> Playground supers: <i>Mitch Rhodes</i>	Worship leader: <i>Tom Kauffman</i> Preaching: <i>Paul Keim</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>B, Omega &amp; One</i> Playground supers: <u><i>We need you or playground will close!</i></u>
Scripture: <i>Romans 9:1 &amp; John 8:32</i>	Scripture: <i>Genesis 18; Luke 15:11-32</i>

## CALENDAR

Sat	Oct 13	6:30pm Barn Dance at Ebright Zehr Barn (63950 Old CR 17)
Weds	Oct 17,24	Fall Work Days at meetinghouse
Sun	Oct 21	Start of Hospitality worship series and Fall Electives 7pm Congregational Meeting
Sun	Oct 28	12 noon Sunday School/ Parent teacher pizza Lunch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Sawyer Beachy** (5<sup>th</sup> Westview) turned 11 on Oct 1! He loves soccer! His favorite team is Tottenham Hot Spurs in London, England. He plays travel soccer for Middlebury Magic. His favorite foods are popcorn and vanilla ice cream. He enjoys playing ping pong with his family.

**Arthur Beyeler** (1<sup>st</sup> Chandler) turned 7 on Oct 12! Arthur enjoys playing tag and gaga ball at recess. He also enjoys playing with friends and is a good friend. Arthur likes to toss the football with his dad and go to JoJo's with mom. He is practicing his soccer and reading skills!

**James Lind** (Bethany 7<sup>th</sup>) turned 13 on Oct 12! James enjoys math, science, band, soccer, basketball, tennis, pickle ball, baseball, and reading! He is currently reading *Eragon*, and his favorite book is *The Hobbit*. The highlight of the summer was canoeing in the boundary waters.

**TODAY** we will hear from Julie Hart during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hour. Dr. Julie Hart heads the department of Sociology at Ohio Dominican University where she oversees the Peace & Justice minor, an interdisciplinary course of study, grounded in the social sciences, that emphasizes nonviolent solutions to conflict and injustice, strategies for building communities at peace with justice, and reconciliation post conflict. Next week we begin our fall Bible study on Hospitality. The intro can be found attached at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table.

**Construction Update!** What to expect to see today:  
Drywall is going up and cement has been poured. Check

out the large bike parking pad just North of the main entrance! **PLEASE NOTE:** there is no heat currently in the building! Dress accordingly this Sunday. Volunteer needs: If you have time to help spruce the house up across the street as we prepare it for sale, please email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

**Pledge forms are in your mailbox** today! The actual amount of the Spending Plan is determined by the dollars you pledge to give in 2019. Everyone is urged to prayerfully consider their intentions for this aspect of stewardship. Budget needs next year increase with the start of a mortgage and increased staffing. You will have an opportunity to place completed pledge forms in the offering on Sun, Nov 4. Thank you!

**Bust a move at Barn Dance!** The cider will be flowing and cat gut will be screeching at the Assembly Barn Dance! The dance is THIS SAT, Oct 13 at Robin and Marcus Ebright Zehr's Barn: 63950 Old CR 17. We will be gathering at 6:30pm, with dancing and music beginning at 7pm. Les Gustafson-Zook, international autoharp champion, will be joining us to call the dance!

**Fall second hour electives start Oct 21!** This year's electives include "Practicing Radical Gratitude", "Bodies-Continuing our conversation about Sexuality", and "Hospitality" led by the worship committee which will be a continuation of 1<sup>st</sup> hour conversation.

**Leadership group** and the Search committee are pleased to present Anna Yoder Schlabach for the position of Pastor

of Worship and Pastoral Care. Anna's candidating Sunday was a week ago, Oct 14. If you missed her sermon and would like to listen, it can be found on our website or [by clicking here](#) (username: member password: potluck74). During 2<sup>nd</sup> hour, conversation with Anna continued, and a recording of that hour is also on the website and [can be accessed here](#). At the Oct 21 congregational meeting, we will discern inviting Anna to this position. Prior to the meeting, all are invited to share affirmations, questions, or concerns with any of the elders: Dennis Landis, Wilma Harder, Jonathon Schramm, Regina Shands Stoltzfus, James Stuckey Weber, Rose Stutzman (chair)

**Announcements are coming back!** Based on informal polls and conversations, the worship committee is proposing a return to our traditional patterns of oral announcements beginning Oct 21. You are still welcome to write down announcements on the brown paper and give them to the worship leader. If you would prefer, and if your announcement pertains to a good majority of the congregation, you are once again welcome to come to the front at announcement time and make your brief announcement. We will use this pattern until Advent. Feedback on this change can be directed toward anyone on the worship committee.

**Dean Installation at AMBS** I'm grateful to my church community of Assembly for the support and interest in my job transition this past year. You are all warmly welcome to the dean installation service at the AMBS Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount next Friday evening, Oct 19, at 7pm. There will be a litany that includes some words from Assembly participants who are present. Jeannie Brunk is leading the singing, and the reception will feature zwieback and Wilbur bud chocolates. Join if you can. -Beverly Lapp

**Tom Kauffman's** last Sunday as our Bridge pastor is Oct 28. Beginning in November he will serve as transitional pastor at Paoli Mennonite Church. Tom's work in Paoli will be part time and he and Amy will continue living in Goshen. Leadership group invites you to join in writing notes of appreciation for Tom's ministry among us. Find the blue 3 x 5 papers on the literature table, and write a note. Place your completed notes in the labeled folder.

**Sunday School Parent/Teacher meeting** and pizza lunch is scheduled for 12pm on Sun, Oct 28 after 2<sup>nd</sup> hour. Parents will have the opportunity to engage in discussion about how to talk to their kids about sexual abuse in our current times using the language of Circle of Grace. Parents, teachers and children please plan to attend! Help is needed to provide fruit, veggies, dessert, and aid in setup and take down. [Look for the signup sheet on the round table in the gathering space.](#)

**You are invited to Assembly surprise luncheons** on Sun, Nov 4. This is an excellent way to practice Hospitality and learn to know newer people at AMC and fellowship with old friends. Host and guest sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering space. Please sign up by Oct 28 to participate.

**Anybody post high-school** interested in baptism is encouraged to contact pastors Lora Nafziger or Karl Shelly. A class will be formed based on interest we receive!

**Becky Smuts** is interested in starting a small group to discuss the book *Inspired*, Rachel Held Evans' chronicle of forging a better relationship with the Bible. It has been described as an ex-Evangelical's journey back to loving the Bible. The group is open to all interested adults. If you would like more info, please talk to Sean or Becky ([beckysmuts@gmail.com](mailto:beckysmuts@gmail.com)), or Shuffle shepherds Karl Shelly and Bethany Swope.

**Greta Lapp Klassen Update** Greta is doing well in Santa Cruz, Bolivia as her term with MCC SALT gets underway. She sometimes posts on facebook and also has a blog. She welcomes hearing from people at Assembly! Her email is [gretalappklassen@gmail.com](mailto:gretalappklassen@gmail.com) and her blog can be found at <https://gretalappklassen.wixsite.com/website>

**Notes came back** from The Window and Dove's Nest thanking us for our donation through the 2% committee. Dove's Nest was particularly grateful because of 2018 being a tight fiscal year.

**Bethany Christian Schools** will be hosting their senior class Fish Fry on Fri, Nov 2 from 4:30-8pm (carryout starts at 4; dine-in starts at 4:30). Jonah Farran is selling tickets and will have them available between 1st and 2nd hour on Sunday this week. \$11 adults and carryout; \$6 kids grades

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1-6 (younger are free). Contact Jonah with any questions at [farranjonah19@bethanycs.net](mailto:farranjonah19@bethanycs.net).

**Chris Bowers**, who has been part of Assembly over the last several years, is back in the area, and looking for a basement or other small apartment. If you have a lead, call him at 717-725-2556.

(repeat) **We extend gratitude** to the search committee for their work in identifying Anna as one of our pastoral candidates and we want to remember the committee as they continue their work after this weekend. Much of their work is done behind the scenes. Be sure to thank them: Brian Mast & Jeanne Liechty (co-chairs), Barb Swartley, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Randy Roth, and Stacey Farran.

(repeat) **Tom and Amy Kauffman** will be travelling from Sun, Oct 7 - Mon Oct 15.

(repeat) **Congratulations to Shaw and Shannon** upon the birth of their son, Abe Lawrence Perrin who was born on Sept 25 at 9lb 13 oz! Baby and mom are both doing well. If you would like to take them a meal, please [Sign up here](#).

(repeat) **2019 Hospitality and childcare** tasks forms are in your mailbox! Or you can fill the form out [on our website](#).

(repeat) **About every 7 weeks**, Assembly splits a week of serving GIHN with Faith and Walnut Hill. Mindy Morehead, director, is asking all volunteers to attend a training and get a background check. Dates are Oct 31 and Nov 30 at St. Mark's, 6-7:30pm with refreshments. If you are interested in volunteering in the future, please plan to attend a training. If you are a regular volunteer and can't attend a training, we can plan one for Assembly. Please contact [Susanmarklandis@gmail.com](mailto:Susanmarklandis@gmail.com) Our next opportunity to serve is Oct 14-21. Regular volunteers have filled all slots except the 7-10pm hosting Tue night, Oct 16. Thanks for choosing to serve!

(repeat) **Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network (GIHN)** Fundraising Dessert Banquet will be held Oct 25, 7-8:30pm at College Mennonite Church. Susan Mark Landis will coordinate the Assembly table(s). Tickets are free; contributions accepted. Let Susan know how many chairs you'd like by Oct 15. (They make name tags and such.) If you want to send a check along, you can give it to Susan or

ask her to put an envelope in your mailbox. Susan Mark Landis, [susanmarklandis@gmail.com](mailto:susanmarklandis@gmail.com)

## community connections

**The Kroc Institute** for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame invites members of the public to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion and Peace. This year's speaker is Sarah Thompson, a 2018 Generations Fellow at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, licensed Mennonite Church USA minister, and former Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams. Sarah's lecture, titled "Flushing Peace Down the Toilet: Strategies for the End of the World as We Know It," will address water and sanitation justice and the ways that increasing scarcity of clean water has been and will continue to be a driver for conflict. The lecture will take place at 11am on Thur, Oct 25, in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies on the University of Notre Dame campus. A complimentary lunch will follow the lecture. More info at [kroc.nd.edu](http://kroc.nd.edu).

**MEDA Michiana's upcoming meeting:** "Addressing persistent poverty in Elkhart County" Thur, Oct 25, 6:30pm at Belmont Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN (925 Oxford Street, Elkhart, IN 46516 -- look for our MEDA sign) Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door -- cash, check, and all major credit cards now accepted at the door! Please RSVP by Fri, Oct 19, to [info@michianameda.org](mailto:info@michianameda.org) or text/call 574-355-3607. With unprecedented economic growth in Elkhart County, why does poverty in pockets of the county persist? (Example: South Central Elkhart) Tom McArthur will address the various layers of poverty and offer ideas to help persons break out of the cycle.

**MCC Alumni & Friends Potluck:** Alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee are warmly invited to attend an MCC Alumni and Friends Potluck at 6pm on Fri, Oct 26, at North Goshen Mennonite Church (501 N. 8th Street). Special guest speakers will be Rebecca Burkholder and Blaine Derstine, MCC Area Directors for Central Southern and Northeast Asia, who will share stories of peacebuilding in Asia. Please RSVP at 534-4133 or to [lmg@mcc.org](mailto:lmg@mcc.org). <https://mcc.org/get->

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[involved/events/indiana-mcc-alumni-friends-potluck-peacebuilding-asia](#)

**Register now** for Women Doing Theology, Nov 8-10, to join MC USA's Women in Leadership in building upon a history of Anabaptist theologians, ministers, teachers, activists, creatives and many others gathering to do theological work born out of women's experiences. Find out more and register at <http://mennoniteusa.org/wdt18>.

**The Window's** Nov list of needs is attached at the top of this email. In the same document you will also find information about The Window's upcoming Harvest Banquet fundraiser on Sat, Nov 10.

**Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking to fill three positions. You can read more about the Donor Relations Director, Recruitment Coordinator and Personnel Counselor on our website [here](#). If interested, please send a cover letter and resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net) or call Linda Krueger at 574-523-3009

(repeat) **Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace** by J. Philip Newell, is the October/November resource for the Listening Together group at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). Mondays, 7-8:30pm with Nina Lanctot, facilitator. Attend once or often; a \$5 donation per evening is appreciated. Visit [www.pathwaysretreat.org](http://www.pathwaysretreat.org) for more information.

(repeat) **Goldenrod is hosting** a work day at the Middlebury campus to replace the ripped plastic on the greenhouse (before winter sets in) on Sat, Oct 13 from 9am- 12pm. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we have a back-up date scheduled for Sat, Oct 20 from 10am – 1pm. Lunch will follow on both days. Address: 10897 County Road 16 Middlebury, IN 46540

(repeat) **Journey Through Space!** with the Maple City Community Orchestra, featuring music from Star Wars, Star Trek, The Planets, and more - with guest narrator Mayor Jeremy Stutsman. The free concert, open to all ages, will be held at Goshen College Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall on Sun, Oct 14 at 3pm.

(repeat) **All are welcome** to Iona Healing Prayers, a service of intercessory prayer, on Thur, Oct 18, 7pm at Pathways

Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). This is the same service that happens weekly at Iona Abbey in Scotland. See [www.pathwaysretreat.org](http://www.pathwaysretreat.org) for more information.

(repeat) **Little Eden Camp's** Fall Work Weekend is Oct 18-21. Please consider joining us for a weekend of volunteering and fun fellowship in Northern Michigan as we prepare the camp for the upcoming winter season. Free lodging and meals for those who volunteer. More details: [www.littleeden.org](http://www.littleeden.org) or call the camp at 231-889-4294.

(repeat) **Mennonite Church USA** leadership is seeking input from the broader church about the possible merger of two publications: The Mennonite and Mennonite World Review. If you'd like to give input, complete their survey at [this link](#). Read more background information and [Frequently Asked Questions here](#).

(repeat) **It's not too early** to start thinking about the holidays! Church Community Services' Soup of Success program has a number of tasty and beautiful items that make wonderful gifts. Besides our popular food line that includes soup, cookie and dip mixes, we also carry an upcycled textile line. that includes mittens, trees, purses, coasters, wreaths, signs and more! We offer local delivery and nationwide shipping. For more information, or to buy gifts, visit [www.soupofofsuccess.com](http://www.soupofofsuccess.com), attend an Open House Nov 3 or Dec 1 from 9-2 or stop by our office during business hours.

(repeat) **Volunteers for healing and hope:** The Center for Healing & Hope is looking for volunteers to join its mission to provide medical and advocacy services in our communities. All you need is a heart for working with people. We need not only nurses and doctors; we also need people to check in patients, do filing and take payments, register people for GRID (Goshen Resident ID cards), and handle office tasks. Contact the Center for Healing & Hope: [info@CHHclinics.org](mailto:info@CHHclinics.org) or 574-534-4744 or visit <http://chhclinics.org/volunteer-join-us>

(repeat) **You can support the Center** for Healing & Hope while you eat and shop at Goshen restaurants and stores. Buy your EAT•SHOP•GIVE certificates and half of the value goes to the medical care and immigrant support programs of the Center for Healing & Hope while the other half goes to the business—you get the full \$20 value. Enjoy

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(repeat) **Pathways Retreat's** October edition of their monthly newsletter, Rhythms, can be read [here](#).

(repeat) **Church Community Services** is hiring a full-time warehouse manager. 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](http://indeed.com) or send your resume to Vonda at [vhorst@churchcommunityservices.org](mailto:vhorst@churchcommunityservices.org).

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