

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

October 21	October 28
Worship leader: <i>Tom Kauffman</i> Preaching: <i>Paul Keim</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>B, Omega &amp; One</i> Playground supers: <i>Playground is closed!</i>	Worship leader: <i>Jon Zirkle</i> Preaching: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Nameless &amp; Cardinal</i> Playground supers: <i>We need you or playground will close!</i>
Scripture: <i>Genesis 18; Luke 15:11-32</i>	Scripture: <i>Luke 19:1-9; Hebrews 13:1-3</i>

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Oct 21	Start of Hospitality worship series and Fall Electives 7pm Congregational Meeting
Wed	Oct 24	Final Fall Work Day at meetinghouse
Sun	Oct 28	12 noon Sunday School/ Parent teacher pizza Lunch
Sat	Nov 3	7 pm Lantern Festival, Greencroft
Tue	Nov 6	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Nov 7	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Comm Center

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Jesse Bontrager** (7<sup>th</sup> Northridge Middle School) turned 13 on Oct 16! Jesse enjoys playing basketball, soccer and the trumpet. He is looking forward to an upcoming fishing trip with his dad in which he can use his new fishing pole. He enjoys eating out and playing Lego with his family.

**Alyda Miller Avelar** (8<sup>th</sup> St Preschool) turned 5 on Oct 18! Alyda is great at making her little sister laugh, and solving mysteries. She is brave and a good friend. She likes to swim and is working on cartwheels. She enjoys playing video games with her mom and dad.

**Congratulations to Molly Kauffman and Jane Litwiller** on the birth of Lyle Frederick Kauffman! Lyle arrived on Fri, Oct 12. All are doing well. Meal announcements soon!

**TODAY** is the first Sunday of the 2018 Fall Bible study. This year's theme is Hospitality. Fall Electives also start today. This year's electives include "Practicing Radical Gratitude", "Bodies- Continuing our conversation about Sexuality", and "Hospitality" which will continue the 1<sup>st</sup> hour conversation. An introduction to this series and the electives can be read at the top of this email.

**Construction Update!** What to expect to see today: More drywall is up and more cement has been poured. **PLEASE NOTE:** Steve Shantz will be working hard to finish the furnace installation by Sunday. Just in case, bring warm

clothes. Volunteer needs: If you have time to help spruce up the house across the street as we prepare it for sale, please email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

**Leadership group** and the Search committee are pleased to present Anna Yoder Schlabach for the position of Pastor of Worship and Pastoral Care. If you missed Anna's sermon or the continued 2<sup>nd</sup> hour conversation during her candidating weekend, find them on our website [by clicking here](#) At the congregational meeting TODAY (7pm), we will discern inviting Anna to this position as well as hear updates about our building, and a human resources working group. Childcare is provided.

**Attached at the top** of this email is a poster about the Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network's fundraising dessert banquet on Thur, Oct 25. Contact Susan Mark Landis if you are interested in attending.

**Lantern Festival.** All are invited to join the Assembly lantern festival at 7 pm. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year we are planning an inter-generational song and light festival that will take place at Greencroft so we can sing to our long living members. We will not be making lanterns, so if you have one or more please bring them! If you don't have one and you would like to make your own, contact Lora Nafziger.

**The print version of the Assemblyline** is only a fraction of the email version. Sign up: <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>

**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.

**Want to support** the arts and your health? Well, the once-a-year opportunity is here! On Nov 3, the Goshen High School music Department will host the annual Miles for Music event. There's a 5k run and a 3k walk (which include free pancakes afterwards), or you could just eat pancakes. You can pre-register for the run online at [gcsperformingarts.org/miles-for-music](http://gcsperformingarts.org/miles-for-music). Make sure to use a music student's name when you register so that they receive credit! For questions, or if you would prefer a physical sign-up sheet, contact Conrad: (574) 349-8611.

**The Elkhart County NAACP** annual Freedom Fund Banquet will be held Fri, Nov 2 at the Matterhorn Conference Center. Keynote speaker: Hilary Shelton, the NAACP Washington Bureau Director. Gayle Gerber Koontz has tickets (\$50). If you cannot attend, consider purchasing a gift ticket; Gayle will find a seminary student or someone in Elkhart with limited income. This is the only fundraiser for the local NAACP branch, a group that doggedly addresses local racial justice and education issues. For example, in Oct it hosted a conversation between an Elkhart police official and members upset by what seemed to be excessive measures in stopping a "suspicious" car driven by two elderly ladies, clarifying police policy and resolution of the situation by NAACP.

**Please join us** for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Wed, Nov 7 at the Greencroft Community Center. Dancy Hirschler will be our speaker and we will have a chef salad for lunch. To sign up and request a lunch, contact Joyce at [joycehos@gmail.com](mailto:joycehos@gmail.com). (If you want a monthly reminder, please e-mail Joyce with that request.)

**Planning for Assembly's** new memorial garden is under way. If you have interest in being involved in the planning and implementation of this outdoor space, please email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

**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!

**SEMILLA** sent a letter thanking Assembly for a recent gift from the 2% Committee. The letter, along with an article about a recent visitor, is attached at the top of this email.

**This month's edition** of Central District Conference's newsletter, Focus, [can be read here](#).

(repeat) **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 TODAY. 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.

(repeat) **Pledge forms are in your mailbox!** 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!

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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>

(repeat) **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.

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

(repeat) **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.

## community connections

**The Center for Healing & Hope's** fall fundraiser, Eat-Shop-Give, lasts only one more week. Buy \$20 certificates to local restaurants and businesses and half of the cost comes to the Center while half goes to the business. Support your favorite restaurants and shops while you also support the medical and immigrant advocacy programs of the Center. Buy your certificates online at [CHHclinics.org](http://CHHclinics.org) or call 574-534-4744.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** invites you to the come together for their 2018 Annual Indiana/Lower Michigan Regional meeting, Oc 26 & 27 at College Mennonite

church. Highlights of the meeting include: Key not address on Fri night from [Cleo Koop of Hesston College](#), Reports from each region on Sat, pre conference tour of KZ Inc, great food provided by CMC (\$10 per meal). Homeowners from Plymouth whose homes were restored from flood damage at the same time Goshen experienced flooding will tell their stories as well. You may register by emailing Rollin Ulrich at [rwulrich@bnin.net](mailto:rwulrich@bnin.net).

**Silverwood Mennonite Church** will hold a hymn sing on Sat, Oct 27 at 6pm. Various choristers will divide the list and take turns in leading the congregation through them. Feel free to share this announcement with others. For more info contact the Silverwood office: 574-533-1922. Our church is located at 1745 W Lincoln Ave, Goshen, IN.

**Please consider joining** The Window at College Mennonite Event Center Sat, Nov 10 from 5:30-7:30pm for an evening of fine food and entertainment. Guest Speaker, Elkhart County Jail Chaplain, Cory Martin along with Master of Ceremony, Randy West, of The Well in Goshen, will reflect upon where the organization has been, and its plans for moving forward. Special music will be provided by The Dean's List. Tickets are available for \$35 per person. Please contact Scarlett Garrison of The Window by Nov 1 to purchase your tickets.

**The Goshen Resident ID card (GRID)** is a great way to get discounts from local businesses and help our immigrant neighbors, too. The Center for Healing & Hope registers people for GRID every other week, alternating between Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Call 574-534-4744 to make an appointment and know you are helping to build a community that is safer and healthier for everyone.

**An article about** the recent Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship that took place at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is [available online](#).

**Church Community Services Needs Volunteers!** The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to assist the Food Pantry Director as we serve our guests Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11am-3pm. It isn't essential, but it would be great if this volunteer is comfortable using computers. We need people to drive our box trucks and vans for food pick-up. The Soup of Success

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program needs volunteers to help in the Soup of Success Store for half-day shifts during December. Shifts are from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m. The Seed to Feed program needs individuals to help weed and harvest in our greenhouse. If you are interested contact Jen McOwen at 295-3673 ext. 112 or

[volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org](mailto:volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org)

**Soup of Success Open Houses** Nov 3 and Dec 1: 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. Open Houses are Nov 3 and Dec 1 from 9am-2pm, 907 Oakland Ave., Elkhart.

**Meserete Kristos College** invites you to an unforgettable 19 day journey in the legendary land of Ethiopia and a Safari in Kenya! Experience Ethiopia Tour February 5 – 23, 2019 Visit Meserete Kristos Church (MKC), the largest in Mennonite World Conference; learn about its remarkable story of survival and growth under persecution. For more info contact tour leader Destiny Kreider at [destiny.joy.kreider@gmail.com](mailto:destiny.joy.kreider@gmail.com) or 540-810-8460

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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 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.

(repeat) **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-involved/events/indiana-mcc-alumni-friends-potluck-peacebuilding-asia>

(repeat) **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>.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](http://www.mennonitemission.net) . 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

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