

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

October 28	November 4
Worship leader: <i>Jon Zirkle</i> Preaching: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Nameless & Cardinal</i> Playground supers: <u><i>We need you or playground will close!</i></u>	Worship leader: <i>Lisa Koop</i> Preaching: <i>Natanael Fontan</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Here & There</i> Playground supers: <u><i>We need you or playground will close!</i></u>
Scripture: <i>Luke 19:1-9; Hebrews 13:1-3</i>	Scripture: <i>Genesis 41:55-57</i>

CALENDAR

TODAY	Oct 28	12 noon Sunday School/ Parent teacher pizza Lunch
Sun	Nov 4	All Saints Day celebration during 1 st Hour 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

TODAY is the 2nd Sunday of the 2018 Fall Bible study themed Hospitality. This week we focus is "Hospitality without borders: hospitality's political implication". Fall Electives are also underway: "Practicing Radical Gratitude", "Bodies- Continuing our conversation about Sexuality", and "Hospitality" which will continue the 1st 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: A paved parking lot! This is a one-way lot. Please enter using the drive closest to the building and park facing the edge (outer or inner) of the lot allowing space behind your car for driving. Please enter through the north doors.

Remember to reserve the north lot for elderly and people with mobility difficulties. Volunteer needs: If you have time to help spruce up the house across the street as we prepare it for sale, email office@assemblymennonite.org

TODAY is the Sunday school parent/teacher meeting and pizza lunch following 2nd hour. Parents will have the opportunity to engage in discussion about how to talk to their kids about sexual abuse using the language of Circle of Grace. Parents, teachers and children please plan to attend! Please email Tara at taras11709@gmail.com if you are able to provide cookies for the lunch!

Anna Yoder Schlabach was confirmed as the pastor of Pastoral Care and Worship at last week's congregational meeting, and she accepted the offer! Anna starts Nov 1.

Congratulations to Lora Nafziger for being selected to participate in the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program! She will join a cohort of 15 pastors from around Indiana every other month for two years to explore public theology and pastoral leadership. Lora will be at her orientation on Nov 1. For more info ask Lora or [read about it online](#).

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. **TODAY** is the last day to sign up!

On Sun, Nov 4 we will be celebrating All Saints Day with a time of remembrance for loved ones who have died. There will be an opportunity for people to display photographs of loved ones in the Worship Space.

Lantern Festival date changed to Sun, Nov 4! All are invited to join the AMC lantern festival at 7pm Nov 4. 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, or for any other questions, contact Lora Nafziger.

The 2019 calendars of Hospitality and Childcare Tasks are nearly complete! We still need people to sign up for worship space set up, 1st hour childcare, kitchen clean up, greeting people, and preparing coffee. If you have not yet filled out a Hospitality and Childcare Tasks form, please consider doing so [here on our website](#), or find a pink sheet on the round table. Fill one out this week to avoid guilt inducing emails from Naomi (to begin next week!).

As part of its recent study of Mary of Nazareth, the local contemplative study group called "Wisdom Circle" will be looking at the four women included in the gospel of Matthew's genealogy of Jesus: Rahab, Tamar, Bathsheba, Ruth. The series will begin today (Oct 28) and continue through Dec. The circle meets every second and fourth Sun, 4:30-6pm, at "Shelter from the Storm"-the large meeting space in Dennis and Susan Mark Landes's home. We invite any of you-women, men, youth-to join in our work of uncovering these deeply spiritual, radical, and often hidden figures of our tradition and of learning more about who Mary and Jesus are in relation to them. Please contact Kristy (shellenbergerkristy@gmail.com or 538.1543) if you are interested in attending so we know how many extra chairs to set out.

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.

The Tanzanian Education Aid (TEA) dinner/fund raiser is happening on Sat, Nov 10 from 5:30-7pm at Assembly Mennonite Church. We will have a Tanzanian feast with Esther Muhagachi as chief cook again this year. Adult tickets are \$15, children 6-11 years old \$10, and ages 0-5 are free. Tickets are being sold by the members of the TEA Board: Andre Hirschler, Michael Miller, Tobias and Lenora Magatti, Eric Yordy, Esther Muhagachi, Carrie Hartzler Bhandari, and Richard Hirschler. Gifts supporting TEA are also welcome and tax deductible.

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **The print version of the Assemblyline** is abbreviated. Sign up for the full version sent via email with this link: <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>

(repeat) **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. 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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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. (If you want a monthly reminder, please e-mail Joyce with that request.)

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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!

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(repeat) **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.

community connections

The local chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is sponsoring a staged reading of Michael Kimmel's *Dog Whistle*, Thurs, Nov 1 at 7pm, at the Art House in Goshen (211 S. Main St, Floor 2). Kimmel wrote this satire on modern politics in response to the Charleston church shooting in 2015. The play is being read in theaters across the country in 2018 to raise awareness and funds for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. A donation of \$10 is suggested. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

Join us for a piping hot bowl of chili with cornbread or crackers, vegetables and dip topped off with a selection of homemade desserts. Our Nov First Friday host is Faith Lutheran Church, and for a suggested donation of \$9 or more, you can support our programs while warming up on a chilly fall evening.

Bethany Christian Schools will host a drop-in open house 12-2:30pm Sun, Nov 4, for anyone considering attending Bethany. Bring your family for a visit in a casual and friendly atmosphere. A simple lunch will be provided. RSVP by registering online (www.bethanycs.net) or contact the admissions office (534-2657 or admissions@bethanycs.net) so we can plan for the meal.

Local MCC Advocacy network: Let's get together to support each other in our work and learn how to do it better! Tue, Nov 13 at 7:30-9pm at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church in Goshen. We'll share how best to do advocacy with our elected officials, updates on your chosen issues and begin organizing to travel together to Ecumenical Advocacy Days, Fri, Apr 5 – Mon, Apr 8, 2019. Come if you have never contacted a government official or if you have had a private conference with one: we'll teach each other! See Facebook events (MCC Advocacy Network) or contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com

MCC Great Lakes is hosting an Engagement Day on Dec 8 at Belmont Mennonite Church located at 925 Oxford

Street, Elkhart, IN 46516. Throughout the day MCC will showcase interactive learning tools around mass incarceration, Doctrine of Discovery and viewpoints of guns in America. The day will culminate with a keynote address by Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano on Immigration. You are welcome to participate in one workshop or the whole day. This would be a great opportunity for small groups, youth groups or Sunday School classes to participate together. You can find more information at mcc.org/gl-engagement-day. Please direct any questions to Brooke Strayer at brookestrayer@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Save the date! Ecumenical Advocacy Days (advocacydays.org) are Fri, Apr 5 – Mon, Apr 8, 2019 and the theme is Troubling the Waters for the Healing of Our World. This Washington, D.C. conference will draw on #GoodTrouble pioneers from the Civil Rights era as well as inspiration from young leaders to learn from the past, share best practices, and encourage one another for the work ahead. Through worship, educational and training workshops, and advocacy, we will beckon the Spirit to "Trouble the Waters" as depicted in John 5:1-9, calling on God to bring healing to our nation and world. Join us as we envision and train for new ways to stir up #GoodTrouble for the healing of all God's children. Begin saving money now so you, your teens and young adults can come to Washington, D.C. with others from the MCC Great Lakes region to learn, be inspired and do advocacy. Contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com for more information. Some scholarships and help with transportation available.

(repeat) **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.

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(repeat) **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 appt and know you are helping to build a community that is safer and healthier for everyone.

(repeat) **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](#).

(repeat) **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 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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 or 540-810-8460

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