

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

October 7 Candidating Weekend	October 14
Worship leader: <i>Kathy Meyer Reimer</i> Preaching: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Groupyndor &amp; Beta</i> <b>2% Offering</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Fellowship Meal following 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr</b>	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>
Scripture: <i>Exodus 16</i>	Scripture: <i>Romans 9:1 &amp; John 8:32</i>

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Oct 7	Anna Yoder Schlabach Candidating Sunday with Fellowship Meal
Weds	Oct 10,17,24	Fall Work Days at meetinghouse
Sat	Oct 13	6:30pm Barn Dance at Ebright Zehr Barn (63950 Old CR 17)
Sun	Oct 21	7pm Congregational Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**TODAY** we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and hear from our pastoral candidate for the position of Worship and Pastoral care, Anna Yoder Schlabach. More information about Anna can be found attached to the top of the aline. She will preach in first hour followed by a potluck meal. Bring plenty of food to share and your own table service. Info about the candidating weekend follows.

**Anna Yoder Schlabach** will be candidating as Pastor of Worship and Pastoral Care THIS weekend, Oct 4-7. Please note the following events: Sat, Oct 6, 10am: Meet and greet with Greencroft residents and their long-living age peers at the Conference room of the Greencroft Community Center. Sat, 2-4pm: Small Group & people currently not in a small group drop in at Assembly Meetinghouse (small groups send 1 or 2 people). This is a time for Anna to answer questions from your small group or yourself if you're not currently in a small group. Sunday AM: Anna will preach 1st hour, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour will begin with Anna offering a brief overview of her ideas about pastoral care, followed by "Questions & Answers" moderated by Brian Mast & Jeanne Liechty, co-chairs of the Search Committee. Submit questions during the break between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hour.

**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 if you see them: Brian Mast & Jeanne Liechty (co-chairs), Barb Swartley, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Randy Roth, and Stacey Farran.

**The playground is closed TODAY** due to the fencing to the construction site open and not enough supervisors.

**Tom and Amy Kauffman** will be travelling from Sun, Oct 7 - Mon Oct 15. Contact Lora or Karl for pastoral needs.

**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](#).

**Construction Update!** What to expect to see today: Some of the windows are in! Volunteer needs: Painting and cleaning bricks for reuse in our future memorial garden. Email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

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

**The St. Joseph Valley Camerata's** fall concert "The Poet Speaks" pays particular attention to the codependence of words and music in our songs. This concert is directed by conductors within the choir. Assembly singers include Jeff Martin, Lisa Rose Martin, Nate Osborne, and Becky Snider. Special guest reader is WVPE's Tony Krabill. Sauder Concert Hall on Oct 12 @ 7:30 pm. \$15, \$5 students. Tickets: Available at the [GC Box Office](#) or by phone at (574) 535-7566

**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!

**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)

(repeat) **We extend heartfelt sympathies** to Bertha Beachy (sister) and James Stuckey Weber (grandson) on the death of Verna Mae Yoder. Verna passed on Wed, Sept 19 at the age of 91 in Kalona, IA. Full obituary [here](#).

(repeat) **Our speaker during 1<sup>st</sup> hour** on Oct 14 will be Julia Hart. At 3pm, Sat, Oct 13 her husband, Phil, and Jep Hostetler will be presenting a program of music, stories and magic at the Greencroft Community Center. Phil is a musician and song writer. He has been actively involved with Cristian Peacemaker Teams for many years. All are invited.

(repeat) **The parent-teacher pizza luncheon** and meeting originally scheduled on Oct 7 has now moved to Sun, Oct 28. The theme of the meeting is Creating a Safe Church. We will look at our policy, the Circle of Grace curriculum and provide resources for parents on prevention of abuse.

(repeat) **Interested in getting** some fresh air on Sunday mornings? Would you like to ensure a safe place for our children to play? Consider signing up to supervise the playground on Sunday mornings. 2 adults are needed every Sunday in order to keep the playground open. [Sign up here](#).

(repeat) **Small group reps** met in September and talked about the Shuffle (35 people are looking for a new small group), the pastoral search process, fall work days, Assembly's house across the street, and a desire of some to take part in knocking down the south wall.

(repeat) **We want to thank** all the children and adults at Assembly Mennonite for your generosity and enthusiasm in supporting My Coins Count this year at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale (MMRS) with your contribution of \$1,029.41. Together, with matches from local businesses, MyCC raised over \$130,000, helping families gain access to life-giving water. The Michiana Sale total this year was over \$477,000. Thank you for your work and support of the sale, and for sharing your resources in the name of Christ, so other families can have their basic necessities met through Mennonite Central Committee and our partners around the world.

(repeat) **From Kara Shields:** Looking over all of my completed interviews with Assembly folk, I am still 9 interviews short of my target of 25. Thank you so much to everyone who has given me the gift of their time and stories so far. I know that my original request fell during the summer when many people were traveling. If you would be willing to be interviewed about your experiences at Assembly I would love to hear from you. (That goes for everyone!) But I would also like to make a special plea to hear from *students* and/or *younger parents* who are willing to be interviewed. These two groups make up significant demographics of Assembly and so far I have only heard from two people who have pre-college aged children and I haven't heard from any active students. It takes about 60-90 minutes and I will come to you at a time and location convenient for you. Email me at [jshield5@nd.edu](mailto:jshield5@nd.edu) if you want to ask questions or arrange a time.

(repeat) **Emma Gerigscott and Maddie Gerig Shelly**, fine artists and daughters of Winston Gerig and Sibyl Graber Gerig, will be featured in a one-day show at Found from 10am-5pm Sat, Oct 6. They will join their aunt, Jane Graber, an acclaimed ceramic miniaturist and sister of Ann Graber Miller and Sibyl, for Jane's annual open house. Maddie, will show her midcentury modern-inspired pots and paintings, and Emma will show her acrylic on wood

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pieces in a show titled "Bucolic Side Effects: Hawke's Bay NZ and Home." Emma will have a soft opening for her show from 6-9pm Fri, Oct 5, a First Friday in downtown Goshen, and her show will remain up through Nov 15. Larger press release can be read at the top of this email.

(repeat) **Congratulations** to Patricia Zwier for receiving a 2018 Culture for Service Award from Goshen College. She will be presented the award on Oct 5 at 10am at College Mennonite Church. More info [can be found here](#).

## community connections

**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.

**Join Merry Lea** on Oct 12 from 4-8:30pm for fun at the farm! There will be activities for families, skills workshops for adults, and a home-cooked meal. You will also have the opportunity to tour the gardens, greenhouse and animal barn and learn about seed saving and the art of growing sorghum. This is a drop-in event, so come and go as you wish. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Cost is \$5 per adult and free for children. Space is limited so please register online by Oct 10.

**Early registration** for the Women Doing Theology conference ends on Oct 12. Join MC USA's Women in Leadership in "Talkin' Bout a Revolution: Dialogue, Practice and the Work of Liberation" on Nov 8-10, 2018. Register now at <http://mennoniteusa.org/wdt18>.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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. For more details, visit [www.littleeden.org](http://www.littleeden.org) or call the camp at 231-889-4294.

**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](#).

**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.

**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>

**You can support the Center for Healing & Hope** while you eat and shop at Goshen restaurants and stores. Buy

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

**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 [vhurst@churchcommunityservices.org](mailto:vhurst@churchcommunityservices.org).

(repeat) **Dr. John Fea**, author of the newly released book [Believe Me: The Evangelical Road to Donald Trump](#), will speak at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Lambright Dining Hall on Wed, Oct 3 at noon. Please join us for a stimulating book talk and book signing, jointly sponsored by Witness Colloquium and the AMBS book store. Lunch (\$6.50) will be available to all those who register by Mon, Oct 1 ([rereimer@ambs.edu](mailto:rereimer@ambs.edu)).

(repeat) **Join The Window** for dinner Fri, Oct 5 from 4:30-7pm. Our host for this First Friday meal is Clinton Frame Church, and on the menu for the event is pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, chips with brownies and ice cream for dessert. A suggested donation of \$9 or more will benefit The Window's programs.

(repeat) **The UB Bruin Club** is an opportunity for students in grades 3-5 who are planning to attend Bethany Christian Schools or wanting to explore that option. Children can make friends with future classmates and begin to have their own fun experiences at Bethany. The next meeting is Fri, Oct 5, from 6:30-8pm. For more information or to register, see [bethanycs.net/UB\\_Bruin\\_Club](http://bethanycs.net/UB_Bruin_Club).

(repeat) **Fall Concert:** Bethany Christian Middle School instrumental groups will present a fall concert on Fri, Oct 5, at 7pm. The concert is free and open to the public.

(repeat) "**Wall to Wall: Parallels between the U.S./Mexico and Israel/Palestine separation barriers**" Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace is happy to announce the first event in our 2018-19 season. Saulo Padilla, [Mennonite Central Committee U.S. immigration education coordinator](#), will be our speaker on Mon, Oct 8 at 7pm. In 2017, Saulo helped organize a learning tour to Palestine/Israel for Latina(o)/People of Color Mennonite Church USA leaders that would bring attention to the parallels between the U.S./Mexico and Israel/Palestine walls and the communities affected. He will reflect on his experiences and learnings from that tour and how it continues to inform his work in the borderlands. The location for this educational evening will be College Mennonite Church, 1900 South Main St., Goshen, in the Koinonia Room at the south end of the church. There is no charge for this event.

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