

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-6:3, 7-8a;
Mark 9:30-37

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

September 23	September 30
Worship leader: <i>Gretchen Krause</i> Preacher: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hug & Food Group</i> Playground supers: <i>Ryan Gomez Wengerd & Anne Horst Hanby</i>	Fall Retreat at Camp Friedenswald <i>Service at Friedenswald begins at 10:30 am</i>
Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17, Mark 3:31-35	No service at the meetinghouse

CALENDAR

Tue	Sept 25	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Fri-Sun	Sept 28-30	AMC annual retreat at Camp Friedenswald
Wed	Oct 3	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center 6:30-8:30 Small group childcare at the meetinghouse
Sun	Oct 7	Anna Yoder Schlabach Candidating Sunday
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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY we finish our Fall Sexuality Series this week's theme is "Family of God". We will look at how our sexuality enables us to be in relationship with one another and helps to redefine what family can mean for all who follow Jesus.

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

office@assemblymennonite.org

Tom and Amy Kauffman will be vacationing from Sept 21-28. Contact Lora or Karl for pastoral needs.

Do you wonder what Lora did on her sabbatical? Read her report here on on the lit table.

Coming to Retreat in a week? We encourage you to make note that a panel of experts (or at least "old timers") has been assembled to interact with us on Sat afternoon. They will address our theme: "The Evolving Face of Assembly". For this reason, we will be collecting questions FROM YOU in advance. What would you like to know about Assembly practices, people, physical building, faith through the years? Email Eric Yordy this coming week. yordye@westview.k12.in.us. THANKS!!

Retreat Talent Show! The Assembly Retreat Talent Show still has a few spots open - there's some room between the fire-juggling monkey and levitating choir. 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

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 coming up on 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 Work Days 2018 will be Wed evenings of Oct 10, 17, and 24! Cleaning assignments for small groups have been emailed to the groups and placed in the mailboxes of each small group rep. If you are not currently in a small group and would like to help with Fall cleaning, email the office or show up ready to join any small group Oct 10, 17, or 24.

Immigration policy got you down? There are simple things you can do to provide tangible help to our immigrant neighbors. Safety Networks needs more transportation volunteers to meet all of our requests. Learn more and sign up at <http://bit.ly/safety-net-start>. And pick up a "Refugees Welcome" bumper sticker from the lit table!

Have a couch or plush chair you don't want anymore? Donate it to the MYF! We've got a lot of MYFers and not quite enough comfy seating. If you have something to donate, contact one of the MYF coordinators (Phil and Marlys Weaver-Stoesz, Daniel and Ally Mast) and we can coordinate a pick up.

Goshen College presents the 2018 Peace Play during Homecoming Weekend, Fri, Oct 5 at 8pm, Sat, Oct 6 at 4pm and Sun, Oct 7, at 2pm in the Goshen College Umble Center Theater. "History Lesson" is a play about environmental issues set in an Audubon store, a Kentucky State Historic Site. The play is written by Frankie Little Hardin and directed by Ben Meyer Reimer. Tickets are \$5 general admission, and can be purchased at the GC Box Office, online at goshen.edu/tickets or at the door starting one hour before the performance.

The Tanzania Education Aid Board has made a change from what was announced last week and has decided on having the Tanzanian dinner on Sat, Nov 10 instead of Oct 13 because of too many conflicts. Mrs. Esther Muhagachi, an AMBS student from Tanzania, was our head cook last year and she will again be our cook. Service will start at 5pm and continue until 6:30pm. Tickets will be sold starting in Oct. \$15.00 ages 12 years and up and half price for children 5 to 11 years and free for 4 years and under.

If you took home a wooden salad bowl from the last fellowship meal at the meetinghouse (or possibly from the lost and found table), please call 574-534-4190 or email office@assemblymennonite.org.

The September issue of Central District Conference's newsletter, Report, can be viewed [here](#).

(repeat) **Condolences are extended** to Susan & Ben Nelson on the death of Ben's brother Paul. He died Thur morning of this week. He had been suffering from progressive supranuclear palsy, a form of frontotemporal dementia since 2014. Paul had attended Assembly in the 70's before going to Ireland with his wife Dawn to serve in Dublin through MCC and (then) MBM. Funeral service at Plains Mennonite Church, Hatfield PA, on Sept 23 at 4pm.

(repeat) **Ever wonder what worship** looks like for Faith in this building on Sunday nights? We would like to invite you to join us anytime! We are so grateful for your

generosity in sharing this building with us. --Kay Bontrager-Singer on behalf of Faith folks

(repeat) **Leadership Group** met last Tue and discussed HR developments, heard an update regarding the building and the search process. If you would like more details you can always find the minutes [on the website here](#). Username: member Password: potuck74

(repeat) **Please join us** for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch, **11:30 Wed, Oct 3** at the Greencroft Community Center. Ann Birky will be our speaker. To ask a question or RSVP, contact Joyce at joycehos@gmail.com.

(repeat) **Assembly's own Bev Lapp** is being installed as Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's new academic dean! All are warmly invited to an installation service on Fri, Oct 19 at 7pm in the AMBS chapel, [3003 Benham Ave, Elkhart](#). More details [here](#)

(repeat) **The 2% Committee** is proposing the following distribution of available funds as of September 2018. World: SEMILLA - \$1,000, Dove's Nest - \$1000, Mennonite Central Committee - \$1,100, Mennonite Disaster Services - Puerto Rico - \$1,000. Local: ADEC - \$500, LaCasa Help-A-House - \$750, Chain Reaction Bicycle Project - \$400, Center for Healing and Hope - Diabetes Alliance Program - \$1,200, Goshen Ministerial Association - \$750, The Window - \$500. Please speak to anyone on the 2% Committee if you have questions or proposals: Sandy Fribley, Sarah Horst, Dave Ostergren, Jose Rocha, Joel Zwier, Phil Good-Elliott (chairperson).

(repeat) **Assembly family**: It has been six weeks since Michael's death. I cannot thank you enough for your cards and thoughtful notes, the extra set-up for the service, the food you shared, and the visits you made to Michael in the last weeks of his life. While I continue to grieve, I remain grateful to be among you in this part of the body of Christ. - Mary Lehman Yoder

(repeat) **Jeremiah Chico** has had his email changed in the directory and would prefer the following email be used for future contact: jeremiahchico1168@gmail.com

community connections

Representatives from ~30 Christian colleges and universities will gather for the 24th annual South

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Bend/Mishawaka Christian College Fair at Bethel College on Mon, Sept 24, 6:30-8:30pm in the Wiekamp Athletic Center. For more info, visit bethelcollege.edu/collegefair or call 800-422-4101.

Diplomat David Reimer, U.S. Ambassador to Mauritius and Seychelles, a 1984 Goshen College graduate and 2018 Culture for Service awardee, will present this year's Yoder Public Affairs Lecture: "U.S.-Africa Relations: An Ambassador's Perspective," on Thur, Oct 4 at 7:30pm in the GC Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. He will also speak during a convocation on Fri, Oct 5 at 10am in the Church-Chapel. Both events free and open to the public.

All are welcome to visit Goshen College during Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 5-7, 2018. Hear from GC alumni award winners, special events related to the 50th anniversary of SST and the 60th anniversary of WGCS, attend the Peace Play, view a special Haitian art exhibit, attend the Music Gala and more. To see the full schedule and to register, visit goshen.edu/homecoming.

All are invited to an exhibit reception for the Hunsberger Haitian Art Collection and the Nyai Oyer Gamelan in the GC Music Center's Hershberger Art Gallery on Sat, Oct 6, from 5:30-7pm. Come see pieces from the Arlin and Naomi Hunsberger Haitian Art Collection and the Nyai Oyer Gamelan, a very large, traditional, Javanese instrument gifted to GC in honor of Dr. Mary Oyer by the late Duane Gingerich '69 and his wife, Reti.

Save the Date: Anabaptist Disabilities Network 15h Anniversary banquet Oct 12 at 6pm at Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen. Please RSVP by Oct 8 by [visiting our website](#) or calling 343-1362.

Mennonite Mission Network excited to debut www.ChooseService.org, the go-to site for a wide range of volunteer opportunities, from multiple organizations, to express your faith. This is a doorway to hundreds of Anabaptist faith-based partners in hundreds of places. Search and filter to find what you want. Connect with a real person and find what's right for you. Check it out and share it with others!

Waterford Mennonite Church is hosting on Nov 10 a conflict transformation skills workshop, presented by

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. The conference comes highly recommended. Register at <https://bit.ly/2Mp9RQ6>

Domestic MCC service opportunity in Pennsylvania: The MCC Material Resources Center (MRC) in Ephrata, Pa., is seeking a Sewing and Textile Coordinator for a two year service term. This position coordinates the work of the sewing room and areas of the warehouse related to working with fabrics and quality control. Another critical aspect of this role is creatively upcycling donated materials in order to offer inspiring stock for the Care for Creation Gift Store. For a full job description, visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings. For more info or questions, contact Jenna Villatoro at 215-535-3624 or JennaVillatoro@mcc.org.

Children's Choir opportunity! Mennonite Youth Choir Festival would like to invite children in grades 3-9 to join in a weekend of singing, **March 2-3 2019**, in Goshen, IN. It is *up to parents and the faith community around them* to encourage their children with opportunities that develop a love for music in worship. Youth of all denominations are invited. For more info and to register, please visit: www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a director to provide leadership and oversight to the Donor Relations department. This collaborative leader will participate in Mennonite Mission Network organizational leadership by guiding fundraising efforts through cultivating healthy relationships with constituents, alumni and expanding our network of partners. Previous supervisory experience as well as experience with 501(c)(3) agencies is needed. The ideal candidate will be passionate about God's reconciling mission to the world and committed to Jesus Christ. Embracing cultural diversity and anti-racism is essential. Must be prepared for public speaking and travel 45-60 days per year. Anticipated start date is late October 2018. View the complete position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. or email StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

(repeat) **The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Board** has chosen the Auctria Online Auction platform to house this year's Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Online Auction. Items are posted at <http://charityauction.bid/MCCsale2018>

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and you can already register to bid, and see what items are posted. Bidding begins Sept 14.

(repeat) **Please join Michiana** Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA) for our Sept event - "Living Values: stories of faith and family business," featuring Dave Hawkins and friends. The event will take place Thur, Sept 27, 6:30pm at the Everence Corporate Office (1110 N Main Street, Goshen). Please RSVP by noon on Fri, Sept 21, to info@michianameda.org or 574-355-3607. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door (cash or check only).

(repeat) **The Donald Sinta Quartet**, Gold Medal winners at the Fischhoff Competition, will perform a Rieth Chamber Series concert on Fri, Sept 28, at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. Hailed as "...a tight-knit ensemble exploding with power and virtuosity and an un-concealable ambition to connect with its newly found listeners," the DSQ performs entirely from memory, and has earned praise from audiences and critics alike for its virtuosic performances, compelling recordings and distinctive repertoire. Tickets are \$16 and are available at the GC Box Office or online at goshen.edu/tickets.

(repeat) "**Consider it all Joy**" is the theme for the Retreat for Women and Girls and Amigo Centre, Oct 12-13, 2018. This year we are again inviting young girls (thrd grade and older) to come with an adult for a fun-filled weekend. The girls will be included in all the worship services and will have additional activities designed specifically for them during our free time options. Our speaker is Cyneatha Millsaps who recently accepted th position of Executive Director of mennonite Women USA. questions can be directed to mandy@amigocentre.org and more info at amigocentre.org

(repeat) **INNOVATE: Past | Present | Future**: Are you a communications professional wanting to explore how your faith intersects with your work? If so, you won't want to miss this year's Anabaptist Communicators conference at Laurelville Mennonite Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant, PA on October 24-26. Join other communicators from the U.S. and Canada in learning from a dynamic group of speakers from different denominational lenses on how we can all

bring innovation to our work. There will be a time of project sharing with others who share your same challenges and passions. And of course, there will be plenty of networking! More information and registration at anabaptistcomm.org/conference.

(repeat) **Local food pantries** currently have high needs. Both The Window and [Church Community Services](#) are asking for extra food and monetary donations. More info about CCS's particular needs at the above link. The Window's Oct needs is attached at the top of this email.

(repeat) **MCC's response to flooding in India**: The worst monsoon flooding in a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. As displaced people are returning to their homes, Mennonite Central Committee is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at mcc.org/india-flooding; by phone at 888-563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., [21 S. 12th St.](#), PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

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