

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

**September 30**

**Fall Retreat at Camp Friedenswald**

Service at Friedenswald begins at 10:30 am

**No service at the meetinghouse**

**October 7**

**Candidating Weekend**

Worship leader: *Kathy Meyer Reimer*

Preaching: *Anna Yoder Schlabach*

Welcome & tear-down: *Groupyndor & Beta*

Playground supers:

**2% Offering**

**Communion**

**Fellowship Meal following 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr**

Scripture: *Exodus 16*

## CALENDAR

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 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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**TODAY** we are at Camp Friedenswald for our annual retreat. Drive time from Goshen is 35 minutes and worship starts at 10:30. We hope to see you there! The weekend's schedule [can be found here](#).

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

**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. A full obituary [can be read here](#).

**Anna Yoder Schlabach** will be candidating as Pastor of Worship and Pastoral Care the weekend of October 4-7. Please note the following events: Sat, Oct 5, 10am: Meet and greet with Greencroft residents at the Conference room of the Greencroft Community Center. Sat, 2-4pm: Small Group drop in at Assembly Meetinghouse (small groups send 1 or 2 people). This is a time for Anna to answer questions you are bringing from your 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, which will be 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.

**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.

**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.

**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. Please [sign up here](#).

**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. Ask your small group rep.

**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.

**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. I will also be at the retreat this weekend with my calendar!

**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 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 [here](#).

**The St. Joseph Valley Camerata**, featuring Jeff Martin as the kangaroo, and many other Assembly-ites will present their fall concert "The Poet Speaks" in Sauder Concert Hall on Oct 12, 7:30pm. \$15, \$5 students. Tickets: Available at the [GC Box Office](#) or by phone at (574) 535-7566

**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](#).

(repeat) **Do you wonder** what Lora did on her sabbatical? Read her report found on the lit table.

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **Fall Work Days 2018** will be Wed evenings of Oct 10, 17, and 24! Assignments 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.

(repeat) **Immigration policy got you down?** There are 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!

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Goshen College** presents the 2018 Peace Play during Homecoming Weekend, Fri, Oct 5 at 8pm, Sat, Oct

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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](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or at the door starting one hour before the performance.

(repeat) **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. 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.

(repeat) **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](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org).

### community connections

**This is a reminder** to make sure you have the Ross Richers presentation on your calendars for this coming Sun, Sept 30, at 6.30pm at Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to this event, and invite you to pass the word to others who may also have interest in learning more about this exciting ministry in Ecuador's Rainforest.

**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 ([reimer@ambs.edu](mailto:reimer@ambs.edu)).

**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.

**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).

**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.

### "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](http://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.

(repeat) **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](http://goshen.edu/homecoming).

(repeat) **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 traditional

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Javanese instrument gifted to GC in honor of Dr. Mary Oyer by the late Duane Gingerich '69 and his wife, Reti.

(repeat) **Save the Date:** Anabaptist Disabilities Network 15th 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.

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** excited to debut [www.ChooseService.org](http://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!

(repeat) **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>

(repeat) **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](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings). For more info or questions, contact Jenna Villatoro at 215-535-3624 or [JennaVillatoro@mcc.org](mailto:JennaVillatoro@mcc.org).

(repeat) **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 invited. More info and register at: [www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com](http://www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com)

(repeat) **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](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). or email [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

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