

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Solomon 3:1-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

November 4	November 11
Worship leader: <i>Lisa Koop</i> Preaching: <i>Natanael Fontan</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Here & There</i>	Worship leader: Gretchen Krause Preaching: <i>Sarah Turner</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Auklet & 8th St+</i>
Scripture: <i>Genesis 41:55-57</i>	Scripture: <i>1 Corinthians 11:17</i>

CALENDAR

Sun	Nov 4	All Saints Day celebration during 1 st Hour 12pm Surprise Luncheons 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
Sun	Nov 11	12pm JYF gathering
Wed	Nov 14	6:30-8:30pm Small Group Childcare at meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Atticus Beechy-King turns 1 TODAY, Nov 4! Atticus is a cheerful guy, and his main interests are outlets, light switches, and finding tiny gross things to eat off the floor. He also loves peekaboo and sister Emery. Some of his first words include, "no no no" while he turns the oven knobs.

Eliza Herber (5th Chandler) turns 11 Nov 6! She is in the 5th grade at Chandler Elementary. She enjoys reading, drawing, singing in choir, and playing soccer. A highlight from her fall break was visiting Indiana University with her family and bowling in the Student Union with her dad.

TODAY is the 3rd Sunday of the 2018 Fall Bible study themed Hospitality. This week we focus is "Immigration and Hospitality", and we will hear from Natanael Fontan. Nata grew up in Argentina, he lived three years in Paraguay where he obtained a degree from the Mennonite seminary in Asunción. He immigrated to the US in 2011 and now lives Goshen with his wife Dani Klotz and their son Frankie. He is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Social Work. An intro to this worship series and the current 2nd hour electives is attached at the top of this email.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: A paved parking lot, a torn up playground, and a HEATED BUILDING! All of it, including the middle classrooms!
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 we are celebrating All Saints Day with a time of remembrance for loved ones who have died. All are welcome to bring photographs of loved ones to display in the Worship Space.

Fall Electives are underway! "Practicing Radical Gratitude", "Bodies- Continuing our conversation about Sexuality", and "Hospitality" which will continue the 1st hour conversation. More info found at the top of this email.

Surprise luncheons are today, Nov 4 after 2nd hour. If you signed up to participate, you'll find an invitation in your mailbox. 36 households are participating!

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 started on Nov 1 and you can now reach her at her new email: annays@assemblymennonite.org.

Tom Kauffman's last day as Assembly's bridge pastor was Oct 31. If you wish to contact Tom in the future, he still has the same cell phone number (419-343-4363) but you can also reach him on his personal email address (tekbentriider@gmail.com). He will no longer be using his Assembly email address and will eventually discontinue it.

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, and kitchen clean up. 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 even MORE emails from Naomi.

It's that time of year again! You can now get your favorite fruit from Kercher's and support the Goshen High School music program! Orders are open from now until Nov 12, and fruit will be delivered between Dec 1 and Dec 7. Money will be due on delivery. To order, look on the round table in the common area TODAY. For more information, look for any GHS music student!

The Goshen Farmers' Market (GFM) is hosting a fundraising dinner in conjunction with Goshen Brewing Company (GBCo) on Thurs, Nov 15, 3-9pm. A portion of the funds raised will provide matching funds for SNAP recipients. (If someone uses \$10 of SNAP benefits at the GFM, they are able to purchase \$20 of produce.) Make a \$30 donation to the GFM before the event and you will receive one free farm-to-table charcuterie board with: Cheese, cured meats, and pickled vegetables sourced from GFM vendors; Baguettes by Anna's Bread; Dessert by Rachel Shenk. Go to goshenfunded.com/farmersmarket to donate. GBCo will sell charcuterie boards for \$35 on the night of the event, so donate in advance and save! Live music by The Dawg Band from 6-8 pm. Talk to board members/AMCers Patrick Coonan, Jeanne Liechty, Matt Lind, or Ally Mast for more info.

Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Goose will be presented Nov 16-18 at Bethany Christian Schools. This is a family friendly holiday show. Join Sherlock and Watson in this caper around the streets of

London, and be ready to join in a little caroling! Tickets, \$9 for adults and \$7 for students, may be reserved at bethanycs.net/tickets. Online sales will close at noon on Fri, Nov. 16. AMCers include Jordana Farran, Naomi Klassen, Clara Lind and Xudong Sun

Thanks to the volunteers who have attended the Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network (GIHN) trainings! Please let Susan know if you plan to attend the Nov 30 training, which includes info about the program and how to host, along with a presentation about mental health by Kevin Farmwald. **ALL VOLUNTEERS** must have their background check completed by Jan 1. You'll find forms in Susan Mark Landis' mailbox. If you have had a background check before, just tell Susan. Thanks!

NEW ways to help at GIHN: donating cleaning supplies, garbage bags and TP; picking meals up at Faith Mission in Elkhart and bringing to St. Mark's; providing transportation and mentoring. And plain old monetary donations continue to be needed. Talk to Susan Mark Landis for more info.

FOR RENT: 314 E. Purl St., Goshen. 2 Bed, 2 bath with high efficiency furnace and central air. 1 car garage. Close to library, Chamberlain and High School. Available Dec 1. Contact Larry Gautsche 370-9631 or lgautsche7@gmail.com

(repeat) **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. For more info ask Lora or [read about it online](#).

(repeat) **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 began Oct 28 and continues through Dec every second and fourth Sun, 4:30-6pm, Dennis and Susan Mark Landes's home. All are welcome 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. Contact Kristy (shellenbergerkristy@gmail.com or 538.1543) if you are interested in attending.

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(repeat) **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 for TEA welcome and tax deductible.

community connections

All are invited to join with Goshen College students in an evening of contemplative worship as we gather for Taize Worship this Sun evening Nov 4 in Newcomer 19 on the Goshen College Campus. The service will be framed around All Saints Day and will run from 8-9pm. The service is open to everyone.

The deadline to submit seminar ideas for MennoCon19 is tomorrow, Mon, Nov 5. Submit yours today at mennoniteusa.org/seminars.

"**May God grant you peace** that you may know no further sorrow." Read the Open letter to Rabbi Myers, Tree of Life Congregation, Pittsburgh, PA from Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA at mennoniteusa.org/letter-rabbi.

Join us for a Comforter Bash! Make plans to join us on Nov 9 and 10 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more info about the event visit mcc.org/comforter-bash or contact Carol Honderich at 536-9062. A handmade comforter provides warmth and a tangible message to people that needs are not forgotten.

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, Nov 9, from 6:30-8pm. Activity this month is classic cooking. Registration is required so we can plan for ingredients. For more information or to register, see bethanycs.net/UB_Bruin_Club.

Open House at Bethany: 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. Please RSVP by registering online (www.bethanycs.net) or contact admissions (534-2657 or admissions@bethanycs.net) so we can plan for the meal.

Visit Bethany on Nov. 12 or 14: Students in grades 5-10 are invited to shadow a Bethany middle or high school student on Mon, Nov 12; and on Wed, Nov 14, students K-4 are invited to visit grade 4 and 5 classrooms with a parent for the morning. This is a great way for prospective students and families to discover Bethany! For more info, to register, or to schedule a visit on another date see www.bethanycs.net.

Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen) invites you to join us in noticing and being intentional during the Advent season with our Advent Intentionality series. This prayer includes scripture, silence and optional coloring. Kay Bontrager-Singer, facilitator. Friday mornings, 8-8:30am, Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21. www.pathwaysretreat.org

For the 16th year, Ruth and friends will be hosting a Victorian Christmas Tea with proceeds benefiting our Soup of Success program. Ruth Rockwell, a retired nurse, loves all things Victorian and came up with the idea of hosting a tea as a way to give back to the Elkhart community. "There is so much need right here in Elkhart," Ruth says, "especially for women who are alone. That's why I love supporting Soup of Success because many of the participants are women trying to make it on their own. Women need to help other women." [Read more](#)

The Pathway's Retreat's November newsletter is now available. [click here](#) for the newsletter.

Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) has some big shoes to fill. We need your help in the search to find the right fit. ADN is looking for the person God is calling as our new Executive Director, someone to lead ADN into a future where individuals with disabilities fully belong and fully participate in the Body of Christ. ADN is searching for someone who will promote this vision among Anabaptist congregations, personally represent ADN with donors and supporters, solicit gifts, and provide oversight

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to ADN staff and programs. Are you this person? Do you know someone who might fit this role? You can see the complete job description [here](#).

(repeat) **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.

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(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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