

AssemblyLine

November 18, 2018

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Lectionary Texts: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 127; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

November 18

Worship leader: *Susan Nelson*
Preaching: *Kay Bontrager-Singer*
Welcome & tear-down: *Ad Lib & Alpha*
Licensing and installation of Anna Yoder Schlabach

Scripture: *2 Kings 4:8-17*

November 25

Worship leader: *Anna Yoder Schlabach*
Storytelling: *Several AMCsers*
Welcome & tear-down: *Cantaloupe & Asabado*
No 2nd Hour or Sunday School

Scripture: *Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126*

CALENDAR

Sun	Nov 25	Intergenerational Service of Gratitude and Thanksgiving- No Sunday School or 2 nd hour
Tue	Nov 27	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Tue	Dec 4	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Dec 5	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center Candle dipping at Steve Shantz's home
Sun	Dec 9	Messiah Sing during 2 nd hour, Fellowship meal to follow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Ania Kingsley (4th RockRun) turned 10 on Nov 5! Ania loves reading and she is in a book club at the library. She also enjoys puzzles, making things (including macramé) and playing games. Outside she likes riding her bike with her cousin Alano and sledding in the winter!

Roy Kauffman turned 1 on Nov 17! Roy's favorite people are older siblings Alice and Eli. He is good at fast crawling, pushing kitchen chairs across the floor and greeting anyone he meets with a toothy grin. Roy loves baths and putting everything he finds on the floor into his mouth.

Isaac Horst (K, College) turns 6 on Nov 20! Isaac enjoys school, especially the kinderforest. He likes playing with Lego and building with his dad. A lot of people think he is funny and good at acting things out! Isaac likes to play with his puppy Bella and read books with his mom!

TODAY is the last week in our Hospitality themed Fall Bible study. This week we hear hospitality stories from Faith Mennonite. An intro to this worship series and the current 2nd hour electives is at the top of this email.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: It doesn't look much different, but the building is almost ready for our inspection next Wednesday. You can continue to enter through the south entrance. It's not pretty (yet), but it's safe just keep your hands to yourself.

The main doors into the Worship Space cannot be taped shut. We will be receiving several inspections in the coming weeks and we will break code if we prevent those doors from shutting properly should the fire alarm sound. To decrease the sound during the service, please exit and enter through the baby cave or shut the door as slowly and quietly as possible.

There are several households that normally pledge that have not yet turned in their forms. This week John will be working on the 2019 budget. If you have not yet turned in your pledge form, please bring yours on Sunday or email your pledge to treasurer@assemblymennonite.org

The pastoral search committee continues to meet regularly engaging in the many facets of discernment regarding the Pastor of Congregational Life and Hospitality. Keep praying for the Search Committee: Stacey Farran, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Randy Roth, Barb Swartley, and co-chairs Brian Mast & Jeanne Liechty. (Blessings in the form of chocolate are also welcome!) We continue to be grateful for the guidance we receive from Doug Luginbill, CDC conference minister, for the positive spirit of collaboration the committee has, and for the solid framework the congregation has laid out for us.

Please join us for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Wed, Dec 5 at the Greencroft Community Center. We will continue our tradition of having a White Elephant Exchange (bring something you no longer want)

and we'll sing Christmas music. For lunch we will have soup, cheese/crackers. To sign up and request a lunch, contact Joyce at joycehos@gmail.com.

Our annual Messiah Sing will take place on Sun, Dec 9 during second hour. Brian Mast will be directing. We will have some vocal scores, but please bring your own if you have one. There will be an orchestra rehearsal at 8am. Instrumentalists of all abilities are welcome. Younger folks who wish to play or sing only some of the choruses are welcome. Please bring a music stand if you have one and plan to play with the orchestra. We have instrumental music to distribute, but copies are also available for free [here](#). [Choose the Mozart/Proust edition, under the "Arrangements and Transcriptions" tab.] If you are interested in singing one of the arias, touch base with Rebecca Dengler Kaufman.

(repeat) **While we usually have a** Congregational Meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month, there will be no Congregational Meeting in November.

(repeat) **The Goshen Community Chorale**, in collaboration with Goshen College, is sponsoring an Alice Parker Celebration Concert at 7pm on Sun, Nov 18, at College Mennonite Church. The noted composer, conductor and teacher, Alice Parker, is coming to Goshen for this event. The Chorale will be performing Parker's "Melodious Accord" cantata, with harp and brass quartet, and four other local choral groups will also be singing. Bill Mateer is directing the Chorale and a number of other Assemblyites will also be involved. There is no admission charge, all are welcome.

(repeat) **The Row One ensemble**, with third year conductor Jeremiah Chico, will have a benefit concert to raise funds for Refugee Relief Kits on Dec 13 at 6pm at Assembly. They will be performing excerpts from the Messiah, Mendelssohn's Elijah, Les Misérables, and more. Come support refugees and enjoy an evening of music!

community connections

Community Thanksgiving service, Wed, Nov 21 at Faith Lutheran Church (406 S 5th Street), 7pm. You are invited to accept their hospitality and enjoy pie after the service.

Offering will support the Goshen Ministerial emergency assistance fund.

Child and Parent Services (CAPS) is in full swing with their Heart of the Holidays program, their annual event designed to help bring Christmas to families in need. Their goal this year is to reach 90 families. Each family member has selected a typed of gift under four categories: a want, a need, a wear and a read. Nov 28 is the deadline for adoption and gifts need to be dropped off between Dec 3-7. Contact Diana Clements for more info or to request a family: 574-295-2277 or dclements@capselkhart.org

Join Waterford Crossing for our Deck the Walls Holiday Wreath Event! Thur Nov 29 5-8pm at Waterford Crossing-Assisted Living (1212 Waterford Circle, Goshen). Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, silent wreath auction; proceeds will benefit Goldenrod Communities. RSVP to 574-534-3920 by Nov 26.

Soup of Success Special Hours During the Christmas season the Soup of Success store will be open extra hours! In addition to our regular hours, Mondays-Thursdays 9 am-4 pm and Fridays 9 am-2 pm, we will be open Small Business Saturday, November 24 from 9 am-2 pm, December 1 from 9 am-2 pm and we have extended hours Tuesdays, December 4, 11 and 18 from 9 am-7 pm.

The Occupation of the American Mind. Time: 7-8:30pm. Date: Thur, Nov 29 Location: Southside Fellowship, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart (located on the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Chapel of the Word) This is a stunning exposé on how propaganda drives public opinion and, in turn, our understanding of reality. It provides a sweeping analysis of Israel's decades-long battle for the hearts, minds, and tax dollars of the American people in the face of widening international condemnation of its increasingly right-wing policies. You cannot watch this film without grieving for the Palestinians, for the propaganda we've been subjected to, for the terrible mistakes we've made supporting horrific Israeli policies that have caused such suffering. Sponsored by Michiana Voices 4 Middle East Peace (MV4MEP), you are invited and welcome. The event is free of charge. Following the showing, there will be an additional time for conversation about the film for those who are interested.

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The MennoCon19 Delegate Assembly planning team is seeking nominations of congregations or ministries within your conferences/groups to share stories about our collective Journey Forward during delegate sessions in Kansas City. We are seeking stories that reflect any of our three Renewed Commitments listed here: 1. [Follow Jesus](#) As an Anabaptist community of the living Word, we listen for God's call as we read Scripture together, guided by the Spirit. Through baptism we commit ourselves to live faithfully as Jesus' disciples, no matter the cost. 2. [Witness to God's peace](#) We are called to extend God's holistic peace, proclaiming Christ's redemption for the world with our lives. Through Christ, God frees the world from sin and offers reconciliation. We bear witness to this gift of peace by rejecting violence and resisting injustice in all forms, and in all places. 3. [Experience transformation](#) The Holy Spirit dwells in and among us, transforming us to reflect God's love. Through worship the Spirit gathers the body of Christ, where our diversity reveals God's beauty. The Spirit empowers our communities to embody the grace, joy and peace of the gospel. You can find an application form at <http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Journey-Forward-storytelling-form-English.pdf>

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. 907 Oakland Ave., Elkhart.

Give a kit for Christmas! From hurricanes and flooding to conflict and drought, MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. This Christmas, why not gather your family and pack a relief kit as a gift to other families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster? For more information about relief kit contents and how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/kits/relief.

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 these volunteers are comfortable using computers. We need people to drive our box trucks and vans for food pick-up. If you are interested contact Jen McOwen at 295-3673 ext. 112 or volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org

Pigs for the Pantry: For \$125 you can buy a pig for the pantry which provides 125lbs of ground pork to those in need in your community! Donate via Church Community Services online at churchcommunityservices.org by designating \$125 to "Pigs for the Pantry".

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network**, an international faith-based service agency, is seeking a full time Director for Marketing and Communication. The position will be based in our Elkhart, IN office outside of South Bend. This position will lead the MarCom team and shape the agency's communications. Responsibilities include developing the agency marketing plan and ensuring a system for efficient internal and external communication flow. A bachelor's in communications, public relations or marketing fields is preferred. Five years' experience related fields recommended. View the position description at www.MennoniteMission.net and send cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net

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