

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

<p>November 25</p> <p>Worship leader: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Storytelling: <i>Several AMCs</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Cantaloupe & Asabado</i> <i>No 2nd Hour or Sunday School</i></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126</i></p>	<p>December 2 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Worship leader: <i>Bethany Swope</i> Sermon: <i>Ted Koontz</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Derailed & friends</i></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36</i></p>
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CALENDAR

TODAY	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	Nov 27-Dec 1	MYF Live In
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

Martha Hanby (PK Montessori) turns 5 on Nov 26! Martha likes to play games and make pancakes with her daddy and sister. She is really looking forward to her Outer space themed birthday party. She is good at swimming and great at inventing dance and gymnastics moves and stories!

TODAY we will celebrate with an intergenerational service of gratitude and thanksgiving. There will be no Sun school or 2nd hour. Next Sun is the first week of Advent.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: This past week they started prepping for outdoor siding. Also, we passed the inspection! This means the crew can start insulating and hanging drywall.

For welcome and take down groups: we can now leave 5 rows up after 1st hour.

Candle dipping is an annual tradition at Assembly that takes place in Steve Shantz's garage (60728 CR 27 Goshen, IN, 534-5315). This year it will be Wed Dec 5. Children are welcome to be dropped off or stay with their parents as they wish. Wear old and warm clothes. Children in grades K-2 are welcome at 6:30pm and those grades 3-5 at 7:15pm. If it is easier for your family to have children come outside of their age group that is ok!

2019 Hospitality and Childcare task calendars will be coming out in a couple of Sundays. We still need just a few more people for 1st hour childcare, worship space set up, and kitchen clean up. Also, we have a new task of greeting people (especially new people). If you would like to help out with any of these tasks and haven't yet signed up, please email office@assemblymennonite.org

If you have ever wondered what life at Assembly was like before you arrived, you are in luck. We have a collection of tape recordings of old services. If grab one to listen to and find out a bit of history. Or if you wish that you could repeat that service from the 90's maybe you can find it and listen again and again. These tapes are on their way to the dumpster, so when you are finished listening, we don't need them back!

1202 update: The house across the street will host its final Assembly-related activity next week when the MYF use it for their week-long live in. The house will then be on the market by the following week!

Brooke and Justin Rothshank have spoken at Assembly several times over the past year about their year-long visual journaling project called The Gratitude Project. An exhibition of the work from The Gratitude Project is now installed at the Midwest Museum of American Art in Elkhart, IN. An artist talk and reception is scheduled at the

museum for Sun, Dec 9, 1-3pm. The exhibit will be up until Dec 31. Brooke's book, *Tiny Grattitudes*, was published earlier this year, and is a record of Brooke's paintings and writing from the year. If you'd like to purchase a copy of the book you can talk to Brooke or Justin, or it is available at most major booksellers.

Central District Conference's November edition of their monthly newsletter, Reporter, [can be read here](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

community connections

Mark your calendar to join us for a scrumptious meal prepared by First Friday Host, 8th St Mennonite Church. A hearty, West Africa ground nut stew with various topping choices, rice, homemade breads and for dessert, Christmas cookies and dessert bars will be served from 4:30-7pm unless we run out, and it's a good bet that we will. The cost for the meal is a suggested donation of \$9 or more, and all proceeds will benefit The Window's program.

Alumni trip, "Service, Learning, and Civil Rights," will visit Mississippi, Mar 9-16, 2019. Open to alumni from Mennonite Voluntary Service, Service Adventure, and SOOP. Together, we'll learn more about the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and serve alongside current Service Adventure and SOOP participants. For more info contact alumnitrip@mennonitemission.net.

Youth Venture is announcing four locations to serve and learn in 2019! Teams of youth ages 15-22 and their adult leaders will join in the ministries of our global partners to see what God is doing in the world. These two- to three-week-long trips are in June or July. For more information or to apply, visit the [Youth Venture website](#) or contact Jolene VonGunten at jolenev@mennonitemission.net

Looking to serve in a mentoring role to young adults? [Service Adventure](#) is seeking leaders for its unit location in beautiful Anchorage, Alaska. This is a unique opportunity to serve as a mentor and to foster community with a household of young adults through faith formation, daily living, and house activities. For more information, visit <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/units/service%20adventure/Anchorage> or contact Susan Nisly at Mennonite Mission

Network: SusanN@mennonitemission.net.

The Window's December list of needs is available at the top of this email.

(repeat) **Child and Parent Services** (CAPS) is in full swing with their Heart of the Holidays program, their

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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 info or to request a family: 295-2277 or dcllements@capselkhart.org

(repeat) **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'oevres, silent wreath auction; proceeds will benefit Goldenrod Communities. RSVP to 574-534-3920 by Nov 26.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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>

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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interested contact Jen McOwen at 295-3673 ext. 112
or volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org

(repeat) **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 online at churchcommunityservices.org by designating \$125 to “Pigs for the Pantry”.

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