

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### WORSHIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 16</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leader: <i>Bethany Swope</i> Sermon: <i>Karl Shelly "Joy in the time of climate change"</i> Welcome &amp; tear-down: <i>Maple</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: <i>Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 23</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leader: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Sermon: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Welcome &amp; tear-down: <i>Hug &amp; Food Group</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: <i>Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)</i></p>
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### CALENDAR

Sat	Dec 15	Advent Spiral 9-12pm Adult self-guided Advent Spiral 5:30 & 7pm for families
TODAY	Dec 16	12-3pm JYF gathering at meetinghouse
Fri	Dec 21	7pm Longest Night Service at meetinghouse
Mon	Dec 24	6pm Christmas Eve soup and bread supper at meetinghouse
Sun	Dec 30	9:30am Breakfast Potluck followed by worship at 10:30, no Sunday school

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**Jeremiah Beachy** (4<sup>th</sup> Meadowview) turned 10 on Dec 11! Jeremiah likes playing soccer in body and in a fantasy league. He loves music: listening, singing and learning piano. He enjoys jumping on the trampoline. He likes to cook pancakes and watch cooking shows with his family!

**Adah Landis** (1<sup>st</sup> Waterford) turns 8 on Dec 21! Adah loves dance. She does tap, ballet and contemporary and was in the Nutcracker in South Bend. She likes ice skating with her family and enjoys going to school ½ the day in Spanish. She likes her birthday close to Christmas!

**J.R. Burkholder** (Manor 4) turns 90 on December 19! As a professor, a scholar, missionary, minister and social activist, J.R. has lived a full and rich life. His book of selected writings, "Prophetic Peacemaking," is in our church library. He and Sue have five children, two of whom were born during their missionary time in Brazil!

**TODAY** is the third Sunday of Advent! This year's theme is Yahweh is our Righteousness and today's theme is Awaiting Justice and Joy. An introduction to this Advent series is at the top of this email and can be found on the lit table. 2<sup>nd</sup> hour will include extended sharing.

**We have 3 Sundays left** in 2018 and are needing \$63,000 to meet our budget. Please be generous if you can!

**Children grades K-5** interested in singing for the congregation are invited to join Marna Mateer and Rebecca Dengler Kaufman in the MYF room following the sermon on Dec 16 and 23. The children will learn 2 songs to sing at the Christmas Eve service and the service of lessons and Carols on Sun, Dec 30. Children are welcome to come even if they cannot be at both services. Listen for the dismissal announcement from the worship leader.

**For many of us**, this season before Christmas is a season of ramped-up activity. Our Advent worship seeks to create an alternative space, and this year, we invite you to arrive early for some extra Advent hymn singing to help your mind let go of the outside world and enter this space.

**TODAY** you will notice some larger and smaller items set out in the MP space. They are not lost and found items, but rather items that AMC decided not to keep. Feel free to claim what would be useful in your home, classroom or office. And bring a big vehicle if you need some shelves.

**Naomi Roots** (administrator) normally holds office hours M/W/F, but over the three weeks her office hours will not be consistent. If you need to find her in the office, feel free to call or text her cell to make sure she is there (number is in the directory). Her normal hours will resume Mon, Jan 7.

**The house** across the street [is on the market!](#) If you have a key to the house that you have not yet returned, please place it in Naomi's mailbox at your earliest convenience.

**2019 Hospitality and Childcare tasks** calendars are finished and available to view [on our website here](#) and on the bulletin board outside the CE closet (next to the church office, #10). If you signed up for a task, you should find the dates you were assigned in your church mailbox. Let Naomi know if you would like a hard copy of the entire year's schedule or if you have any questions/concerns.

**The 2 Percent Committee** is proposing the following distribution of available funds as of Dec 2, 2018. Local: Chain Reaction Bicycle Project - \$725; Goshen Farmer's Market (Share the Bounty) - \$925; Anabaptist Disability Network - \$925; Jail Ministry of Elkhart County - \$925; Church Community Services (Soup of Success) - \$925; Ryan's Place - \$925; MCC - School Kits - \$500. World: Association for More Just Society - \$975; Christian Peacemaker Teams - \$975; Ankur Kala - \$975; Tanzanian Education Aid - \$975; Mennonite Central Committee - \$975; Mennonite Disaster Services (Puerto Rico) - \$975. Please speak to anyone on the 2% Committee if you have questions or proposals. Committee members are Sandy Fribley, Sarah Horst, Dave Ostergren, Jose Rocha, Joel Zwier, Phil Good-Elliott (chairperson).

**The Prayer group** continues to meet weekly to pray for concerns for Assembly in general and for specific individuals at Assembly. If you wish for us to pray for you, please let one of us know. Bertha Beachy, Jon Zirkle, Merritt Gardner, Joy Buschert, Anne Birky and Sandy Fribley.

**Elisa Zwier** is in Madison, WI this weekend for her PhD (in Education, Curriculum and Instruction) graduation. Your prayers and communications are appreciated for this time that is full of joy and also of sorrow, as she is missing her late husband Henry's presence and support. Encouragement and prayers are also welcomed in her discernment for future positions in Education.

**Christmas Caroling** Sun, Dec 23, 4pm. Meet at Assembly West Parking Lot and bring cookies to pass out as we sing; we will have tins to put them in. Contact Jeremiah Chico with questions: [jeremiahchico1168@gmail.com](mailto:jeremiahchico1168@gmail.com)

**Yipee!** The 800 hygiene kits that you so generously provided for MCC have started their long journey to those in need on Dec 13. You donated \$3,262.25 and that made it

possible, with careful buying, to purchase these. Thanks again for the support. There will also be 220 school kits which will be processed in the new year. Thanks also to those who helped pack them. -Johanna Sutter

**Save the Date:** All AMCers 14 and above are invited to participate in an InterPlay Workshop sponsored by our congregation and held at the Meetinghouse on Jan 12, 1:30-4:30 lead by Masankho Banda, MA. InterPlay is an active, creative way to unlock the wisdom of the body. Some of us do it here at Assembly on the first and third Mon evenings. Masankho is an educator, Percussionist, Storyteller, Dancer, and Certified InterPlay leader. He will lead us in an afternoon of play which enables human sustainability and connection in the face of stressful times. Donation from \$0-30 accepted. Reserve your spot in the workshop (soon as spaces are already filling) by contacting Rianna Isaak-Krauss ([reisaak@ambs.edu](mailto:reisaak@ambs.edu)) or Linda Schlabach Miller ([lschlabachm@gmail.com](mailto:lschlabachm@gmail.com)) (574)-538-8324.

**Central District Conference's** December edition of their newsletter, Focus, [can be viewed here](#).

(repeat) **Christmas Eve Candle Dance:** There will be only one opportunity to learn/review our Candle Dance for the Christmas Eve Soup Supper. Linda Schlabach Miller and Mary Gilbert will meet at 5:30 (30min before the event starts) to review the movements with all who would like to participate. Please let Linda ([lschlabachm@gmail.com](mailto:lschlabachm@gmail.com)) know if you are coming. We barely had enough dancers last year and want to be sure this year!!! Bodies at least 4 feet tall preferred.

(repeat) **Assembly's washing machine** (located in the janitor closet) is a high efficiency machine which means it was designed to use less water, needs less soap, and functions better with smaller loads. If you decide to start a load, please do not put in more rags than can fit comfortably in the laundry basket found in the kitchen.

## community connections

**Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network (GIHN)** is looking for more staff. If anyone is interested please contact [mindygihn@gmail.com](mailto:mindygihn@gmail.com) or call the office at 574-534-2300. Their Christmas letter is attached at the top of this email.

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**The Depot MCC Thrift Shop** is seeking a halftime bookkeeper. Applicants must have a commitment to personal Christian faith and discipleship, active church membership and excellent organizational and communication skills. Proficiency in working with QuickBooks is a must, and experience working in a retail setting is a plus. Hours are flexible. Please send a resume to Galen Kauffmann, general manager, The Depot Thrift Shops, 1013 Division Street, Goshen, IN, 46528 or email [depotmccthriftshops@gmail.com](mailto:depotmccthriftshops@gmail.com).

(repeat) **You are invited** to a Pastoral Christmas with the Maple City Community Orchestra! To celebrate Beethoven's Birthday, we will play his entire Symphony #6 "Pastoral". Then, we'll celebrate Jesus' birthday with Viennese classics by Strauss, Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors, and of course "Sleigh Ride!" The concert is free and open to the public. Sun, Dec 16 at 3pm in Goshen College Sauder Concert Hall.

(repeat) **Emma Church's** Men's Chorus will present their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas program, "Goin' to Bethlehem," Sun, Dec 16, at their home church in Emma Town (1900 S 600 W, Topeka). Finger food will be served following the 6:30 program. For more info, go to [www.emmachurch.net](http://www.emmachurch.net) or call [260-593-2036](tel:260-593-2036).

(repeat) **Attached at the top** of this email is a PDF outlining 2019 options for Rainforest Learning Tours with the Ross Richer family.

(repeat) **The Center for Healing & Hope** seeks a half-time communications specialist to manage print and email communication and to collaborate on digital and social media communication. Requirements include strong writing, editing and design skills along with experience in working with Creative Cloud software, managing websites and marketing. The emphasis is on communication in English; understanding of Spanish is helpful. To apply, send a letter of application and résumé to Bryan Mierau, executive director, at [bmierau@CHHclinics.org](mailto:bmierau@CHHclinics.org).

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