

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;">December 2 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leader: <i>Bethany Swope</i> Sermon: <i>Ted Koontz</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Derailed & friends</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: <i>Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 9 2nd Sunday of Advent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leader: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Sermon: <i>Sara Wenger Shenk</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hygge & friends</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: <i>Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6</i></p>
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CALENDAR

Tue	Dec 4	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Dec 5	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center 6:30 (K-2) and 7:15pm (3 rd -5 th) Candle Dipping for K-5 at Steve Shantz's home
Sun	Dec 9	Messiah Sing during 2 nd hour followed by Fellowship Meal
Sat	Dec 15	Advent Spiral 9-12pm Adult self-guided Advent Spiral 5:30 & 7pm for families

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Harold Metzler (Manor 4) turns 90 on Dec 4! Harold grew up in Pennsylvania where he ran an Ace hardware store and was a home builder. He loved flying planes but couldn't join the air force since he was colorblind. Several years ago he took a wonderful trip to England to visit the places of the James Herriot stories. He is an avid reader and has been married to Peggy for 66 wonderful years.

Aydian Smuts (6th GMS) turned 12 on Dec 1! Mandarin and theatre arts are favorite classes. He likes to play video games. He enjoys watching movies with family and play with stuffed animals with his brother Ben. He loves extra onions on his burgers. He likes spending time with friends at school and church.

TODAY is the first Sunday of Advent! This year's theme is Yahweh is our Righteousness. The introduction to this Advent theme is attached to the top of this email and can be found on the lit table. Next Sun, Dec 9 we will hold our Messiah Sing during 2nd hour followed by a potluck meal.

TODAY 2nd hour will offer time for embodied reflection and prayer through an opportunity to walk an indoor labyrinth or trace a handheld labyrinth with fingers or colored pencils. An introduction to the labyrinth and a simple walking method will be shared at the beginning of second hour. First-time labyrinth walkers are especially

welcome. Images of labyrinths around the world can be found in [this article](#) from Smithsonian Magazine. An example of one way to walk this path can be found [here](#).

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 a little early for some extra Advent hymn singing to help your mind let go of the outside world and enter this space.

In order to meet our budget this year we need \$77,000 in giving during December. Our giving is up significantly this year, though our budget is bigger too. Our December giving is often strong, so we are hopeful about meeting our budget. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Next Sun, Dec 9, we will hold our annual Messiah sing along. We will have some vocal scores, but please bring your own if you have one. There will be an orchestra rehearsal at 8am. We have instrumental music to distribute, but copies are available to be downloaded for free [here](#).

Family Advent spiral: Advent spiral for families with children ages 3 and up will take place Sat, Dec 15 at 5:30 and 7pm. Please sign-up to attend by [emailing Lora](#).

As we enter this season of active Advent waiting, consider making space for reflection, prayer, and silence by participating in an Advent Prayer Retreat on Sat, Dec 15,

10am-12pm at the meetinghouse. The retreat time will be self-led with an opportunity to walk the Advent Spiral.

Need a bike hook for your garage? You'll find a box at the south entrance and you can help yourself!

At the Nov small group reps meeting, we talked about ways we can shape and get involved in the work of the congregation's Radical Hospitality Goal. Talk in your group about how you can be involved in this! We also took stock of this year's small group Shuffle. Ask your rep for more information.

A meal schedule has been made for Jane Litwiller and Molly Kauffman after the birth of Lyle in October. To sign up to take them a meal, [click here](#), or contact Dominique with questions: 937-760-1660.

House for rent – 1002 S. 8th Street, Goshen. Available Dec 15 – 3 bdrm with hardwood floors & cedar-lined closets, 4th large room as bdrm or den, 2.5 bath, 1830 sq ft, wonderful sun room and enclosed back porch, 2 fireplaces, central air, appliances provided, livable but unfinished full basement, 2-car detached garage with off-street parking, spacious fenced shaded backyard; great features like walking/biking distance to downtown, the millrace, Goshen College. \$1,150/mo rent plus utilities, \$1,150 deposit. Interested parties call or email Justin at 412-478-3105, jrothshank@gmail.com or Nadia at 312-437-0606, nadiaes@yahoo.com.

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

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **1202 update:** The house across the street hosted its final Assembly-related activity next week when the MYF used it for their week-long live in. The house will then be on the market this week!

(repeat) **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 Gratitudes*, 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.

community connections

Area residents are invited to join Everence for its 5th annual winter clothing drive. [Click here](#) for the news release with more information. If you need more information, please feel free to contact Allison Schrock Pletcher, Marketing Manager at 800.348.7468, Ext 3301 or allison.pletcher@everence.com.

Interra is hosting a Blood Drive to benefit active duty military personnel and veterans! Plus you can get a free turkey voucher out of it! **WHEN:** Mon, Dec 3 from 11am-6pm **WHERE:** Interra's Main Office in downtown Goshen (300 W. Lincoln Ave.) **WHY:** For every successful donation, \$10 will be donated to Blue Star Mothers of St. Joe Valley, which helps local active duty military personnel and veterans in need!

Bethany Christian Schools will hold Christmas concerts for grades 4-8 this week in the school's chapel. On Tue, Dec 4, Beginning and Intermediate instrumental groups will perform at 6:30pm; the middle school band and orchestra will perform at 7:30. On Thur, Dec 6, choral

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groups will perform at 7pm. The concerts are open to the public; there is no admission charge.

Bethany Christian Schools Alumni Night. Bethany alumni will receive free admission and be eligible for prizes at the boys and girls evening Holiday tourney basketball games on Sat, Dec 15. Girls game begins at 6 and boys at 7:30. Note, alumni night does not include the morning games of the Holiday Tourney.

Volunteer with SWAP: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP), a program of MCC Great Lakes, has openings for volunteer groups. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. If your church has never been to one of our SWAP locations, or if it has been a while since you have been to SWAP, please consider forming a group to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/swap> or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065. You can also check out the latest newsletter at <https://mcc.org/media/resources/8302>.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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. We'll learn more about the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and serve alongside current Service Adventure and SOOP participants. More info contact: alumnitrip@mennonitemission.net.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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.

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

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