

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 30 9:30am Breakfast Finger Food Potluck 10:30am Worship, no 2nd Hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leader: <i>Barb Swartley</i> Sermon: <i>Lessons & Carols</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Tumbleweeds & Well Seasoned</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: <i>1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">January 6 Epiphany</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leaders: <i>Patrick Coonan & Isaac Bontrager</i> Storytellers: <i>Thomas Bona, Kajsa Herrstrom</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>B & Beta</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: <i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12</i></p>
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CALENDAR

TODAY Dec 30 9:30am Breakfast Potluck followed by worship at 10:30, no Sunday school

Fri-Sun Jan 4-6 MYF Snow Camp at Friedenswald

Tue Jan 8 6:30pm Leadership Group meeting

Wed Jan 9 6:30-8:30pm Small Group Childcare at meetinghouse

Fri-Sun Jan 11-13 Jr Youth Snow Camp at Friedenswald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Jared Martin (4th Parkside) turns 10 TODAY, Dec 30! He loves cats, especially the family's new kitten. He likes playing Minecraft on his own or with his mom and playing board games. He hopes that the weather will get cold enough soon so that he can play hockey with dad on the backyard ice rink.

TODAY is our annual Christmas breakfast! This year we ask that you bring plenty of festive finger food to share for our breakfast potluck starting at 9:30am. Paper plates, napkins and hot drinks provided. Worship starts at 10:30am and there is no 2nd hour or Sunday school.

Assembly's 3 pastors are all traveling this holiday season. Lora will be gone Dec 24-31. Anna: Dec 26-29. Karl: Dec 27-Jan 2. When all three are gone Dec 27-29, Carmen Horst will cover for pastoral needs: (574) 903-3713.

(repeat) **We have 1 Sunday left** in 2018. Due to your generosity and continued giving, it looks like we are on track to meet our 2018 expenses. Many thanks for your generosity!

(repeat) **We are invited** to move toward the God who is always moving toward us. If you are feeling a nudge toward God and want help seeing how God is moving toward you, perhaps spiritual direction is a way to follow this nudge. Assembly has several spiritual directors: Carmen Horst (574-903-3713, cshorst@gmail.com), Lois

Kaufmann (574-596-8956, loiskaufmann@gmail.com), and Mary Lehman Yoder (574-238-9676, marylehmanyoder@gmail.com). Any of us would be open to meeting monthly with you. For more info about spiritual direction, take a look at the 3-ring binder at the left end of the mailboxes at the meetinghouse.

(repeat) **New Reconciliation exhibit:** A new chapter has been added to the Anabaptist story at the Menno-Hof information center in Shipshewana. Gayle Gerber Koontz, Andre Gingerich Stoner and John D Roth worked with Menno-Hof to create a new display that focuses on the recent formal relationships among Mennonite, Reformed, Catholic and Lutheran denominations. Those who worked on this stated the importance of updating the Menno-Hof inter-church story beyond 16th persecution. It is nicely done. Check it out if you're in Shipshewana!

(repeat) **The Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch** will not be meeting in January.

community connections

Mennonite Disaster Service is building our team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals who have a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. Current position openings include: (1) Communications Manager in Lititz, PA, (2) a Volunteer Training Specialist, home based (U.S. resident) and (3) a Leadership Volunteer Interviewer,

home based (U.S. resident). For more information, visit our webpage at www.mds.mennonite.net/whowe-are/employment

(repeat) **Michiana MEDA** invites you to join the January dinner program event: “Goshen College Study Service Term (SST): 50 Years of Transformational Global Citizenship” Thur, Jan 17 at 6:30pm at College Mennonite Koinonia Room. Cost: \$5 for students, \$15 for MEDA members, \$20 for others. RSVP by Fri, Jan 11 to info@michianameda.org or text or call 574-533-3607.

(repeat) **You are formally and fantastically** invited to our Masquerade Unmasked, a night of celebrating your most authentically awesome self! Feb 2, 2019 6-9pm at the downtown Goshen Theater. Funds raised support Mosaic Health and Healing Arts mission of providing comprehensive, compassionate and affordable full scope family medicine and whole person care for EVERYONE. Tickets are \$35, and must be purchased by Jan 28. More info [here](#).

(repeat) **Save the date** for the 11th Annual Community Summit on Children “Beneath the Surface” presented by the Elkhart County Juvenile Court Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at Maple City Chapel. Registration coming soon.

Please email announcements to assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org by 8 AM local time Friday for inclusion in the following Sunday's *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

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Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999