

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### WORSHIP

December 9 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	December 16 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Worship leader: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Sermon: <i>Sara Wenger Shenk "What then will this child become?"</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hygge</i> Scripture: <i>Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6</i>	Worship leader: <i>Bethany Swope</i> Sermon: <i>Karl Shelly "Joy in the time of climate change"</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Maple</i> Scripture: <i>Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18</i>

### CALENDAR

TODAY	Dec 9	Messiah Sing during 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour followed by Fellowship Meal
Wed	Dec 12	6-8pm Small group childcare at meetinghouse
Sat	Dec 15	Advent Spiral 9-12pm Adult self-guided Advent Spiral 5:30 & 7pm for families
Sun	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

**Sophia Khattri Chettri** (3<sup>rd</sup>) turned 9 on Nov 28! Sophia loves to go to sports time and Venturi. She also enjoys jumping on the trampoline, playing the piano, and playing games with sister Maya. A favorite pastime is swimming in the pool with friends!

**Rachel Schrock** (7<sup>th</sup> GMS) turned 13 on Dec 5! Rachel likes playing with her family's new dog Schnickelfritz "fritz". She loves to read and reads very widely. When she is not spending time with her dog or a book, she is probably doing crafts or playing volleyball!

**Bryn Rothshank** turned 3 on Dec 5! Bryn enjoys music and loves the welcome song in her music together class. She especially enjoys time feeding her kitten Midnight and making things with clay or glue. She likes learning the alternate versions to holiday songs from her brothers!

**Thomas Baldanzi Schlabbach** (3<sup>rd</sup> Waterford) turns 9 on Dec 10! His class pets are crayfish and he is learning how to care for them, and study them in science. He is reading a Wrinkle in Time. He enjoys playing games at his grandparent's house. Thomas plays violin and takes swimming lessons.

**TODAY** is the second Sunday of Advent! This year's theme is Yahweh is our Righteousness and today's theme is Awaiting Peace. We will hear from Sara Wenger Shenk, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. An introduction to this Advent series is at the top of this email and can be found on the lit table.

**TODAY** we will hold our annual Messiah Sing. 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 also available to be downloaded for free [here](#). There will be a potluck to follow; please bring plates and utensils for your household and plenty of food as we anticipate visitors!

**A note from Bob Yoder**, Advancement Associate of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: "Thank you Assembly Mennonite for the many ways you have supported the ministry of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary as we serve the church and educate students to be leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world! As a congregation you have given generously, hired our graduates, sent us students, hosted ministry interns, nurtured employees, and participated in various programs. THANK YOU!!" Bob will be in attendance today and both

he and Sara (speaking during 1<sup>st</sup> hour) will be available for more discussion.

**There is still time** to sign up for the Advent spiral. Our 7pm time slot is especially free. If there are adults who would like to come and walk the spiral check with Lora to see if there is room.

**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.

**A new task** has been added to Hospitality and Childcare Tasks in 2019: Greeting Visitors. Some people already signed up for it, but not everyone had an opportunity to do so. If you are interested or would like more information about this task, email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

**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. Thanks!

**John Blosser – Art Talk** Next Thur, Dec 10 from 12:20-1pm at the Midwest Museum of American Art in downtown Elkhart, John will present My Artistic Ventures: A Walk in the Dark, a review of his artistic development. All are welcome!

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 generosity.

(repeat) **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](mailto:loral@assemblymennonite.org).

(repeat) **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.

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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **House for rent** – 1002 S. 8th Street, Goshen. Available Dec 15 – 3 bdrm with hardwood floors & cedar-lined closets, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jrothshank@gmail.com) or Nadia at 312-437-0606, [nadiaes@yahoo.com](mailto:nadiaes@yahoo.com).

## community connections

**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.

**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

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program. For more info, go to [www.emmachurch.net](http://www.emmachurch.net) or call [260-593-2036](tel:260-593-2036).

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

**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).

(repeat) **Area residents** are invited to join Everence for its 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:allison.pletcher@everence.com).

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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>.

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