

# AssemblyLine

January 13, 2019

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**Lectionary Texts:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### January 13

Worship leader: *Deanna Risser*  
Sermon: *Gretchen Krause*  
Welcome & tear-down: *Soup & Groupyndor*

Scripture: *Luke 10:38-42*

### January 20 Communion

Worship leader: *Well Seasoned*  
Sermon: *Susan Mark Landis*  
Welcome & tear-down: *Cardinal & Nameless*

Scripture: *Mark 5:25-34*

## CALENDAR

Fri-Sun Jan 11-13 Jr Youth Snow Camp at Friedenswald  
Sun Jan 20 7pm Congregational meeting  
Sat Jan 26 Central District Conference Regional meeting at meetinghouse  
Sun Jan 27 Exploring Baptism class for adults during 2<sup>nd</sup> hour  
Surprise Luncheons following 2<sup>nd</sup> hour  
Tue Jan 29 7:15pm Small group reps meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Luke Yordy** (7<sup>th</sup> Bethany) turned 13 on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>! Sports take up a lot of Luke's time, particularly basketball and soccer. He likes social studies and finds math satisfying and interesting. He enjoys board games and Pad Thai is his favorite food. Someday he would like to travel to Brazil.

**Rachel Hirschler** (4<sup>th</sup> Bethany) turned 10 on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>! Rachel enjoys drawing and playing volleyball. Rachel plays violin. She is a good speller but likes Art and Reading best at school. She likes to play boardgames with her family and is really hoping for more snow!

**Lena Osborne** (1<sup>st</sup> Parkside) turned 7 on Jan 10! Lena loves to dance and do all sorts of arts and crafts projects around the house. With her grammy, she invented her favorite snack- the "open-faced pep ques," which has cheese and pepperoni on a corn tortilla.

**TODAY** is our first Sunday of the 2019 Stewardship series: Stewardship of Attention. Today's particular theme is Prioritizing Attention. Second hour will be an opportunity to dig into the Romans passage that frames our stewardship series, using a format similar to lectio divina. It will be facilitated by Bethany Swope. An introduction to this series can be found at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table.

**Plan to Attend Assembly surprise luncheons** on Sun, Jan 27. Sign up by Jan 20 to participate. You can choose to

either host or be a guest (and bring food), and you will be assigned your guests or host without you knowing (hence the surprise). A few days before that Sunday, you'll be informed via email how many to cook for, or how many will be sitting around your table. This is an excellent way to meet or get to know better other Assembly attendees! Both guest and host sign up sheets are on the round table.

**Exploring Baptism class** for adults (post-high school). If you haven't been baptized as an adult, want to explore getting baptized, or just wonder what baptism is all about, then join the Assembly 2nd hour class on Jan 27 to begin this conversation. For more info, contact an AMC pastor.

**Leadership Group** and Congregational meetings generally happen every month. A reminder that minutes from both of those meetings can be found [on our website](#).

**In order to save Assembly** (and the planet) from using extra plastic bags, one of the trash bins has been removed from the kitchen. Please feel free to move the bin in the multipurpose space as needed during prep and clean up, and take full trash bags to the gray and black bin outside the North entrance.

**New Wisdom Circle Series:** The wisdom circle that meets at Dennis and Susan Mark Landis's home every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 5-6:30pm, will begin a new series TODAY. This series will focus on the way in which ancient mythologies (Neolithic, Sumerian, Babylonian, Egyptian, and Grecian) employ elements and processes of the natural world to

symbolize elements and processes of the spiritual life and the divine life. The group will focus on the way these natural images have evolved over the millennia and made their way into the mythologies of Judaism and Christianity. We will pay particular attention to the embodiment of these in the form of the sacred feminine or the female aspect of divine life. Each circle time also involves a reading, a chant or song, and a time of silence. The group is open to all genders. If you are interested in attending, contact Kristy Shellenberger Yordy ([shellenbergerkristy@gmail.com](mailto:shellenbergerkristy@gmail.com)), so that we can make sure we have enough chairs set up.

**WEBINAR Communicating with Congress: A conversation with congressional staff** Tue, Jan 15, 6pm [RSVP here](#) or contact Susan Mark Landis with questions. What happens to those emails you send to your members of Congress? What helps a letter or phone call stand out? What are things to avoid when communicating with Congress? [Join us for the webinar](#) addressing these and other questions. The webinar will also be recorded if you cannot join at that time. *Speaker: Julia Stafford, Legislative Assistant for Rep. Kurt Schrader and a former intern in the MCC U.S. Washington Office*

**You are warmly invited** to gather with your Central District Conference (CDC) brothers and sisters at the upcoming Regional Gathering on Sat, Jan 26. Anyone is welcome to participate. Open Table will be hosting in Assembly's meetinghouse. The gathering will start with coffee and tea at 9:45 am, and conclude at 3:00 pm. The Open Table congregation has graciously agreed to provide lunch for us. We ask that those eating lunch bring a donation to help cover the costs. To help them plan for the amount of food needed, please rsvp by Jan 21. Email: [office@mcusadc.org](mailto:office@mcusadc.org); Phone 800.662.2264.

**Assembly has the joyful** opportunity to serve GIHN four times in 2019. Jan 28: serve supper: 5-7; overnight hosts: 7-10pm. Jan 29: serve supper: 5-7; overnight hosts: 7-10. Jan 31: serve supper: 5-7pm. Contact [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com) to volunteer. Please be sure your background check info is up to date. Thanks! Assembly's next opportunities will be May 12-18, Sept 1-7 and Dec 8-14; please mark your calendars!

**Join the local group** heading to Washington, DC to learn how to be better advocates by attending 2019 Ecumenical Advocacy Days! Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World Fri, Apr 5-Mon, Apr 8. See more: <https://advocacydays.org/2019-troubling-the-waters/> This is a great gathering for seasoned advocates who need encouragement, beginning advocates who have much to learn and every age in between. Contact [susanmarklandis@gmail.com](mailto:susanmarklandis@gmail.com) for more information and to inquire about possible partial scholarships.

(repeat) **Our deepest sympathies** go out to Paul Reimer and the entire Meyer Reimer family upon the death of Paul's father, Gerhard Johan Reimer, age 90, who died a peaceful death on Jan 1 while in the care of Goshen Health Hospice. The obituary [can be read here](#). Visitation and the funeral took place last weekend.

(repeat) **After a break for the holidays**, Jane Litwiller and Molly Kauffman are ready to receive a few more meals in January following the birth of their son, Lyle, in October. [Click here](#) to sign up to take them a meal, or contact Dominique with questions: [dominiquebj@gmail.com](mailto:dominiquebj@gmail.com)

(repeat) **December 2018** offerings were generous and we will have a surplus again this year! Details will follow after books are closed for the year. Thanks for your generosity!

(repeat) **Even though it doesn't look** like winter, Karl and some of the rest of us are hoping it will soon. So, [here's a reminder about weather-related cancellations](#): Since many Assembly participants are within walking distance of the meetinghouse, AMC rarely chooses to cancel Sunday worship due to inclement weather. We will plan to gather to sing and pray with whoever is able to come, and assume that you will use caution when deciding if you are able to make it to church safely. If we did cancel our service, cancellation info would be posted to our website, sent out via the AMC list serve, 3rd hour Facebook page, and posted on WNDU.

(repeat) **Free to a good home:** Magnavox 24" flat screen TV in great working order. Please contact Bruce Bishop at 574-312-0098 if you are interested.

## community connections

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**Bethany Visit Opportunities** are a great way for prospective students and families to see Bethany Christian Schools in action! Grades 4-5 on Jan 16: Parents may bring children K-4 to visit the grade 4-5 classrooms from 9:30-11am. Grades 6-10 on Jan 28: Students in grades 5-10 interested in exploring Bethany can shadow a Bethany student on Mon, Jan 28, 8:40am-3:30pm. Parents are invited to an 8:45-9:15am coffee and conversation followed by an optional tour at 9:15am.

**Looking for a little lighthearted** grace-filled humor? Let comedian, theologian and playwright Te Swartz's show "The Big Story" entertain and move you as he brings biblical characters to life in unexpected ways during his Ted & Co performance at Kern Road Mennonite Church on Sat, Jan 19, 7pm. \$7 for students, \$10 for individuals and \$25 for the whole family. Cash, check and credit accepted. Contact Beth Gerig at 574-274-1054 or visit [www.tedandcompany.com/events/the-big-story-south-bend-in/](http://www.tedandcompany.com/events/the-big-story-south-bend-in/) for more info.

**All are invited to celebrate** the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Jan 20-21 at Goshen College. The 2019 King Celebration includes a coffeehouse performance on Sun, Jan 20 at 7pm in the GC Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall, featuring award-winning poet and artist Tiana Clark, in collaboration with the S.A. Yoder Lecture Series. A reception will follow. On Mon, Jan 21, at 10am, a convocation titled "King: The Man, The Motive, The Movement" will take place in the Church-Chapel, with keynote speaker Dr. LaKendra Hardware, Goshen College associate director of student life for diversity, equity & inclusion, with students Terra Kincy '21 and Clinton Stroble '19. Visit [goshen.edu/mlk](http://goshen.edu/mlk) for events and info. These events are free and open to the public.

**On Tue, Jan 22** at 7pm, Goshen College professor of art Merrill Krabill will present the C. Henry Smith Peace Lecture: "A Visual Reflection on Fear and Connection," in the Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall and Hershberger Art Gallery. A reception will follow the talk at 8pm. This exhibit will be on display through Feb 10. This event is free and open to the public.

**Read reflections** from Katie Graber and Adam Tice, committee members of the [Voices Together new hymnal](#)

[project](#) on the Menno Snapshots blog: [mennoniteusa.org/tag/voices-together](http://mennoniteusa.org/tag/voices-together).

(repeat) **Mark your calendar** for Sat, Jan 19, for the first annual Michiana Regional Seed Swap from 9am-1pm at Goshen High School. Join fellow gardeners, growers and plant enthusiasts to exchange seeds, compare and discuss varieties and more. This event is hosted by Goshen College's Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center and is free and open to the public. Participants are not required to bring seeds to the event, but if you save seeds, please bring them along! Seeds will be available through sales, swaps and for FREE thanks to donations.

(repeat) **Hear Chicago-based** La Caccina vocal ensemble with guests GC Women's World Music Choir on Sat, Jan 19 at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students, and can be purchased online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or at the GC Box Office. GC faculty/staff/students free with ID. La Caccina is professional women's vocal ensemble and non-profit arts organization, founded in 2011 by three friends who shared a passion for choral music. Their expressive, emotional singing highlights the versatility of the treble voice and brings musical excellence, integrity and honesty to every performance.

(repeat) **Craig Cramer**, professor of organ and artist in residence at the University of Notre Dame, will present a Rieth Chamber Series concert on Sun, Jan 20, at 4pm in the GC Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or at the GC Box Office. One of the most traveled organists of his generation, Cramer maintains an active recital career across the United States, Canada and in Europe, on some of the most important historic organs in the world.

(repeat) **Introducing the new** monthly MC USA Faith Formation Network e-newsletter! Sign up to receive it at [mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/faith-formation](http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/faith-formation).

(repeat) **The latest episode** of the Holding it(.) Together podcast is out now, focusing on infertility, miscarriage and infant loss. Listen on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher or online at <https://themennonite.org/the-latest/holding-together-podcast/>.

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(repeat) **The next Ecuador** Fellowship and Learning Tour is being planned and coordinated through Central Plains Mennonite Conference which they have kindly opened to supporters of the Two-Way Mission Partnership. This is a wonderful opportunity to see what God is doing in and through the church in Ecuador and mission partners, Peter Wigginton and Delicia Bravo in Quito, and Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer among the indigenous peoples of the Rainforest. Dates: March 28-April 10 2019. Cost: \$2,100 including airfare from Chicago. Link for information and details: <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/upcoming-trips.html> For additional questions you may contact Central Plains representative Holly Blosser Yoder at [yoderholly@gmail.com](mailto:yoderholly@gmail.com) or to [rossrichercommunication@gmail.com](mailto:rossrichercommunication@gmail.com)

(repeat) **MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People** (SWAP) location in West Virginia is in the process of moving from Elkhorn to Kimball. Help is needed to make the final renovations possible so staff can move in time for the upcoming season. Volunteers are needed over the next three months, particularly people with specific skills such as electric, HVAC, plumbing and carpentry. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact [AppalachiaElkhornLC@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaElkhornLC@mcc.org) or 606-633-5065.

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