

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

January 20 <i>Communion</i>	January 27
Worship leader: <i>Well Seasoned</i> Sermon: <i>Susan Mark Landis</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Cardinal & Nameless</i>	Worship leader: <i>Groupyndor</i> Sermon: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Ad Lib & 8th St+</i>
Scripture: <i>Mark 5:25-34</i>	Scripture: <i>Romans 12:1-2; Proverbs 4:25-27</i>

CALENDAR

TODAY	Jan 20	7:30pm Congregational meeting
Sat	Jan 26	Central District Conference Regional meeting at meetinghouse
Sun	Jan 27	Exploring Baptism class for adults during 2 nd hour Surprise Luncheons following 2 nd hour
Tue	Jan 29	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Tue	Feb 5	6:30pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Feb 6	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Roberta Stutzman turned 90 on Jan 25! Roberta lives with husband Leon in Juniper Place. She was born in Wabash County, IL and grew up on an 180 acre farm with 9 siblings. She taught elementary school for many years and was fascinated by each child's unique brain. She enjoys McDonald's sausage biscuits and eats them almost daily.

TODAY is our second Sunday of the 2019 Stewardship series: Stewardship of Attention. Today's particular theme is Peacemaking and attention. Second hour will include videos from The Work of the People and discussion. An introduction to this Stewardship series can be found at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table.

Circle of Grace this week in Sunday school. One Sunday in January we take a break from regular Sunday school curriculum and learn about our Circle of Grace as part of our safe church practices. If you have questions, ask a child about their Circle of Grace. Ask Lora for more details about our safe church policy and practices.

Congregational meeting is TODAY, Jan 20 at 7:30pm at the meeting house. We will discuss our 2019 spending plan proposal and get an update from the search committee and building project. The building financial update, 2019 spending proposal, and 2018 2% report are all attached at the top of this email and copies are on the lit table.

Pastor Karl Shelly is on vacation from Jan 19-26. Karl is confident his colleagues can cover while he's cavorting.

Plan to Attend Assembly surprise luncheons on Sun, Jan 27. TODAY is the final day to sign up 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.

Three Goshen College music faculty members, including Assembly's Jose Rocha, will present a Rieth Chamber Series concert on Fri, Jan 25 at 7:30pm in the Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. Cellist and Associate Professor José Rocha conducts the Goshen College Symphony Orchestra and Wind Symphony, and teaches applied cello and music education courses. Tickets are \$16, available at goshen.edu/tickets or at the GC Box Office.

Please join us for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch at 11:30 Wed, Feb 6 at the Greencroft Community Center. (Every Assembly woman is invited!) Our speaker will be Cheryl Shreiner and we will have a sandwich for lunch. To sign up and request a lunch, contact Joyce at joycehos@gmail.com before Fri, Feb 1.

The 2 Percent Committee is proposing the final 2018 distribution: Local: Center for Community Justice- Victim Offender Reconciliation Project - \$668; Goldenrod - \$668; Mosaic Health & Healing Arts - \$667. World: SABA International- \$865; Jubilee Partners - \$865; National Immigration Justice Center - \$873.43. 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).

Quiet 7th St Apartment for Rent near Parkside – Available Feb 1. 2 bedroom plus sunroom/entryway looking out at a spacious yard in a great neighborhood, just north of Parkside and the Soda Shop. Walking/biking distance to downtown, millrace, college and hospital. Partially furnished, appliances provided, partially hardwood or new laminate, central heating, private driveway parking. \$650/month plus utilities, one month security deposit. Call or e-mail Philipp at 407-409-4634 or pgollner@goshen.edu

(repeat) **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 a pastor.

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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **New Wisdom Circle Series**: The wisdom circle that meets at Dennis and Susan Mark Landis's home every 2nd & 4th Sunday, 5-6:30pm, began last week. 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), so that we can make sure we have enough chairs set up.

(repeat) **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*

(repeat) **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; Phone 800.662.2264.

(repeat) **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 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!

(repeat) **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

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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 for more information and to inquire about possible partial scholarships.

community connections

Blood Drive: American Red Cross is in urgent need of blood and will have a blood drive on Tue, Jan 22, 12-5pm at Bethany Christian Schools. Schedule an appointment online at redcrossblood.org (use sponsor code “bethcs”).

Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace (MV4MEP) invites you to hear Jeff Halper, an Israeli anthropologist who speaks for a single state solution for Israel/Palestine. His vision includes a multicultural democracy, the return of refugees, the dismantling of structures of domination, and the creation of a shared civil society. Dr. Halper heads the [Israeli Committee Against Home Demolitions](#). He is a university professor, an author, and was nominated by the [American Friends Service Committee](#) for the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize. His presentation, “Toward a Democratic State in Israel/Palestine” will be on Mon, Jan 28, 7-8:30pm at [Walnut Hill Mennonite Church](#).

On Mon, Jan 28, Goshen College will host NPR Religion and Belief Correspondent Tom Gjelten for a Yoder Public Affairs Lecture in the GC Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. The lecture will take place at 7:30pm and is free and open to the public. Tom Gjelten covers issues of religion, faith and belief for NPR News, a beat that encompasses such areas as the changing religious landscape in America, the formation of personal identity, the role of religion in politics, and social and cultural conflict arising from religious differences. His reporting draws on his many years covering national and intern'l news from posts in Washington and around the world.

MCC Great Lakes is searching for a full-time executive assistant. Based in Goshen, Indiana, the executive assistant ensures that the MCC Great Lakes office runs effectively as a region. This position will serve as Goshen office manager, provide logistical support for Board and staff meetings and serve as receptionist. Apply by Feb 5 at

mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/executive-assistant-0. For more info contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org

Eighth Street Mennonite Church is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. Work to begin Jan 22. This is a part-time position (approx. 18 hours per week). The person in this position will facilitate the ministry and mission of the congregation through good interpersonal and communication skills. Tasks include: organizational communication, producing bulletins/newsletters, providing administrative support to the 8th St Preschool. Conversational Spanish is an asset, but not required. The job description can be found on the Home Page of the church website <https://8thstmennonite.org/>

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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/ for more info.

(repeat) **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

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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 for events and info. These events are free and open to the public.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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