

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### WORSHIP

January 6 Epiphany	January 13
Worship leaders: <i>Patrick Coonan &amp; Isaac Bontrager</i> Storytellers: <i>Thomas Bona, Kajsa Herrstrom</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>B &amp; Beta</i>	Worship leader: <i>Deanna Risser</i> Sermon: <i>Gretchen Krause</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Soup &amp; Groupyndor</i>
Scripture: <i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12</i>	Scripture: <i>Luke 10:38-42</i>

### CALENDAR

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

Tue Jan 8 6:30pm Leadership Group meeting

Wed Jan 9 6:00-8:00pm Small Group Childcare at meetinghouse

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**Precious Oladipo** (8<sup>th</sup> GMS) Precious enjoys reading all kinds of books, sleeping, watching movies with her brother David and cooking with her mom. She plays bassoon in the middle school band and English is her favorite subject.

**TODAY** is Epiphany! Next week starts our 2019 Stewardship series: Stewardship of Attention. Poet Mary Oliver has said, "To pay attention, this is our endless and proper work." An introduction to this series can be found at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table.

**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 will take place Fri, Jan 4 from 4-6pm and Sat from 10am- noon in the Gathering Rooms at College Mennonite Church. A memorial service will take place at College Mennonite Church at 3pm, Jan 5.

**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)

**There is still space** for more bodies to experience InterPlay on Sat, Jan 12 1:30-4:30pm at the Meetinghouse. If you have been curious, please come, engage with other bodies or simply sit and observe. We welcome stillness and

observation as we play together. Anyone can do InterPlay. Here is a simple video telling you more: <https://vimeo.com/288570508>

**You are invited to Assembly surprise luncheons** on Sun, Jan 27. This is an excellent way to practice Hospitality and learn to know newer people at AMC and fellowship with old friends. Host and guest sign-up sheets are on the round table in the gathering space TODAY. Sign up by Jan 20 to participate.

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

**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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 will take place on Fri, Apr 5 – Mon, Apr 8 in Washington, D.C. We gather at a time in which people of faith and conscience are again called to stand in the prophetic stream of those who have come before us, those who were not afraid to stir up #GoodTrouble for the sake of God's kingdom. Scripture foundations are John 5:1-9 and Isaiah 43:1-9.

**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).

**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/>.

**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)

**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.

(repeat) **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](http://www.mds.mennonite.net/whowe-are/employment)

Please email announcements to [assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org](mailto: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