

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

January 27	February 3
Worship leader: <i>Small Group Groupyndor</i> Sermon: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Ad Lib & 8th St+</i>	Worship leader: <i>Cheryl Shreiner</i> Sermon: <i>Gwen Gustafson-Zooks</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Auklet</i>
Scripture: <i>Romans 12:1-2; Proverbs 4:25-27</i>	Scripture: <i>2 Corinthians 3:1-6; Philippians 4:8</i>

CALENDAR

TODAY	Jan 27	Exploring Baptism class for adults during 2 nd hour Surprise Luncheons following 2 nd hour 7:30 pm Congregational meeting
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
Sun	Feb 10	12-3pm JYF Movie at Ebright Zehr house

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Isaya Magatti (4th Bethany) turned 10 on Jan 7! Isaya enjoys anything to do with Lego and is really good at building his own creations. He is also good at fixing things and enjoys science. His class job is editor for the classroom newsletter. He continues to work at basketball and violin.

Stefan Magatti (K Waterford) turned 6 on Jan 12! Stefan has lots of friends and is really good at making new ones. He likes climbing and playing at recess. He loves every story, especially the ones his mom reads. He enjoys Spanish at school, Lego and playing Minecraft.

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 a 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 third Sunday of the 2019 Stewardship series: Stewardship of Attention. Today's particular theme is "fix your attention on God". Second hour will include a panel on action and contemplation. An introduction to this Stewardship series can be found at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table.

Welcome this morning to Libby Manning, Associate Director, Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program and Program Consultant to the Religion Division, Lilly

Endowment Inc. Libby is here to become familiar with the Assembly congregation because of Lora Nafziger's involvement in the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program.

Surprise luncheons are TODAY, Jan 27 after 2nd hour. If you signed up to participate, you'll find an invitation in your mailbox. 37 households are participating!

Congregational meeting is TODAY, Jan 27 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.

Caring for the Corporate Body: We are a congregation with diverse abilities, disabilities, and comfort levels; we experience the world differently. Please recognize that needs for personal space and touch are different for different people. Offer a hand in greeting and ask before you give a hug or greet someone in a physical manner. Some have serious scent allergies. Please don't use perfumes or scented lotions as you come to worship. Some have difficulty hearing. Please use the microphone and stand up to speak (if you're able) so that others will hear more clearly. Some are vision impaired and need to hold printed materials close to read them. Please respect their need to use their own song book and handouts; there are also large print hymnals available on the shelf near the entrance to the worship space. Please remember that some

children are noise sensitive and to raise your hands to “clap”. For noise sensitive children, we have noise cancelling headphones near the entrance to the worship space.

Nature Journaling Workshop led by Assembly’s own Carol Good-Elliott Sat, Feb 2 from 10am-12pm. Come to Merry Lea to explore, discover, and connect to the natural world through nature journaling. Nature journaling is the act of noticing what is happening in the beyond-human world around you and recording it in some way – writing, drawing, painting, photography, or some combination of methods. Nature journaling is accessible to anyone even if you have no prior experience with formal art or writing. All materials provided, light snacks available. Dress for the weather. This program is for high school age or older. \$10/person, registration is required. Please visit www.goshen.edu/merrylea to register by Wed, Jan 30.

Faith Mennonite Church invites you to join us on Sun, Feb 3, when the Bethany Choir will be with us for worship at 5pm and the potluck following. – Kay Bontrager-Singer

Central District Conference’s Reporter newsletter for January can be viewed [here](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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

community connections

The Window’s February First Friday on Feb 1 is The Maples at Waterford Crossing. They are planning a delicious menu of Chicken Parmesan Sandwiches, Waffle Fries and Dessert. Suggested donation is \$9 and we will serve from 4:30-7pm.

MCC welcomes alumni to host reunions at the Welcoming Place in Akron, Pennsylvania, in 2020 as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. To see if a reunion is already scheduled for the country where you served or to organize a reunion, contact alumni@mcc.org.

Join us on Fri, March 22 for the 11th Annual Community Summit on Children, "Beneath the Surface," presented by the Elkhart County Juvenile Court at Maple City Chapel in Goshen. This day-long training will provide you with the opportunity to network, earn CEUs and hear from state experts on youth and trauma. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

(repeat) **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](#).

(repeat) **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

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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 international news from posts in Washington and around the world.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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/>

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