

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

February 3	February 10
Worship leader: <i>Cheryl Shreiner</i> Sermon: <i>Gwen Gustafson-Zook</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Auklet</i>	Worship leader: <i>Small Group Ad Lib</i> Sermon: <i>Wilma Harder</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Derailed Fellowship Meal</i>
Scripture: <i>2 Corinthians 3:1-6; Philippians 4:8</i>	Scripture: <i>Luke 5:1-11</i>

CALENDAR

Mon	Feb 4	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	12pm Fellowship Meal 12-3pm JYF Movie at Ebright Zehr house
Wed	Feb 13	6-8pm Small Group Childcare at Meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY we continue our 2019 Stewardship series: Stewardship of Attention. Today's particular theme is "Action and Contemplation". Second hour will be a time of extended sharing. An introduction to this Stewardship series can be found at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table.

The Goshen Community Chorale will begin rehearsing for its upcoming spring season on Tue, Feb 12, at College Mennonite Church, beginning at 7pm. The Chorale will be preparing for a joint performance with the Maple City Community Orchestra on Sat evening, May 11. Featured works will be Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" and the Handel Coronation Anthem "The King Shall Rejoice." Brian Mast and Bill Mateer will be providing leadership for this event and a number of Assemblyites will be involved. The Chorale welcomes new members and interested persons can contact Bill, at (574) 533-2562 or mateers@aol.com.

Goshen Schools are looking for reading camp volunteers. Volunteers meet for 8 weeks with 1-2 2nd grade students for 1 hour on Tue and/or Thur afternoons from 3-4pm. If you are interested feel free to check with a local public school or ask Penny Yarman for more details.

Mindful Movement & Contemplative Prayer is a class that pairs simple yoga sequences with different forms of contemplative prayer and Gestalt awareness experiments,

facilitated by Sara Klassen. No previous yoga experience is needed. Tuesdays, Feb 5 - Mar 5, 5-6pm in the Retreat House at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). Please register at www.pathwaysretreat.org.

(repeat) **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.

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

community connections

Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen) invites you to Praying with Creation, a prayer time to listen and meditate in and with nature, with others. Facilitated by Deron Bergstresser, this prayer practice arises from a deep desire for connection and care of the environment. Friday mornings, 8:30-9:15am. There is no cost or registration; meet at the welcome gate. www.pathwaysretreat.org

The Goshen College choirs will give their Winter Choral Concert on Sat, Feb 9, at 7:30pm in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Performing are the Chamber Choir, Men's Chorus and the Women's World Music Choir, each will perform individually and as a large joint chorus. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 seniors/students, and can be purchased at goshen.edu/tickets or at the GC box office.

Join David L. Clough, Ph.D., on this stop of his North American speaking tour in support of his groundbreaking two-volume work *On Animals*, on the place of animals in Christian theology and ethics. Chapel: "Finding Our Place in God's World" Tue, Feb 12, 11:45am-12:15pm. AMBS Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount. The event is free and open to the public. [More info here.](#)

On Tue, Feb 12, five Goshen College students will compete in the annual C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest at 7pm in the college's Umble Center. The students will each deliver a 10-minute speech on their chosen topic relating to peace, with a reception and an announcement of the winners to follow. This event is free, open to the public.

Bethany Visit Opportunities are a great way for prospective students and families to see Bethany Christian Schools in action! Grades 4-5 on Feb 13: Parents may bring children K-4 to visit the grade 4-5 classrooms from 9:30-11am. Grades 6-10 on Feb 18: Students in grades 5-10 interested in exploring Bethany can shadow a Bethany student, 8:40am-3:30pm. Parents are invited to an 8:45-9:15am coffee and conversation followed by an optional tour at 9:15am. For more info, to register, or to schedule a visit on another date see bethanycs.net/visit.

All are welcome to Iona Healing Prayer on Thur, Feb 21 at 7pm in the Retreat House at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). Using the same service outline that

happens at Iona Abby, this is an opportunity to pray for loved ones, our hurting world, and also receive prayer for yourself if you wish. www.pathwaysretreat.org

Camp Friedenswald Spring Creativity Weekend: March 8-10. Art Retreat: Judith Wenig-Horswell, print-making: Develop your skills no matter what level. We'll be learning print making using the gelatin print process which results in monotypes (single image prints), and exploring the beauty of the woods around us. Crafting Retreat: Whether you scrapbook, sew, quilt or craft, we invite you to join us for a relaxing weekend filled with good food and fellowship. Come alone or bring friends or family. The beautiful surroundings of the peaceful woods and the creativity of others at this retreat will inspire you! Cost: \$160 Register Today at friedenswald.org/retreats

New resources are available for [exploring and engaging with MC USA's structure](#). Read MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton's three-part series on "The Little Green Dove" at <http://mennoniteusa.org/littlegreendove> and watch the new video series at mennoniteusa.org/polityvideoserries.

Pathways Retreat's February edition of their newsletter "Rhythms" can be viewed [here](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](#).

Please email announcements to 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