

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

February 24

Worship leader: *Jon Zirkle*
Sermon: *Carmen Horst*
Welcome & tear-down: *Asabado & GFBOL*

Scripture: *Luke 9:28-43; Exodus 34:29-35*

March 3- *Enough, Already!* Assembly's annual Carnival Sunday

Fellowship and activities at 9:30am

Worship at 10:30am

No Sunday school

2% Offering

Worship leaders: *Thomas Bona & others*
Storytellers: *Kim Kurtz, Marshall King, Jeanne Liechty*
Welcoming & tear-down: *Tumbleweeds & Well Seasoned*

Scripture: *Exodus 16:1-17:4, Numbers 11:1-10, Psalm 55, John 6:22-66*

CALENDAR

Sat	Feb 23	3-5pm All ages board game event at Meetinghouse
Tue	Feb 26	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Sun	Mar 3	Carnival Sunday
Tue	Mar 5	5-7pm Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at Meetinghouse
Tue	Mar 5	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Mar 6	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center 7pm Ash Wednesday service at Meetinghouse
Sun	Mar 10	12-3pm JYF gathering at Chandler Gym

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Ellie Hirschler (3rd Waterford) turns 9 on Feb 25! Ellie loves soccer and jumping rope. She enjoys reading comics and anything by Roald Dahl. She sings in choir and plays violin. At home she likes to roller skate in her garage, paly with her cat, read with dad and play board games!

Magdalena Horst (3rd, Parkside) turns 9 on Feb 28! Magda enjoys playing with dolls, reading, writing and doing science. Neptune is her favorite planet, Giraffes and sloths her favorite animal and fresh tomatoes her favorite food! She enjoys time with her family watching videos.

TODAY is our last Sunday of our Stewardship of Attention series, and there will be extended sharing during 2nd Hour. Next week is Carnival Sunday! Please note that we will gather for donuts and coffee at 9:30, and that 1st hour will start at 10:30am. See the handout attached at the top of this email or on the lit table for more info.

Are you ever confused when you find one shoe, or one glove, or a sippy cup in the meetinghouse with no person

attached to them? All of these items can be found in the lost and found, which will be on a table in the multi-purpose space. All items will be taken to the Depot after TODAY, Feb 24.

The first Sunday of Lent is Mar 10. This year our theme is "Holy Longing, Holy Feast". See the introduction for this year's Lent series (attached at the top of this email and found on the lit table) for more information.

Lenten small groups. We're trying something new this year! Lenten groups are forming to meet 3 times during Lent. See the document attached at the top of this email and on the lit table for more information. Email office@assemblymennonite.org to sign up.

A Black History Month readers theater and panel discussion will take place on 2pm Monday at Jennings theater of Greencroft Community Center. The readers theater is based on true stories from *Just Mercy*, a 2014 book by Bryan Stevenson. Cast members include Shawn Lange Sr. and Osee Tshiwape, both of Elkhart and Dan

Shenk, Regina Shands Stoltzfus, Mary Lapp Swartley all of Goshen. Title of the panel discussion is "Race in Goshen and Beyond- Past and Present". Panel members include Beth Hostetler Barry, Lee Roy Barry Jr., Sreekala K Dass Rajagopalan, Regina Shands Stoltzfus, all of Goshen. Audience response will follow the panel discussion. Event is free and open to the public.

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

Reihe Einen Spring Ensemble, conducted by Jeremiah Chico will hold a Benefit Concert at the meetinghouse on Apr 13 at 6pm. All proceeds will be sent to Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network.

The 2018 State of the Congregation report was presented last week and the Congregational meeting. It can be found [on Assembly's website](#) along with the 2018 Statistics.

We are grateful for Assembly Mennonite Church's generous support of the work of Mennonite Central Committee, as we provide hope, healing and comfort around the world in the name of Christ. Thank you for the ways you contribute to the work of MCC through volunteering time, creativity and energy at thrift shops, relief sales, meat canning and in assembling material resource kits. We were also blessed by your financial support of \$12,039.36 in 2018. Keep us in your prayers as we collaborate with our 508 partners in 57 countries who are sharing God's love and compassion through relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. To read about specific partners and projects, please visit mcc.org. With thanks, Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC Great Lakes

Thank you, Assembly Mennonite Church, for giving \$21,880.00 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2018! Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together, we more fully experience God's kingdom on earth.

A letter to the editor written by Bruce Bishop in the Goshen News published on Feb 15 criticizing Trump. Bruce would be happy for you to [read it here](#).

(repeat) **Bethany Christian High School** will perform Junie B Jones the Musical on Thur-Sun, Feb 28-Mar 3. Come and see Assembly MYFers Jordana Farran, Naomi Klassen, Clara Lind and Sam Ostergren. In this beloved musical, the outspoken and loveable Junie heads to first grade, gets glasses, learns how to navigate the relationships of childhood. Tickets are \$9 adults and \$7 students. Tickets may be purchased online at bethanycs.net/tickets. Performances are at 7pm Thur, Fri, and Sat, and 3pm Sun.

(repeat) **Chapter on Carolyn Schrock-Shenk available.** Dan Shenk, former Assembly member and now Faith member, is writing a book on sports and spirituality, which he hopes will be published in 2020. After seeing a Jep Hostetler/Glen Miller blog entry by Carolyn Schrock-Shenk in 2014, Dan in 2015 interviewed Carolyn and her brother Steve. The resulting chapter's working title is "You Are More Than Your Physical Limitations: Two Indiana Sibling Athletes Who Found a Way After Devastating Accidents." Dan is open to making this now-updated chapter available to interested Assembly-ites, who may e-mail him at dan@shenkcopyproof.com.

(repeat) **Central District Conference's** February edition of their newsletter, Focus, [can be read here](#).

community connections

Help your child grow up to be their best self! Learn proven strategies that can turn around common and yet challenging behaviors like whining, yelling, talking back, hitting and avoiding sleep. On Feb 26 and Mar 5 and 12 from 6-8pm each evening Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) and St. Marks United Methodist Church in Goshen will offer groups on Dealing with Disobedience, Developing Good Bedtime Routines and Managing Fighting & Aggression. Attend one, two or all three groups, child care is provided, and there is no charge. All are welcome! For more information check out Triple P's website at www.triplepelkharthartcounty.org or call Triple P at (574) 226-0160.

Upcoming Goshen College Performing Arts Series concerts include Academy of St. Martin in the Fields (\$50/\$45/\$35) on **Wednesday, Feb. 27** at 7:30 p.m., and The Step Crew (\$40/\$35/\$25) on **Friday, March 29** at

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7:30 p.m. More information and tickets are available at goshen.edu/tickets or at the GC Box Office.

March First Friday Fundraiser for The Window will be Mar 1, 4:30-7pm. It will be hosted by Millie Hernandez and family, and the menu will include Puerto Rican rice, beans, roast pork, salad and custard pie.

Open House at Bethany: Bethany Christian Schools will host a drop-in open house noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 3, for anyone considering enrolling for fall 2019 and beyond. Bring your family and invite others from your church or neighborhood who may have interest in Bethany. Stop by after church for a light lunch, and faculty and staff will be available to answer questions and give tours. So we know to expect you for the meal, please register online (bethanycs.net/admissions/visit) or RSVP to Trish Yoder in the admissions office ([574-534-2657](tel:574-534-2657) or admissions@bethanycs.net).

All are welcome to join us on Goshen College's campus March 5-6 for the Study-Service Term Conference, "Global Education for All: Renewing Our Vision," as we remember the past 50 years of SST and look ahead to its future with a reception, panels, workshops and more. Guest speakers include former SST participants Elaine Meyer-Lee '87, associate vice president for global learning and leadership at Agnes Scott College, and Ron Krabill '90, associate professor in the interdisciplinary arts & sciences program at the University of Washington Bothell. Learn more at goshen.edu/sst/50.

Come along with the Maple City Community Orchestra AND the Bethany Christian High School Orchestra and Band for a musical journey around the world! Admission is free and open to all ages, with a freewill offering at the door. The trip begins at Goshen College Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall, on Sat, Mar 9 at 7:30pm. Hope you will join us!

Goshen College visiting artist Teresa Pankratz, a book and paper artist and the 2019 Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist, will present a public Lecture on Sun, Mar 10 at 7pm in the Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall, with a reception at 8pm. She will also present a performed reading titled "The View From a House in Kansas" in the Music Center's

Hershberger Art Gallery on Tue, Mar 12 at 7pm. Her work is on display from Feb 17-Mar 24.

Tickets are available for Goshen College's Spring Musical, "Bright Star," in the Umble Center March 15, 16 & 22 at 7:30pm and March 17 & 24 at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students/seniors/GC staff. "Bright Star" is an uplifting musical journey featuring the Grammy-nominated Americana score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell. Set in 1940s North Carolina, after a chance encounter with a young, aspiring author just home from World War II, literary editor Alice Murphy relives the harrowing journey that helped shape her.

Tickets for Goshen College's annual International Student Club Coffeehouse, Sat, Mar 23, are now available. Come enjoy delicious homemade food from more than a dozen different countries, followed by a performance of music and dance from around the world. Dinner is at 5pm in the Church Fellowship Hall, and the performance is at 7:30pm in the Music Center. Tickets for the dinner and performance are \$20 for adults (\$14 performance only), and \$14 students/children (\$6 performance only).

Eighth Street Preschool is now accepting registrations for 3 and 4 year olds for the 2019-2020 school year. The 3's class meets Tue & Thur 9-11:30am. The 4's class meets Mon/Wed/Fri. 9am-1:30pm. Our 4's morning only class (9-11:30) is already full after priority registration. Classes run Aug 26-May 18. There is a \$30 application fee. Call 533-6720 for more information and to get registration form.

MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and individuals. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

(repeat) **In honor of Caleb Gunawan** (a 6-year-old attendee of College Mennonite Church in his 2nd year of actively fighting cancer) a blood drive is scheduled for Sun,

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Feb 24, 10:30am-2:30pm at College Mennonite Church with a carry-in meal around noon. Sign up to donate online, www.givebloodnow.com, Sponsor Code: CollegeMennCH. Let's pay it forward and help others who need our blood to save their lives! You can also sign up through Shin Yee at shinyee.tan@gmail.com or 574-238-9757. To find out more about Caleb and his courageous journey, go

to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/calebgunawan>

(repeat) **Free FAFSA help** is available for college-bound Indiana students and their families at Goshen College during College Goal Sunday, Feb 24, from 2-4pm.

Financial aid professionals will be volunteering to help Hoosier students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and open the door to financial aid. The free event will take place in the Goshen College Union Building, and Spanish interpretation will be available. More information is available at CollegeGoalSunday.org.

(repeat) **Registration is now open** for the 18th Annual Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science, Mar 29-31, 2019, featuring Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, an evangelical Christian, atmospheric scientist and climate change expert. Dr. Hayhoe will offer two free public lectures on Fri, Mar 29, 7:30pm and on Sat, Mar 30, 10:30am. A third lecture for registered conference attendees will take place on Sun, Mar 31. These lectures will take place in Goshen College's Church-Chapel. Learn more and register at goshen.edu/religionsscience

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