

AssemblyLine

June 16, 2019

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Lectionary Texts: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

| June 16 | June 23 |
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| Worship leaders: <i>Maya Kaufman & Sara Klassen</i> Storytellers: <i>Rose Stutzman, Deanna Minnick</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Hygge</i> | Worship leader: <i>Leon Bauman</i> Storyteller: <i>Bill Mateer</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Maple</i> |
| Scripture: <i>Psalm 8</i> | Scripture: <i>Psalm 22:19-28</i> |

CALENDAR

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| TODAY | June 16 | 1 st Sunday of Summer worship 7pm Congregational meeting |
| Thurs-Sat | June 20-22 | Central District Conference annual meeting in Milwaukee, WI |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Elisa Kurtz (rising 5th Bethany) turns 11 on June 18! She enjoys gymnastics, swimming, reading, and passing the volleyball with her dad. She loves curry and almost anything spicy. Elisa is excited about playing the part of Gracie in Elkhart Civic Theatre's production of The Music Man in July.

TODAY we begin summer worship. We will gather at 9:30am as usual, and worship until 11am. There is no separate second hour or Sunday school though children will have special activities during the service. This summer will focus on the transitions we are experiencing and how they transform us. The introduction to this new series can be found attached at the top of this email and paper copies are on the lit table. We will be worshipping at Oxbow on July 7 and our summer series will end on Sun., Aug 4 with presentation of first grade Bibles.

Congregational Meeting TODAY (June 16) at 7:00. We have begun to use the new building. Come to share your experience of the new worship space and to hear an update of the pledges and expenses related to new building. We will also be discussing Goshen Christian Montessori Preschool and if it is an entity to which we wish to rent.

Treasurer's Update: In the next few weeks, we will be making our last draw from the Everence mortgage. If you are planning to make a contribution to the Milk and Honey campaign soon, now would be a good time to do it. I hope to review pledges and giving sometime in July and send an update to everyone who pledged to the Milk and Honey campaign. John Nafziger treasurer

Update on Joy Buschert: Joy moved in her new room in Legacy Lane at Waterford Crossing. She is doing well and is grateful for all the support. Her new address will be Joy Buschert, Waterford Crossing Room 705 1212 Waterford Circle, Goshen, IN 46526

A young Salvadoran client of NIJC has won asylum and now, along with her toddler son, needs support as she begins the work of recovery. Her legal case was successful and is complete and so NIJC's role will wind down. NIJC is seeking a church community to form a support team in collaboration with Safety Networks. This young woman needs housing and support in the areas of: finding work, transportation, moving towards financial independence, learning English, getting her driver's license, possibly counseling, finishing her GED, caring for her young son, and getting him enrolled in preschool or Head Start. An NIJC staff member will meet with the group that forms and will provide additional information to assist the group. Safety Networks has funds that could support this effort. If you or your small group would be willing to work with other volunteers to create a support team for this young woman, please contact Michelle Shelly (mshellymd@gmail.com)

Teresa Woods is seeking a high school or college student to assist her college-age son (who has a brain tumor) with speech therapy. Training will be provided, and sessions can take place at the Goshen Public Library or other public location 2-3 times a week. This is a paid position; contact Teresa (908-346-8465) or tswoods2911@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more information.

If you like Nelson Chicken and Pit-tatoes, mark your calendars for JUNE 29, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Your money will help support Tanzania Education Aid, whose sole purpose is to support students in the Shirati area. Tickets can be purchased from Tobias Magatti, Lenora Hirschler, Richard Hirschler and Eric Yordy. Thanks for your support!!

(repeat)**Relief Kits shopping** is completed. That doesn't mean I won't make any more if money comes in! \$1,920.00 was collected and I could fill 84 buckets. They are packed, stacked and ready to go to Ephrata next week! What a joy to work with members of this congregation who care about others and support MCC. Thank you, thank you!
-Johanna

(repeat)**The Church Community Services** board of directors would like to thank Assembly Mennonite Church for your financial support. We are especially excited about the summer program that Seed to Feed is initiating and are grateful for your support in making that happen. Teaching teens to grow food is an excellent way to work at food security in our community.

(repeat) **Contribute to CARE PACKS** to help people who find period products too expensive. Some women from Wisdom Circle and others from Assembly are putting together over 100 CARE PACKS for Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network, Goshen National Immigrant Justice Center, and Goshen public schools. Each handmade drawstring bag will include tampons or pads, panty liners, plastic bags, wipes, a personal item (chapstick, soap or candy bar) and an empowering saying. The total cost for 100 bags is nearly \$1300. Two Percent Fund has granted the project \$600, so we're hoping for donations of another \$700 from people at Assembly. If you'd like to contribute, please put your check in the regular offering, with CARE PACK on the memo, during the month of July. We also need people to sew bags (cloth is available). This will be a continual need. Contact Susan Mark Landis with questions and suggestions. Thanks!

community connections

AMBS announces presidential candidate of choice: David W. Boshart, Ph.D., of Wellman, Iowa. On June 17 and 18, Boshart will visit the AMBS campus to participate

in meetings with faculty, staff, students and administration. The search committee will review feedback received during the visit and present a final recommendation to the AMBS Board of Directors by the end of June.

The Goshen Ministerial Association Emergency Assistance fund, administered by Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network, provides assistance to Goshen citizens in financial straits. Our funds tend to run low when summer comes, and this year is no exception. We will soon run out of money without your help. Please consider supporting this ministry by sending a contribution to the GMA Emergency Fund. Checks can be mailed to GMA, Box 165, Goshen, IN 46527. If you'd like more information about the GMA Fund, contact Pastor Karl Shelly at karlss@assemblymennonite.org.

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale will take place in September of this year, but it's not too early to start planning and volunteering! From quilting to planting to collecting items during summer cleaning, there are many ways to get involved. Visit www.mennonitesale.org/volunteer for information about opportunities to volunteer. Any other questions can be answered by calling 888-503-8559 or email mennonitesale@yahoo.com. You can also check the Michiana Relief Sale website and Facebook.

(repeat)**Introducing AMBS's new fully online MA!** In response to a growing demand for online master's degrees, AMBS has launched a fully online MA: Theology and Global Anabaptism. The 46-credit-hour academic degree program can be completed in four years of part-time study and offers a global approach to Anabaptist theological education. ams.edu/matga

(repeat)**Join the Journey program!** Nurture your leadership abilities. Deepen your theological perspectives. Tend to your spiritual formation. Journey offers mentor-mentee partnerships, distance-learning opportunities and community support. The AMBS program is open to all who are exploring what ministry looks like in their life. ams.edu/journey

(repeat)**Pathways Retreat** (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen) invites you to spend time in nature this summer. We are a birding hotspot with 108 species sighted to date.

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Two prayer labyrinths, a wildflower meadow with comfortable seating to watch the bees and butterflies, and two miles of wooded walking trails are available to all right here in the city! Visitors are welcome anytime from dawn to dusk with no need for a reservation. www.pathwaysretreat.org

(repeat)**Goshen College summer camp opportunities** for kids of all ages: Musical Theater Camp (grades 9-12; June 16-22), 3D Art Camp (Grades 6-8; July 8-12), Write on Sports Camp (grades 7-8; July 8-19), high school boys basketball camps (Aug. 3-4) and McCracken Basketball Camps (Ages 8-18, June 24-27). Learn more and sign up at goshen.edu/summercamps.

(repeat)**MCC Appalachia seeking program coordinator:** MCC Great Lakes is looking for an Appalachia Program Coordinator to provide overall direction and supervision of MCC's work in the Appalachian region in eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia. Specifically, this Program Coordinator will help with the primary program Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP), a home repair ministry that provides service and learning opportunities at three locations. The Program Coordinator reports to the Executive Director for MCC Great Lakes in Goshen. Apply online for this opening by July 1 at mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/appalachia-program-coordinator. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

(repeat)**Job opening:** Bus driver for the daily Elkhart-Bethany route, before school and after school. Applicants must have first-aid certification and interpersonal skills to relate well to students and parents. CDL with school endorsement preferred but not required. See bethanycs.net/jobs.

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