

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

July 21	July 28
Worship leader: <i>Barb Swartley</i> Storyteller: <i>Mitch Rhodes</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Shine</i>	Worship leader: <i>Mary Yoder Holsopple</i> Storyteller: <i>Lydia Miller</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Alpha</i>
Scripture: <i>Psalm 15</i>	Scripture: <i>Psalm 85</i>

## CALENDAR

TODAY July 21 9:30am Worship  
July 28 MYF Daytrip to the Dunes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Alano Kingsley** (rising 4th Rock Run Homeschool) turned 9 on June 8! Alano loves to swim and play with his new remote-control car. He enjoyed watching movies on trip to Montana and while there jumping on the trampoline. He is an excellent climber and can hold his breath underwater.

**Luisa Kingsley** (Rising 1st Rock run Homeschool) turned 6 on July 12<sup>th</sup>! Luisa enjoys swimming, playing board games and riding her bike. The cheetah is her first favorite animal followed by the other animals at their house. She likes to go on picnics with friends and play water tag!

**Meals for Nick and Michelle Miller Good** are welcome and greatly appreciated at this time after the recent birth of their son, Theodore (Theo). Details and sign up information is available at: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gw9278>. Thanks so much!

**TODAY** we continue with 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 series can be found attached at the top of this email and paper copies are on the lit table. Sunday school begins August 11.

**Throughout the summer we are hearing stories** of transition and transformation. The storytelling on July 28th will include content about "letting go and yielding to God in the context of patriarchy and sexual assault." If you have questions or concerns about this, feel free to contact one of the pastors.

**We will begin collecting for My Coins Count** (Relief Sale) on Sunday, July 21. You can bring your filled quarter-collectors or coins, bills, et. If you need a quarter-collector, we will have them available. Thanks!

**A tithe distribution committee** is forming which will make recommendations to the congregation regarding the remaining tithe on our building project, some \$90,000.00. Among other things, the committee will consider amounts and recipients as well as the timing of the gifts. The tithe will be available in quarterly sums of \$2250.00 (\$9,000.00 a year) for ten years. For a description of the anticipated work of the committee and to express your interest, see Naomi in the church office.

**Hello! It is time for making School Kits.** School supplies are on sale. I will be your buyer; one kit will cost \$3.50. You can write a check to Assembly Mennonite Church (AMC) and write "School Kits" in the margin. Cash can be put in an envelope with your name and put into the offering or it can be given directly to me. This year, I'll invite families with children to do this: when you shop with them for their school supplies, have them choose 1 or 2 items to share with children around the world. This way, they will be part of the project.  
– Johanna Sutter

(repeat)**It is with joy that the Pastoral Search Committee** and Leadership Group share the news that we have a candidate of choice, Scott Coulter, for the Pastor of Congregation Life and Hospitality. His candidating weekend will be August 2-4 and more details will be shared as those plans are finalized. You can read more about Scott in the attachment above.

(repeat)**Wanted – host home** from August to February for an International Visitor Exchange Program (IVEP) trainee from Egypt. Ereny Botros is a 25 year-old woman who will be working at Elkhart County Clubhouse. IVEP is a program of Mennonite Central Committee. Ideally, we'd like a home in Goshen within walking, biking or public transportation distance of down town. The hosts should be able to serve as a bridge for the IVEPer to church and community activities, helping the IVEPer to develop social contacts and integrate into life in Goshen. Hosts should treat the IVEPer as a member of the family, encouraging them to join in cooking, cleaning, activities and events. Hosts receive \$350/month to help cover expenses. Contact Brooke Strayer from MCC at 534-4133 or Rich Meyer from Elkhart County Clubhouse at 202-3920 if interested.

**community connections**

**Relief Sale Yard Signs:** This year, Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale will be printing 200 yard signs, available on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in helping to promote the Sale, and live in a high-traffic area, please contact Jennifer Glick at [jnoglick@gmail.com](mailto:jnoglick@gmail.com) to request a sign. Signs will be delivered at the end of August.

**The Relief Sale Choir Committee** is welcoming singers, young and old, to join the Men's Choir or Women's Choir for a Sunday evening, September 29, performance at Sauder Hall. The choirs begin practicing August 4 on Sunday afternoons for 1.5 hours. For exact schedule, see [Church & Misc Info — Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale](#) and go to General Info. For more information, contact Mary Lou Wright at [mlouwright53@gmail.com](mailto:mlouwright53@gmail.com).

**MCC Sale's Annual Fundraising Banquet** will be August 15, 2019 at the Essenhaus in Middlebury. This year, the Grace\*ful Singers will perform, and the speaker will be Ron Byler, Executive Director of MCC U.S. We especially invite members of Sunday School classes and small groups to consider purchasing tables or tickets and attending together as a fun social event that also helps the Sale. Those wishing to purchase tickets (\$30) or host a table of eight (\$200) can call 888-503-8559 by August 1, or return the form online at [Church & Misc Info — Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale](#) to P.O. Box 243, Goshen IN, 46527-0243. Proceeds go to support Sale expenses.

**Intercultural Competence: Beyond the**

**Basics:** Wednesday, Aug. 28, at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana. This free one-day workshop for business and community leaders in Elkhart County will be facilitated by consultants from the Colbourne Institute for Inclusive Leadership and designed using results from a pre-workshop survey for registrants. Organizations may send up to two people. The event is made possible with funding from the Community Foundation of Elkhart County and is hosted by the AMBS Intercultural Competence and Undoing Racism team. Register today; space is limited! [ambs.edu/interculturalworkshop](http://ambs.edu/interculturalworkshop)

**Take a fall course at AMBS!** Online courses include Creation Care: Theology, Ethics and Spirituality; History of Christianity in Africa; Human Development and Christian Formation; Psalms; and more. Our hybrid course is Teaching and Learning for Transformation. We're also offering 13 campus courses. Nonadmitted students get 50 percent off their first course for credit! [ambs.edu/onecourse](http://ambs.edu/onecourse)

**Save the date: Make plans to join MCC for The Great Winter Warm-up!** In 2020 we celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Central Committee working around the world for relief, development and peace. MCC will kick off our centennial celebration year with people all over the U.S., Canada and Europe knotting comforters during The Great Winter Warm-up on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Will you knot a comforter in your home on January 18 or host an event in your home, church or community? If you'd like to join a bigger group, in our Great Lakes region we are planning a large, two-day event on Friday and Saturday, January 17 and 18 in Kidron, Ohio. For more information, visit [greatwinterwarmup.org](http://greatwinterwarmup.org) or contact Nadine Zook Miller at 574-534-4071 or [NadineZookMiller@mcc.org](mailto:NadineZookMiller@mcc.org)

**Mennonite Mission Network** is searching for a Marketing and Communication Assistant. If you love organization and are naturally gifted at customer service, we'd love to hear from you! And if you aren't but you know someone who is please encourage them to contact us. This position is for .75 FTE. Check out the job description [here](#) or send your resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

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**Ten Thousand Villages Goshen** is in need of a volunteer accountant. This position involves an average of 4-6 hours per month and works closely with the Store Manager and the Board Treasurer. Ten Thousand Villages offers handcrafted, ethically sourced gifts. As pioneers of fair trade, we do business differently, putting people and planet first since 1946. If you would like to hear more about this volunteer opportunity and be part of the Artisan's story, please contact Phyllis Miller at [phyllismillerrn@gmail.com](mailto:phyllismillerrn@gmail.com).

**The Mennonite Church USA Archives** office in Elkhart, Ind., is seeking applications for an Archives Assistant, currently a half-time and temporary (one year) position from August 2019 to July 2020. The Archives Assistant will help facilitate the daily operations of the denominational archives and records management center. He/she is responsible for providing reference assistance, assisting with the arrangement and description of historical records, performing general clerical work, and managing statistical information about archival operations. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request a copy of the job description and an application form, contact [HR@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:HR@MennoniteUSA.org) or call [316-281-4257](tel:316-281-4257).

(repeat)**Please join the Fellowship for Protestant Ethics** for a public lecture by Dr. Willie James Jennings author of *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*. Jennings' talk "After Whiteness: Embracing the Virtue of Refusal" will explore the prospects and limits of Christian ethics in the face of anti-black ideological deformation. The event will be held on Saturday, July 27th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at The Episcopal Cathedral of Saint James ([117 N Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601](http://117N.com)).

(repeat)**Several spots still available to join MCC Great Lakes for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on August 4-9.** Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to South Bend, Elkhart, and Bunker Hill, Ind. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system,

learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome. For more information and registration visit [mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison](http://mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison) or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at [JuanPacheco@mcc.org](mailto:JuanPacheco@mcc.org) or 574-534-4133.

(repeat)**Want another chance at summer camp?** Camp Friedenswald has a Summer Camp for Grown-Ups from August 16-18! Anyone post-high school is welcome to join for a relaxed weekend with friends, food, swimming, Capture the Flag, popcorn campfire, and more. We offer tiered pricing so cost won't keep anyone from enjoying the peaceful woods. See [here](#) for more information or to register.

(repeat)**Since announcing David W. Boshart, Ph.D.,** as the candidate of choice, we have heard both affirmations and concerns. We are now entering a time of extended discernment. We seek your ongoing prayers for the process. To send input to the search committee, write to [AMBSPresSearch@mennoniteeducation.org](mailto:AMBSPresSearch@mennoniteeducation.org). To see more information about the search process, including the presidential profile, visit: [ambs.edu/presidentsearch](http://ambs.edu/presidentsearch)

(repeat)**The Mennonite, Inc.** invites your original submissions for our September 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Faith-filled responses to health-care costs. Read more at <https://themennonite.org/september-2019-call-submissions-faith-filled-responses-health-care-costs/>

(repeat)**Spanish-English Interpreters Needed: The Center for Healing & Hope** is in need of additional volunteers to interpret between some patients and medical professionals at its clinics. This is an essential role in helping provide medical care to those who may not otherwise have access. Learn more about this volunteering opportunity by calling the Center at 574-534-4744 or by visiting [chhclinics.org/volunteer](http://chhclinics.org/volunteer)

(repeat)**AMBS Church Leadership Center job opening.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for a half-time program assistant to assist the Dean of Lifelong Learning

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and other CLC staff in the administration of educational programs funded by a multi-year “Thriving in Ministry” grant from the Lilly Endowment. [ambs.edu/jobs](http://ambs.edu/jobs).

(repeat)**Seeking a kitchen assistant.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for a kitchen assistant to prepare and serve food under the direction of the Caterer in Residence as needed for AMBS catered events. For a list of responsibilities and physical requirements and information about applying, see [ambs.edu/jobs](http://ambs.edu/jobs).

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