

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

July 28	August 4
Worship leader: <i>Mary Yoder Holsopple</i> Storyteller: <i>Lydia Miller</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Alpha</i> Scripture: <i>Psalm 85</i>	Scott Coulter candidating weekend Worship leader: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Preacher: <i>Scott Coulter</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Auklet</i> Scripture: <i>Psalm 107:1-9, 43*</i>

CALENDAR

TODAY	July 28	MYF Daytrip to the Dunes
Fri-Sun	Aug 2-4	Scott Coulter candidating weekend
Tue	Aug 6	6:30pm Leadership Group meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

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 TODAY, July 28 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.

TODAY is your last Sunday to contribute to Care Packs, period hygiene products being made available to Goshen City Schools, GIHN and NIJC clients. Note CARE PACK on your check and put it in the regular offering. Contact Susan Mark Landis with questions.

Naomi is back from her travels! She will be in the office M/W/F 9-3pm and on T/Th as needed. The best way to contact her is via email at office@assemblymennonite.org.

Lora is out of the office and will be back Wed, July 31.

Continue to pray for Ethel Metzler and her family. She is in the hospice unit at the hospital, surrounded by family.

Pastoral candidating week-end events: Scott Coulter & his family are with us Aug 2-4. Everyone is warmly invited

to a congregational social on Sat at the Meetinghouse 2-4pm; please bring a snack to share, drinks will be provided. During the week-end Scott will also be meeting with various committees. On Sunday, he will preach; second hour will include Q & A with Scott after he provides a brief autobiographical introduction. We will test for consensus on Aug 18 during second hour as part of a congregational meeting. Bethany Swope, congregational facilitator, will facilitate the meeting. Childcare will be provided so Sunday School teachers can participate. Please direct questions to Jeanne Liechty, co-chair of search committee, Dennis Landis, incoming chair of Leadership Group, or Naomi Roots, Church Administrator.

The MYF search committee made up of Donna Sensing, Kyle Schlabach, Jadyn Kaufmann and Lora Nafziger are very pleased to report that they have hired Aaron Kaufmann and Sarah Sutter Kaufmann as MYF sponsors for next year to replace Phil and Marlys who are moving back to Arizona. Ally Mast will continue to join the group for social events and drop-ins. Please join us in welcoming Aaron and Sarah to the MYF team!

If the congregation chooses to affirm Scott Coulter as pastor of Congregational Life & Hospitality on Aug 18, his potential start date will be in late September. Given the tight housing market in Goshen, it's not too soon to begin identifying housing possibilities for him and his family. They are interested in a rental home in the Goshen area from which Ana could teach piano lessons; 2-3 bedrooms and at least 1.5 baths preferred. If you know of any

possibilities, please let Jeanne Liechty know (jmliechty@fastmail.us)

Are you a soccer fan feeling the familiar post tourney doldrums after an exciting summer of World Cup? Looking for more ways to follow the world's game, or just something to talk about with other Assemblyites on a Sunday morning? Look no further! The English Premier League (the top professional men's soccer league in the UK) starts a new season on Aug 8, and thus will begin the second annual Assembly Premier Fantasy League (no gambling, just a little competitive fun). It's a great way to connect with others at Assembly, and dare we say, might be considered a form of "fellowship." If you want to join or want more info, talk to either Brian YS or Adam GR.

Erich Miller has too much garden and would like to share it with Assembly Folks. He is looking for families who would be interested in gardening together two to three hours most Sat mornings in exchange for a bag of fresh veggies at his farm (7 miles to the west of Goshen). There will be plenty of produce through the early part of Oct including tomatoes, peppers, basil, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, cantaloupe, watermelon, zucchini, carrots, lettuce, swiss chard and more. Depending on interest, chicken care, preserving food together and group meals could be part of this project. This is a bit of an experiment with the potential of a full season in the garden next year. Contact Erich at kerichmiller@gmail.com with interest or questions.

A letter came to Assembly Mennonite Church from an inmate at the Miami Correctional Facility in Bunker Hill, IN requesting correspondence. Please see Naomi in the church office if you would be interested in reading the letter and possibly responding.

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **A tithing distribution committee** is forming which will make recommendations to the congregation regarding the remaining tithing 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 tithing 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.

(repeat) **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

community connections

The Window's First Friday fundraising dinner hosted by Clinton Frame Church will be held Fri, Aug 2 4:30-7pm with a menu of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, and cake. Suggested donation of \$9.

Benefit concert to raise money for healthcare services: The Evergreen Singers, a choir of 35 people age 50 and older, will present a concert to benefit the Center for Healing & Hope on Sun, Aug 18, at 3pm, at the Plymouth United Church of Christ, 902 S. Main Street in Goshen. The performance will include a variety of hymns and a performance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Ave Verum." This year's concert will also feature the Jennings Orchestra, a 12-member senior group. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Center's medical care for uninsured people and advocacy programs for our immigrant neighbors. Learn more about the Center for Healing & Hope at chhclinics.org

Join us at the MCC Great Lakes Open House on Thur, Aug 29, from 4-6pm. You are invited to stop by our office in The Depot building in Goshen for an informal time of conversation and fellowship with MCC Great Lakes

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staff. At 4:30pm and 5:30pm there will be MCC updates from J. Ron Byler, MCC U.S. Executive Director, as well as stories from Great Lakes programs around the region. For more information and to register, visit mcc.org/gl-open-house or RSVP to 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org and indicate whether you would like a tour of the Material Resources Center warehouse.

MCC Great Lakes is excited to offer a unique training opportunity for individuals to explore and engage with the legacy of colonialism and understand the intersecting history between Native people and European settlers. This training will use the framework of the Doctrine of Discovery to explore the taking of land from Indigenous people, which led to the justification of the global slave trade. Participants will be equipped with a number of educational tools which they can utilize to further educate others on the Doctrine of Discovery. Led by Michelle Armster, Erica Littlewolf, and Karin Kaufman Wall from MCC Central States, the training is open to all who are interested in the ongoing work of education and awareness-raising on these issues. It will be held Aug 25-27 with the Sunday evening public event, Loss of Turtle Island, at Waterford Mennonite and the following two days of training at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. The registration fee is \$50. For more information and registration, visit mcc.org/gl-dod or contact Kelly Shenk Koontz at kellyshenkkooontz@mcc.org.

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a Communications Production Coordinator to manage the production process of its communications department. The communications production coordinator will assist the Chief Communications Officer, responding to internal and external customer inquiries and monitoring social media posts and presence. Experience with project management software is ideal. The ideal candidate will highly organized and passionate about God's reconciling mission to the world and committed to Jesus Christ. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. [View Full Job Description](#) To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a Multimedia News Editor to provide leadership to our editorial news and marketing and communications outreach internally and externally. The multimedia news editor will generate, curate and edit media releases and feature stories that report on and promote the work and ministry of Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff. Working collaboratively with the Communications Team, this person will help develop multimedia communication strategies on a variety of platforms. Previous supervisory experience as well as experience with 501(c)(3) agencies is ideal. The ideal candidate will be passionate about God's reconciling mission to the world and committed to Jesus Christ. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. [View Full Job Description](#) To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257.

(repeat) **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 to request a sign. Signs will be delivered at the end of August.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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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.

(repeat) **Intercultural Competence: Beyond the Basics:** Wed, 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

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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 or contact Nadine Zook Miller at 574-534-4071 or NadineZookMiller@mcc.org

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 or call [316-281-4257](tel:316-281-4257).

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