

AssemblyLine

August 11, 2019

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Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

August 11	August 18
Worship leader: <i>Mary Lehman Yoder</i> Preacher: <i>Abby Nafziger/Greta Klassen</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Soup & Groupyndor</i>	Worship leader: <i>Emily Stuckey Weber</i> Preacher: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Cardinal & Pizza Seed</i>
Scripture: Psalm 107:1-9, 43*	Scripture: Genesis 4:4; Deuteronomy 26:1-10

CALENDAR

Sat	Aug 10	Children in Worship training event at meetinghouse
Sat-Sun	Aug 10-11	JYF Campout at Stuckey Schrocks (511 N Greene Rd)
TODAY	Aug 11	1 st week of Sunday school, Fall Quarter
TODAY	Aug 11	6:30pm MYF Drop In Swimming party at Mast home (1726 Berkey Ave)
Wed	Aug 14	6:30pm K-5 Potato and onion digging at Shantz home (60728 CR 27, Goshen)
Sun	Aug 18	Congregational meeting during 2 nd hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Cecylia Gomez Wengerd (4th Parkside) turned 9 on July 24! Cecylia had a big year, she switched schools, houses and got a new baby sister! She is an ambassador at school, plays soccer for Middlebury Magic. The greatest showman is her favorite movie. She loves to read and play games.

Norah Osborne (5th Parkside) turned 10 on July 28! Norah loves horseback riding lessons and singing in the Rejoice children's choir. She is a leadership ambassador at Parkside and spends time at home doing art projects and playing with her adorable dog, Petey.

Magdalena Bridger-Ulloa (7th GMS) turned 13 on July 30! She enjoys roller skating, dancing, hanging out with friends, and Mandarin class. Magdalena is a wonderful artist and enjoys drawing with colored pencils and markers. She loves all animals but dogs are her favorite!

Quinn Shreiner Landes (7th GMS) turned 12 on Aug 1! Quinn enjoys baseball and running. A highlight of his summer was going to a waterpark with his friends and to camp. Quinn wants to learn how to make a better food. He enjoys playing games and playing percussion in band.

Beck Mast turned 1 on Aug 9! Beck is very social and has a smile for almost everyone. His current favorite toys are anything with wheels, whether they're meant to be toys or not. He loves to be outside playing with his Cozy Coupe, swimming, or swinging.

Cora Shreiner Landes (4th Parkside) turns 9 TODAY, Aug 11! Cora loves dogs and school. She likes to dance and swim. Cora really enjoys reading a good book. She is especially good at soccer, art and running. She is working to improve her math skills.

Linden Rothshank (1st, Waterford) turns 7 on August 14th! Linden likes bagels and Harry Potter. He enjoys listening to audio books of the boxcar children. He loves to build Lego structures from his imagination. He is working to convince the lunch ladies to have metal silverware instead of plastic!

TODAY is our last Sunday of summer worship and next Sunday we start our Fall worship series on Stewardship of Money. Attached at the top of this email you will find the intro to this series, hard copies are on the lit table.

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. Make sure you stop and check for your items; they will be taken to the Depot after church Aug 18.

Following last Sunday's candidating weekend with Scott Coulter, we now have 1 more week to think, discuss, and discern. All are invited to send feedback and questions to the Search Committee (Jeanne Liechty and Brian Mast) or Leadership Group (Dennis Landis). Please send feedback by this Wed, Aug 14, prior to the congregational meeting

on Aug 18. This will allow the Search Committee and/or Scott to provide additional information in time for responses to be shared as part of the congregational meeting. This is not to prevent questions or make the meeting feel a rubber stamp, but for a sense of the key affirmations and concerns for discernment in that meeting. If new questions are raised at the meeting, we will process them, with the goal of testing for consensus on Aug 18 (Bethany Swope will facilitate the meeting and childcare will be provided).

If you were not present last Sunday and would like to hear [Scott Coulter's sermon](#) or the [Q & A session](#) following 1st hour, you can click on either link to listen.

The Aug 18 congregational meeting will use facilitated discussion and then testing for consensus to discern whether to invite Scott Coulter to be our Pastor of Congregational Life and Hospitality. We will also talk about sharing space with Goshen Christian Montessori School (look for details in next week's Assemblyline about all the work they have done in response to Assembly's concerns). If consensus is new or still puzzling to you, see the attached document at the top of the Assemblyline for a brief explanation of how Assembly utilizes it for decision-making.

Sunday school begins TODAY, Aug 11! Teachers and parents should have received an email with information. Please email office@assemblymennonite.org if you did not receive that email.

In our new space we have two rooms for parent/child use. Behind the worship space is a quiet room with windows into the worship space that can be used for fussy and nursing babies (rocking chairs are also available inside the worship space for this same purpose). The second space is Room 6 in the hallway at the north end of the building for older children who need a space to take a break and manage their emotions. There are materials and resources there to use. Children should not be in either room unaccompanied. All emotions from all ages of people are welcome in the worship space. These additional spaces are not to discourage our children from expressing their whole selves in the worship space, rather to provide additional spaces for those who wish to use them.

During Sunday school (2nd hour) this year, we are looking for individuals that would be willing to receive a text from the caregivers in the childcare room that there is a sleeping baby that needs to be taken to the quiet room behind the worship space. That individual would then stay with the baby (rocking them or placing them in a pack n play) until either the baby wakes up or the parents arrive to pick them up. Please email office@assemblymennonite.org if you would be willing to be part of this group.

Bargains will soon be gone! Do you want a child to have a chance to go to school and get an education? Please write a check to AMC and mark it for MCC School kits and put it in the offering. You can also give cash through the offering (marked with your name) or directly to me. I can make a school kit for \$3.50. Thank you - Johanna Sutter

As a way to kick off the stewardship series and to practice literal first fruits/first vegetables giving, all are invited to [bring garden produce for the offering on August 18](#). This is intended to be a playful way to practice releasing the good gifts we have received. Overwhelm the front table with harvest offerings and share in each other's gardens of abundance!

Karl Shelly is on vacation through August 24. Please contact Lora or Anna with pastoral needs.

Greencroft is seeking volunteers to help residents in wheelchairs get to and from Sunday morning worship in the Health Care building. Services are from 10-10:40am, and volunteers are needed by 9:30am. Perhaps a small group, a youth group, or others could periodically serve in this way. For more information, talk to Randy Roth.

The woman who ensures we have a clean building to worship in every week, Mari, is under significant stress right now. Her husband recently sustained serious burns to his body and is now unable to work while he heals. Naomi Roots has created a [GoFundMe page](#) to help support Mari and her family as they try to make it through this time of decreased income and increased medical expenses. Click on the link to learn more and to donate and share!

(repeat) **It is with deep sadness** that we share the loss of Ethel Yake Metzler who died last Sat, July 27. Her entire family, including her children, their spouses and her grandchildren were here with her for the majority of the

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week, showering her with love and gratitude and healing energy to help her step into her next big adventure. A memorial service is planned for Sat, Nov 16 at 3pm. You can read her obituary which is attached at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table.

(repeat) **Please join Sara, Caleb and Avery** in welcoming the newest addition to the Morris family! Rylan Drew Morris was born Sat, July 20 and all are doing well. If you would like to take the family a meal, [you can sign up here](#).

(repeat) **Assembly children, K-5**, are invited to Steve and Kate Shantz's house (60728 CR 27) Wed, Aug 14, 6:30pm for potato & onion digging, as well as making S'mores. If possible, bring long-handled forks/sticks to try your hand at roasting a potato or a marshmallow. Children should be picked up between 8 and 8:30pm. Bring bug spray.

(repeat) **Small group 8th Street+** is happy to announce that Deb Bloom will be covenanting with Assembly on Aug 25. Deb shared her story of transitions this summer. She & Thomas Bona joined 8th St+ shortly after they moved to Goshen.

(repeat) **A reminder that if you visit** the meetinghouse during the week and nobody is in the building, to please turn of the lights and lock the door when you leave.

community connections

Still time to register! 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 August 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 and deadline to register is August 15. For more information and registration, visit mcc.org/gl-dod or contact Kelly Shenk Koontz at kellyshenkkootz@mcc.org.

Anabaptist Short Course Bundle: Join AMBS's noncredit short courses to deepen your understanding of Anabaptist history, thought and witness. Courses are online and last six weeks each. No grades, no papers! Register online for all four noncredit courses by Aug. 16 to get the best deal. CEUs available. ams.edu/shortcourses

IVEP Host Family: Have you ever been interested in hosting an international young adult or are curious to learn from another culture? Hosting an MCC IVEPer may be the perfect opportunity! MCC Great Lakes is looking for a home for Lungelo from Swaziland. He is describe as being an absolutely delightful young man with a big heart and passion to be a change in his community and everywhere he goes. Lungelo will be working with Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center and would have transportation daily from Goshen College. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Brooke Strayer at 574-534-4133 or brookestrayer@mcc.org.

Women's Retreat at Camp Friedenswald: Sept 20-22
Bridging Barriers: Following the Spirit Looking frankly at the barriers dividing us and our colorful differences, Shannon Dycus will lead us in listening to the Spirit to bridge those barriers. Worship will focus on teachings from biblical and historical stories, and workshops will give us tools to build bridges in our own lives and communities. Speaker: Shannon Dycus, Pastor & Author
[More Information](#)

Retreat for Women and Girls at Amigo Centre Oct 11-13. "She is a Tree of Life" is the theme, speaker is Sabrian Falls from Shalom Mennonite in Indy. Brochures can be found on the lit table, [more information here](#).

Eighth Street Preschool is accepting applications for the position of Preschool Director. This is a part-time position (approx. 25 hours per week). The person in this position will foster a caring, nurturing, loving environment for children to learn and thrive mentally, emotionally and socially through play-based engagement with children from different backgrounds and experiences in a context that is

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affordable and lives out Christian values without preaching to them. Please direct questions and resumes to karenlarsen81@yahoo.com.

Over the past two years, Camp Friedenswald has been working towards reducing our energy use through LED lighting, motion sensors, and changing our habits. The next step in our [sustainability journey](#) has led us to the Solar & Energy Initiative which includes: Goal #1: 180 solar panel installation and Goal #2: Increase energy efficiencies across Camp's facilities. To date, over \$155,000 has been given towards the Solar & Energy Initiative. With a goal of \$185,000, we are well on our way towards bringing renewable energy to Friedenswald!

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 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

Enrollment and Financial Aid Specialist job

opening: This half-time Admissions Team position with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, will assist with recruitment of prospective students, oversee various aspects of the admissions and enrollment process, and oversee administration of financial aid. ambs.edu/jobs

!Explore Administrative Assistant job opening: This quarter-time position with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's !Explore program for high school youth will assist the !Explore Director with correspondence, reports, records, appointments, program planning and evaluation, and help lead !Explore participants when they are at AMBS. ambs.edu/jobs

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat's** July sabbatical is almost over and morning prayers resume next week with some changes. All morning prayers will now begin at 8:00am.

[Tuesday - Contemplative Sit \(8:00-8:30\)](#)

[Wednesday - Lectio Divina with optional 20 minute tea time following \(8:00-8:50\)](#)

[Thursday - Centering Prayer \(8:00-8:30\)](#)

[Friday - Praying with Creation \(8:00-8:45\)](#)

Please [contact](#) one of the co-directors with any questions.

We look forward to gathering once again in community for prayer.

(repeat) **Lacasa, Inc. is looking** for mission-driven, excellence-oriented individuals for the positions of Lead Carpenter and Maintenance Technician. If you or someone you know may be a good fit, please see the complete job descriptions and instructions to apply on our website at lacasainc.net/get-involved/employment/.

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