

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

August 18	August 25
Worship leader: <i>Emily Stuckey Weber</i> Preacher: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Cardinal & Pizza Seed</i> First Fruits Offering	Worship leader: <i>Randy Roth</i> Preacher: <i>Deanna Risser</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Ad Lib & 8th St+</i>
Scripture: Genesis 4:4; Deuteronomy 26:1-10	Scripture: Genesis 28:22, Deuteronomy 14:22-23, 28-29

CALENDAR

TODAY	Aug 18	First Fruits offering, Congregational meeting during 2 nd hour
Tue	Aug 27	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Thu	Aug 29	6pm Leadership Group Orientation Retreat
Tue	Sept 3	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Fri	Sept 6	9:30am Greencroft meetup

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Phoenix Coonan-Johnson turned 1 on Aug 14! Phoenix enjoys trying new foods and spending time outdoors. Her favorite activities include standing up as much as possible, playing with water bottles, and observing the world around her. Her favorite foods are blueberries, apples, and oatmeal.

Saya Quintana (CCYC) turned 5 on Aug 15! Saya likes going on bike rides with her family and bike around her house with her brother. She likes to play in the treehouse her dad built. At school she likes to play outside with her friends and to play inside at home with her toys.

TODAY is our first Sunday 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.

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 TODAY 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!

The congregational meeting TODAY, Aug 18, during 2nd hour 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 ([please read this document for an update](#)) on the behind-the-scenes work that has been done over the summer regarding building sharing with GCMS; hard copies will also be available at the meeting). If consensus is new or still puzzling to you, see the attached document at the top of this email for a brief explanation of how Assembly utilizes it for decision-making.

A reminder that due to the congregational meeting during second hour we are not having Sunday school. The children will once again be supervised by our wonderful MYF and their adult sponsors. Any children and JYF who would rather attend the congregational meeting are welcome in the worship space.

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 in the multi-purpose space. Make sure you stop and check for your items; they will be taken to the Depot after church TODAY.

The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: *1. To be in the midst of the congregation, not on the sidelines.* Children at Assembly are a part of the congregation in their wholeness. We see and hear them as they participate during worship. In them we are reminded of and see the many faces of God.

September is National Hunger Month. The Window here in Goshen provides breakfast, a hot lunch, Meals on Wheels lunches, afternoon sandwich distribution, Lunch

Box (A program that provides lunches for those who are employed full-time and need assistance) and a food pantry. They rely heavily on food and monetary donations from the community to provide these services. For that reason, Assembly is holding a food drive every Sunday in Sept, all that is collected will go to The Window. They also have a goal of \$10,000 set for this Sept effort; consider donating to help them reach that goal.

Request for volunteers. The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale is seeking volunteers to help with the Online Auction AT THE Sale. Fri evening and Sat morning, Sept 27 & 28. 1. Greeters 2. Computer helpers (able to log people into the bidding site. Fairly easy to do) 3. Bidding buddies. Roam the floor and help people find items and bidding prices. You will need a smart phone on which we will download a QR code reader, or use one of the I-Pads we will have. Please contact Jep Hostetler at 614-561-1076 or 574-3762, or send an E-mail to Hostetlerjep@gmail.com. We would love to have you.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to help our cleaning person extraordinaire, Mari, and her family pay down medical expenses. Her husband is healing well, but there is no timeline for when he'll be able to return to work. If you haven't already donated, [you can do so here](#) or you can drop a check in the offering with "Mari" in the memo line. And here's another fun way to support the family: they are holding a "kermes" (fundraiser) this Sat, Aug 17 starting at 12pm (food only, no rides or games) at 25696 CR 26 Elkhart, IN 46517. This is an excellent opportunity to practice your Spanish or to simply have a cross cultural experience and eat some excellent food without traveling abroad! Don't speak Spanish? No problem, neither do the sons and daughters serving food right alongside their mom. They are happy to speak English to you! This is the 2nd kermes that Mari has organized and it's how she is paying the bills currently (and hoping to use the money we raise just for hospital bills). Last time, the food ran out around 5:30pm, so get there early!

Chandler Elementary is looking for a special education paraprofessional for 32.5 hours a week. For further details, talk to Mitch Rhodes or email Chandler's principal, Cheryl Williams - cwilliams@goshenschools.org.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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. - Johanna Sutter

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

(repeat) **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.

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Drop in for morning prayer at 8am, Tue-Fri at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). These guided contemplative prayer experiences invite you to engage with God through wisdom from our Mystic of the Month (Tues), Scripture (Wed), Psalms (Thurs), and Creation (Fri). Visit www.pathwaysretreat.org for more information.

Listening Together is an ever-evolving group that meets weekly at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). This fall we are reflecting on John Philip Newell's book, *The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings*. Visit www.pathwaysretreat.org for more information.

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 staff. At 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. 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.

AMBS Spiritual Direction: Mystery: Cultivate your ministry of spiritual direction through *Spiritual Direction: Mystery*, an advanced level of our supervised program. This course (meeting three times on campus for two days each) will help you focus on the ineffable presence and activity of God. Register by Sept. 5 and save \$100! ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/spiritual-direction-mystery

You're invited to ADEC 2019 Annual Celebration Thur, Oct 10 11:30am-1pm at Lerner Theatre with special guest Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. Tickets may be purchased at adecinc.com/celebrate.

Men and Boys Retreat: Oct 18-20 I Am: Radical Self-Awareness. Who are you? If you peel back the layers of your job, education and family responsibilities, what parts of your identity are you left with? We move through the world, building relationships, seeking careers or starting families without taking the time to get to know the most

important person in our lives: ourselves. Getting to know ourselves means we've got to ask difficult questions, face uncomfortable or hidden truths and be willing to accept both the light and darkness within. Sounds hard right? It is, but the reward is a sense of healing, liberty, and power that we thought out of reach. The key to unlocking our greatest potential and living into our divine purpose is radical self-awareness. This is the work that brought Jesus to the cross and this is the work that will transform our lives, communities, and potentially the world. Are you ready to know who you are? Speaker: Benjamin J. Tapper is a chaplain for Indiana University Health as well as the co-founder of the Hear Me Project. Ben manages a blog called Invisible Truths and has written articles for The Salt Collective, The Mennonite and Christianity Now. [More Information](#)

Pathways Retreat's August edition of their monthly newsletter, Rhythms, can be viewed [here](#).

This year, the Michiana MEDA local board of directors is pleased to announce that we'll focus our hub's giving efforts to support MEDA's ambitious "Building Enduring Livelihoods" campaign. Through this campaign, MEDA is working to fund 31 major global projects, which will help an estimated 10 million entrepreneurs lift their families and communities out of poverty. Not only that, once MEDA hits it's \$50 million goal in private donor support, it will unlock an additional \$300 million dollars from institutional funders. This is an amazing way to create a profound ripple effect with every dollar given! Michiana MEDA also pledges \$3000 in hub funds to match donations from our members. Please consider contributing today! To support this amazing initiative, and have your donation matched by our local hub, please send a check to: Michiana MEDA, PO Box 871, Goshen, IN 46527.

Professor of Biblical Studies position open: This full-time position with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, starts July 1, 2020. Preferred qualifications: Ph.D. or equivalent; expertise in Old Testament or New Testament studies and competence to teach in the other testament; intercultural competency; and the ability to inspire students in face-to-face and online learning environments. ambs.edu/jobs

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(repeat) **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. ambs.edu/shortcourses

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](#)

(repeat) **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](#).

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

(repeat) **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!

(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 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

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **!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

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