

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

August 4	August 11
<p>Scott Coulter candidating weekend 2% Offering</p> <p>Worship leader: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Preacher: <i>Scott Coulter</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Auklet</i></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Luke 14:1, 7-15</i></p>	<p>Worship leader: <i>Mary Lehman Yoder</i> Preacher: <i>Abby Nafziger/Greta Klassen</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Soup & Groupyndor</i></p> <p>Scripture: Psalm 107:1-9, 43*</p>

CALENDAR

Fri	Aug 2	10am Greencroft gathering
Fri-Sun	Aug 2-4	Scott Coulter candidating weekend
Thur	Aug 8	6pm Children in Worship K family orientation
Fri	Aug 9	9:30am Greencroft gathering
Sat	Aug 10	Children in Worship training event at meetinghouse
Sat-Sun	Aug 10-11	JYF Campout at Stuckey Schrocks
Sun	Aug 11	New Sunday school year begins
Wed	Aug 14	6:30pm K-5 Potato and onion digging at Shantz home (60728 CR 27, Goshen)
Fri	Aug 16	9:30am Greencroft gathering
Sun	Aug 18	Congregational meeting during 2 nd hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Avery Morris turned 2 on July 30, 10 days after becoming a big sister! She adores her new sister Rylan (and being a big helper with her), loves swimming and dancing, and enjoys exploring and adventuring outdoors with the lovely summer weather. Avery is always on the move, as sweet as they come, and makes new friends wherever she goes!

Caleb Yoder Schlabach (rising 1st Parkside) turned 7 on Aug 3! Ask Caleb about his Lego Movie 2 themed party. He enjoys putting Lego sets together. He is creative, funny, good at soccer, and building things. Caleb enjoys reading with his family and playing games with his mom.

Sophie Yoder Schlabach (rising 1st Parkside) turned 7 on Aug 3! Sophie is learning how to read, and plays both violin and soccer. She recently saw the Lion King. Sophie enjoyed visiting the safari park with grandparents and likes going on picnics with her family to the "big hill park".

TODAY is candidating weekend for Scott Coulter. Please join us TODAY to hear Scott preach during 1st hour and participate in a Q & A during 2nd hour. Following first hour please take your children to the South Classroom 1a & 1b.

There they will be met by Ally Mast and the MYF who will be providing a snack and supervision on the playground. For children who do not want to be on the playground, there will be projected series of one minute cartoon videos of Leon the cyclops made by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (you can see a sample here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwprrezCRQA>) Children 4 and under can remain in the childcare room and will be supervised there and on the playground.

The congregation has approved a four-person pastoral team and the Search Committee has selected their candidate of choice for the 4th position, pastor of Congregational Life and Hospitality, Scott Coulter (more information about Scott is attached at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table). Following this Sunday, we have two weeks 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). Feedback should be sent by 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).

Everyone is warmly invited to a congregational social with Scott and Ana on Sat, Aug 3, at the Meetinghouse 2-4pm; please bring a snack to share, drinks will be provided.

Sunday school begins next Sun, Aug 11! Teachers you should have received an email with information. Please email office@assemblymennonite.org if you did not receive that email. Parents, look for more info via email early next week.

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 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.

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](#).

Assembly children, K-5, are invited to Steve and Kate Shantz's house 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. You may want to bring bug spray.

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.

A reminder that if you visit the meetinghouse during the week and nobody is in the building, to please turn off the lights and lock the door when you leave. Thanks!

Central District Conference's July edition of their monthly newsletter, Reporter, [can be read here](#).

(repeat) **Naomi is back** from her travels! She will be in the office M/W/F 9-3pm and on T/Th as needed. She can be reached via email at office@assemblymennonite.org.

(repeat) **The MYF search committee** made up of Donna Sherk Sensenig, Kyle Schlabach, Jady 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!

(repeat) **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)

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 Sat mornings in exchange for a bag of fresh veggies at his farm 7 miles to the west of Goshen. Contact Erich at kerichmiller@gmail.com with interest or questions.

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community connections

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.

Wanted: host home August to February for an International Visitor Exchange Program (IVEP) trainee from Swaziland, a 23 year-old man who will be working at Merry Lea. We'd like a home in Goshen, and the hosts able to serve as a bridge for the IVEPer to church and community activities. Treat the IVEPer as a member of the family, joining in cooking, cleaning and activities and events. Hosts receive \$350/month to help cover expenses. Contact Brooke Strayer at MCC 534-4133 or John Mischler at Merry Lea 309-264-6946. IVEP is a program of MCC.

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/.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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 4:30pm 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.

(repeat) **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 kellyshenckoontz@mcc.org.

(repeat) **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

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(repeat) **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.

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