

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

<p style="text-align: center;">September 1 1st Sunday of Sept Food Drive Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leader: <i>Becky Snider</i> Preacher: <i>Lora Nafziger</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: 1 Kings 18:3-4; 2 Kings 4:1-7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 8 Building Dedication Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leader: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Preacher: <i>Mary Lehman Yoder & Karl Shelly</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Derailed</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7</p>
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CALENDAR

Mon-Wed	Sept 2-5	Assembly hosts Interfaith Hospitality Network
Tue	Sept 3	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Fri	Sept 6	9:30am Greencroft meetup
Sun	Sept 8	Building dedication with Fellowship Meal following 2 nd hour
Wed	Sept 11	6-8:30pm Small Group Childcare at meetinghouse
Sun	Sept 15	12-3:30pm JYF gathering at Corn Maze in New Paris 7pm Congregational Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Holden Ebricht-Zehr (5th, Chandler) turned 11 on Aug 28! Holden loves playing sports including tennis, basketball, soccer and baseball. Though he is the best at basketball. He also enjoys ping pong with his dad., doing math, reading Percy Jackson and talking too much!

Graham Ebricht-Zehr (3rd, Parkside) turns 9 on Sept 1! Graham is good at math and enjoys playing with his friends. He is funny and good at making people laugh. Graham enjoys playing and is good at all ball sports! Graham is currently enjoying reading Dog man.

TODAY is our third Sunday of 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.

TODAY we kick off our month-long food drive! Everything collected will go to The Window. Their biggest needs currently are soups (especially chicken noodle), cereals, pasta, canned meat, canned fruit and tomato products (paste, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, etc).

Update your contact information with Assembly by checking on rolling cart in the gathering space TODAY. If info is incorrect or missing, correct it on the clipboard. Also, Paul Meyer Reimer will be taking pictures for [the photo directory](#) TODAY and Sept 8. Find him if you'd like

your picture added or updated, or you can email a digital copy of a photo you already have to office@assemblymennonite.org.

Sun, Sept 8 we will dedicate our building and share in a fellowship meal following 2nd hour. Please remember to bring plates and utensils for your household and a dish to share. Label your dish as there are adults and children with allergies. Due to several children with severe allergies, we ask that you avoid peanut products in your dish.

September is "Small Group Shuffle" time – that time of year when we form new small groups and help people find their way into Assembly small groups. If you're not in a small group, read the flyer on the literature table and consider entering the Shuffle. We also encourage people currently in small groups to consider shuffling in order to make space for new people and expand the number of folks you know at Assembly.

Anna Yoder Schlabach will be out of the office Fri, Aug 30-Sun, Sept 1. Contact Lora or Karl with pastoral needs.

The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: 3. *To give answers during children's time without being laughed at.* Children are not a show for adults' humor. They are earnest and giving careful answers. Sometimes it is difficult not to laugh, but we try our best.

When our youth enter 7th grade, they are paired with a mentor and receive a full text Bible. This year's 7th graders are Quinn Shriener Landes, Leah Hochstetler, Emerson Landis, Geneva Hochstetler, Zakai Dengler Kaufman, Aydian Smuts, Magdalena Bridger-Ulloa, and Elizabeth Walters. Before they receive their Bibles on Sun, Sept 15, you are invited to write a note or highlight your favorite scripture in their Bibles TODAY. Find them on the chair cabinets along the West wall in the multipurpose space.

Students in our homes for lunch! Consider signing up to host Goshen College and seminary students in your home for lunch on Sun, Sept 22. Signup sheets for hosts and students can be found on the table in the gathering space.

Small group reps met last Tuesday to discuss the 2019 small group shuffle and our congregational goal of radical hospitality. Now is the best time to join or change a small group. Talk to Karl Shelly if interested. Also, ask your small group rep about the what's already been done in pursuit of our congregational goal and share what you'd still like to see happen.

David Powell and Glenn Gilbert presented on Hearing Well in our Church Community during 2nd hour last Sunday. If you would like to see the brochure that was passed out during the presentation, you can find it linked at the top of this email. Hard copies are on the lit table, and this information will eventually be found on our website.

Room 14, also known as the Crane Room, which has frequently been used as a conference room, is officially turning into a pastor's office. If you have met in there before and now need guidance on where within the meetinghouse walls your group could meet, please contact Naomi at office@assemblymennonite.org.

Mari update: Thank you to everyone who has donated! I am pleased to say that the biggest hospital bill was substantially lowered enabling us to use our donations raised along with Mari's own reserve to pay it off!! This is a huge relief for Mari and her family. However, we are now deplete of cash designated for hospital bill negotiations. Safety Networks has promised us \$1,000 if we can fundraise that same amount from outside sources. This money would be used to barter down the rest of the bills. You can help by donating or sharing our [GoFundMe](#)

[page](#) with friends and family. Checks can be put in the offering with "Mari" in the memo line. THANK YOU everyone for your support so far! -Naomi Roots

Save the date for Assembly's Annual Retreat at Camp Friedenswald: Oct 11-13! More information about this yearly tradition can be found on the lit table.

(repeat) **Assembly's turn** to serve our neighbors with Interfaith Hospitality Network is here. We still need one server and one evening host this Mon, Sept 2. Please see the sign up list on the Assembly website, <https://assemblymennonite.org/goshen-interfaith-hospitality-network/>, and let Susan know if you'd like to serve a meal (prepared by Elkhart Faith Mission) or host an evening. Thanks!

(repeat) **Women's Lunch Bunch**, a regular meeting for women of Assembly, organizational meeting Sept 4, 12pm at the meetinghouse. Bring your own lunch. RSVP to Sharon Kauffmann (smkauffmann@gmail.com) Mary Yoder Holsopple (maryyoderholsopple@gmail.com)

(repeat) **Calling all AMC children and youth** who play string instruments! Stacey Farran is organizing a string ensemble to provide prelude music for the worship service on Sept. 8. If you are interested and have not already been in conversation with Stacey, please email her, and she will get music to you - stacey.farran@comcast.net

(repeat) **The Goshen Community Chorale** will begin rehearsing for its upcoming 2019-20 season on Tue evening, Sept 10, at College Mennonite Church, beginning at 7pm. For this fall the Chorale will be preparing a program of English cathedral music, to be performed with organ and brass, which will take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen on Sunday evening, Nov 24. A number of Assemblyites are involved with the Chorale and Bill Mateer is its director. Interested persons should touch base with Bill (mateers@aol.com).

(repeat) **Semilla sent Assembly** a letter with updates, one of which included Andrea Moya's new position as director of Semilla's CASAS program. Click on the link at the top of the email to read the letter.

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(repeat) **Cynthia Murphy of IUSB** wrote to Assembly to thank us for our support of two DACA students via our Two-percent fund. "You are really making a positive difference in the lives of immigrants in our community. Gracias del fondo de mi corazon!" -Cynthia

(repeat) **Central District Conference's** August edition of their monthly newsletter, Focus, can be read [here](#).

community connections

The Window First Friday meal Sept 6, 4:30-7pm, Suggested donation \$9 hosted by River Oaks Community Church will provide a meal of ham sandwiches, potato salad, green salad, chips, dessert.

CAPS is hosting a child abuse prevention training Fri, Sept 13 12-2pm. Stewards of Children® is an award-winning training that teaches adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Through interviews with child sexual abuse survivors, experts, and treatment providers, Stewards of Children® teaches you practical steps you can take to protect the kids in your life.

[Registrations is now open](#). Lunch is provided.

Conference on Living well with Hearing Loss. People living with the challenges of hearing loss, either their own or someone they know, and hearing care professionals are invited to a regional conference where they will learn about advances in improved communication, assistive technology and hearing loops. Sept 28, 9am-2:30pm at Nappanee United Methodist Church, 301 East Market St, Nappanee, IN. Registration deadline is Sept 14. For more info and to register [click here](#).

The Depot MCC Thrift Shops is seeking a fulltime warehouse assistant. Requirements involve being on your feet a major portion of the day along with moderate to heavy lifting. Hourly wage and benefits provided. Contact Galen Kauffmann, general manager, at 574-534-1828 or depotmccthriftshops@gmail.com.

(repeat) **Menno-Hof Hymn Sing** at the Farmstead Inn Pavilion (just south of Menno-Hof), Sun, Sept 8, 5pm. Come and enjoy a cappella singing of familiar hymns! Everyone is invited to stay for ice cream and pretzels following the hymn sing. Chairs and hymn books will be provided.

(repeat) **You are all invited** to attend the Post Picnic, a fundraiser for The Post, a Christian faith-based teen center located in the old post office in downtown Goshen. At-risk teens who attend the Post are invited to have fun and learn about God as they build relationships with caring adults. The picnic will be Sun, Sept 8 at 6pm in the backyard at 125 Woodlawn Drive, Goshen. Individual cost is \$40 per person and table prices are available as well. Come and enjoy a delicious picnic supper, hear some good music, listen to some stories about the work at the Post, and end the evening with s'mores! It's a fun evening and supports a great cause for kids in Goshen. For reservations, call 574-534-7678 or email eman@the-post.org. If you have questions or would like to donate a silent auction item, contact Executive Director, E-man. Hope you can come!

(repeat) **Michiana Relief Sale announcements:** There is much going on as preparations are made for the 2019 Michiana Relief Sale on Sept 28. See the attachment at the top of this email to read about ways you can get involved!

(repeat) **The Relief Sale Composting and Recycling Committee** is excited about the growing commitment at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale to maximizing good ("sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ") while also minimizing the negative impacts of unnecessary waste. We are especially grateful to the Relief Sale Board for their commitment to purchasing compostable food containers, which makes this initiative possible. Volunteers are needed to help attendees place refuse in correct containers. Contact Aaron Gerber at agerbman83@gmail.com to sign-up for the following times: **Fri, Sept 27** 5:30-7pm, 7-8pm, 8-9pm; **Sat, Sept 28** 10-11:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1-3pm, 3-5pm. Together we can care for God's creation. Please join us!

(repeat) **Alumni Reunions at Bethany:** Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen will be hosting class reunions and activities for its alumni and their families on Saturday, Sept. 28. The following graduating classes will hold their reunions Saturday: 1959, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2014. Reunion classes will meet Saturday afternoon at Bethany for visiting and a catered dinner. Alumni interested in attending should

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register by Sept. 17. Registration and details available at bethanycs.net/reunions.

(repeat) **Take a fall course at AMBS!** Sept. 3 – Dec. 13. Online courses include Creation Care: Theology, Ethics and Spirituality; History of Christianity in Africa; Human Development and Christian Formation; Psalms; and more. We're also offering 13 campus courses. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first course for credit! ambs.edu/onecourse

(repeat) **Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology:** Sept. 11 – Oct. 22. Join Jamie Pitts, Ph.D., to examine theological topics early Anabaptists cared about: Jesus, the Holy Spirit and discipleship. This online AMBS course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! Only \$300 if you register by Aug. 16; \$350 by Sept. 6. CEUs available. ambs.edu/shortcourses

(repeat) **House for Rent:** Unique short term rental opportunity for a fully furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath home; available the last week of October through mid April 2020. Located next to the bike path in the Greenwood Subdivision on Goshen's west side with easy access to both Goshen College & Goshen Hospital (3 miles) and Elkhart. \$1200/month plus gas & electric. Call Gwen @ 536-2087 for more info.

(repeat) **In 2020, Mennonite Central Committee** will celebrate 100 years of MCC working around the world for relief, development and peace. As part of the Centennial celebration people all over the US, Canada and Europe will be knotting comforters during The Great Winter Warm-up on Sat, Jan 18, 2020. There will be a 2-day event in Kidron, OH and they hope for many smaller events throughout our region. More info can be found at greatwinterwarmup.org; there you can sign up to host an event.

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