

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

September 15	September 22
Worship leader: <i>Randy Roth</i> Preacher: <i>Glenn Gilbert</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Cantaloupe</i>	Worship leader: <i>Emily Stuckey-Weber</i> Preacher: <i>Joel Zwier</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Asabado &amp; GFBOL</i>
Scripture: Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21, 24	Scripture: Acts 11:29-30; Galatians 2:10

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Sept 15	8:30am Mentor-Mentee Breakfast 12-3:30pm JYF gathering at Corn Maze in New Paris 7pm Congregational Meeting
Sun	Sept 22	12pm Students in our homes for lunch
Thur	Sept 26	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Clara Hanby** (2<sup>nd</sup> Waterford) turned 8 on Sept 10! Clara enjoys modern dance, swimming, and playing pretend with sister Martha. She loves to read and is currently reading "Flunked". Clara's summer highlight was traveling to South Haven and spending time with cousins.

**Julian Quintana** turned 3 on September 11! Julian's favorite activities include playing with toys with wheels, watching sister Saya play soccer (while wearing his very own shin guards), playing with friends at CCYC, and deciphering who in his life speaks what language.

**TODAY** we continue 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. We also continue 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). If you do not have these items to share, consider putting a check in the offering with "The Window" in the memo line.

**Children Singing Time TODAY** in room 7 following the sermon with Marna Mateer.

**The Congregational meeting TODAY**, Sept 15 at 7pm will include an update about Scott Coulter's arrival, and continued discussion with updates about building sharing with Goshen Montessori school. Please see the handout to

accompany the Montessori discussion attached at the top of this email (hard copies on the lit table).

**The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: 5. To be a valued person in the congregation.** The congregation is made up of all participants; children are not the "church of the future." We value and encourage children to participate in all aspects of congregational life. You might see children setting up chairs, doing dishes or participating in worship. Thank them for the ways they contribute to the rich and vibrant life of this community.

**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. If you are not able to sign up TODAY, you can email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) by Sept 16 to let Naomi know that you are interested in hosting or attending.

**Assembly phone/address/email directories** have been updated! You can find them on our website [here](#). You can also find hard copies on the lit table. Photo directory will be updated next week.

**Mailboxes have been shuffled!** Please see the large signs for guidance on where to find your mailbox (hint: it's in alphabetical order now! Finally!).

**Calling all Assembly parents!** [Parenting Forward conference](#) is an online conference for the intersection of parenting and progressive faith. Participate at the

meetinghouse on Mon, Sept 23 or watch at home. If you register you own all the material. Lora strongly encourages all parents to consider attending!

**Retreat at Friedenswald is coming!!** Oct 11-13. Schedule and sign ups coming soon. Activities will be similarly awesome to last year. Sunday worship will feature Carmen Horst, speaking on the theme of Unity vs. Uniformity.

**CARE PACKS:** Susan Stiffney, Goshen Schools nurse, sent this note: "Thank you so much for the Care Packs! They are just amazing and you are all so generous! We do not have any source for girls/women's underwear so we are so thrilled that you included some to hand out with your packs. The girls will be thrilled to receive such generous packs of supplies! Thank you! Thank you! for all your work and generous spirit." Want to help? Contact [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com) for ideas about how to help our money go further.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN):** Thanks to all who served our neighbors at IHN this week. Our next opportunity to serve is Dec 9, 10 and 12. Check the Assembly website and then volunteer.

<https://assemblymennonite.org/goshen-interfaith-hospitality-network/>

(repeat) **The impending small group shuffle** means weekly chaos for our Administrator as she tries to figure out who can do welcome and take down every week as small groups disband. Please be patient, and consider joining your old small group for the rest of 2019.

(repeat) **A number of people** were grateful to hear during my sermon last Sunday about what I have been up to at the Wabash Pastoral leadership program. When I go, I learn a lot and love to talk about it, so ask me questions! If you would like see and hear more, you can follow the program on [Facebook](#) at or look at the [program's website](#) -Lora

(repeat) **Bethany Christian High School's** band, orchestra, and choir will perform their annual Music on the Lawn concert on Friday, Sept. 20. A fundraiser dinner will be served prior to the concert (5:00 dinner, 6:15 concert). BBQ pulled pork sandwiches (vegetarian/gluten free option available), chips, veggies/dip, fruit, and Rise'n Roll pie—all for \$8! Funds raised will help defray expenses for music festivals and trips. Ask any Assembly-ite musician (Clara

Lind, Luisa Dutchersmith, Naomi Klassen, Theo Siemens-Rhodes, Jordana Farran, Mackenzie Mast, Adam Siemens-Rhodes) or contact Stacey Farran for tickets ([safarran@bethanycs.net](mailto:safarran@bethanycs.net)) by Tuesday, Sept. 10. Meal and concert will be held in the Friendship Garden (weather permitting). Come ready to enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and music!

(repeat) **Bethany Swope** is in search of two chrome books (or similar devices) to borrow during the Relief Sale on Sept. 28, for use in quilt auction registration tasks. They are needed by early Saturday morning until the auction ends.

(repeat) **Mari update:** We raised \$1,400 in one week, and Safety Networks has matched that with another \$1,000! We still have some negotiating to do to lower the biggest bills, but this donated money, I believe, will help lower the bills to the point where Mari and family can start paying down a reasonable debt. THANK YOU!! -Naomi Roots

## community connections

**Solar Workshop:** Did you know that 2019 is the last year that the full 30% federal tax credit is available for solar installations? Attend Solarize Indiana's Going Solar Workshop, Wed, Sept 18, 6:30pm at Assembly Mennonite Church.

**Global Climate Strike.** Youth have been striking for some time to draw attention to our urgent need for climate action. <https://globalclimatestrike.net/> Now their elders are invited to join them. On September 20 there will be actions all over the world. The nearest one is at 11am in South Bend - *Jon R. Hunt Memorial Plaza at the Morris Performing Arts Center. 211 N Michigan St.* Contact the Mennonite Creation Care Network [mccn@goshen.edu](mailto:mccn@goshen.edu) for more info.

**There is much happening** to prepare for the Michiana Relief Sale on Sept 27 & 28. See the attachment at the top of this email for several announcements.

**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

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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](mailto: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!

**Please consider signing up** to make items for the Gluten-free Baked Goods booth at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale coming up Sept. 27-28. Please talk to Terry or Wanda Reinford Martin if you have questions about this. Maple City Market has donated peanut butter and gluten-free oats that can be used for some of the baking. We also need people to volunteer to staff the booth, so let us know if you would be willing to take a 1 or 2-hour shift.

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/y2fwcscw>

Recipes: <https://tinyurl.com/y3pwrpd8>

**The Indiana Friends** of Meserete Kristos College invite you to enjoy an Ethiopian meal at Berkey Ave. Mennonite Church, 2509 Berkey Ave on Mon, Oct. 7, 2019, at 6pm. The cost of the meal is \$15 per adult, \$10 per student, \$5 for children, to be paid at the door. Cash and checks given beyond the cost of the meal will go to MK College. You will hear about the college from a former MKCollege student, a report about a AMBS/MKCollege initiative, and have a Q&A time with the representatives from MKCollege Link. Please RSVP to Peter Shetler by Mon, Sept 30. Phone: 574-849-5116 (leave a message) Email: [pdshetler@bethanycs.net](mailto:pdshetler@bethanycs.net)

**AMBS Spiritual Direction: Mystery.** Cultivate your ministry of spiritual direction through *Spiritual Direction: Mystery*, an advanced level of our supervised program. This course — which meets three times on campus for two days each — will help you focus on the ineffable presence and activity of God. Register by Sept. 30. [ambs.edu/spiritual-direction](http://ambs.edu/spiritual-direction)

**Bethany Christian Schools** has a spacious single family home for rent next to the school campus. \$1300/month, plus utilities. Available now. 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath, with beautiful hardwood floors and historic woodwork. Laundry on site. Includes the use of a garage with room for one car

and storage. No pets. Please send inquiries to [business\\_office@bethanycs.net](mailto:business_office@bethanycs.net). Thank you!

**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](http://ambs.edu/jobs)

(repeat) **An exhibit featuring** a large collection of antique colored engravings that depict Anabaptists in Switzerland, Alsace and the Palatinat from c. 1700 to 1900, from the Paul and Jean Kraybill Collection, is on display in the Good Library Art Gallery from Sept 1 through Nov 17 with a reception on Sept 8, 2-4pm. Free, open to the public.

(repeat) **Tickets for Goshen College's** Performing Arts Series concerts are on sale now. Upcoming performances include Mariachi Herencia de Mexico on Sept. 13 (\$20-\$30), Bruce Cockburn on Sept. 24 ((\$30-\$40), and Cirque Mechanics on Oct. 1 (\$30-\$40). Learn more at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets).

(repeat) **All are invited** to Goshen College's upcoming Rieth Recital Series concerts, including Saturday, Sept. 14, featuring Matthew Hill, piano, and on Friday, Sept. 20, featuring winners of the 2019 Fishchoff Chamber Music Competition, Aruna Quartet. Tickets for these concerts are \$12, and can be purchased online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or at the Box Office in the Goshen College Music Center.

(repeat) **St. Francis Animal Blessing** Sun, Oct 6, 4pm. Each October, near the Feast Day of St. Francis (Oct 4), Pathways Retreat (309 Hackett Road, Goshen) invites you to bring your pets for a blessing. This includes a walk through the woods, a short blessing service, animal-themed snacks for the humans and treats for the pets. If your pet is not able to travel, consider bringing a photo.

(repeat) **Goshen College** is currently seeking high school applicants for a two-week Study-Service Theology Term (SSTT) experience in Guatemala in June 2020. This is the fourth year that students will be provided with the opportunity to explore their understandings of Jesus' life and mission in light of contemporary challenges and their

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own sense of calling. Thanks to a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., SSTT participants' will pay just \$100 once they are selected into the program. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2019. Learn more at [goshen.edu/sstt](http://goshen.edu/sstt).

(repeat) **Gain peacebuilding skills at AMBS.** Do you have a burning theological question, or is there a particular ministry you'd like to pursue? Through AMBS's MA: Theology and Peace Studies program, you can explore and engage a topic of your choice from multiple angles and design a peacebuilding internship in your area of interest. [ambs.edu/matps](http://ambs.edu/matps)

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat's** Sept edition of their monthly newsletter, Rhythms, [can be read here](#).

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