

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

September 22	September 29
Worship leader: <i>Emily Stuckey-Weber</i> Preacher: <i>Joel Zwier</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Asabado & GFBOL</i>	Worship leader: <i>Becky Snider</i> Preacher: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hygge</i>
Scripture: Acts 11:29-30; Galatians 2:10	Scripture: Luke 12:15-21

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sept 22	12pm Students in our homes for lunch
Thur	Sept 26	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Tue	Oct 1	5:30pm Leadership Group meeting
Fri	Oct 4	9:30am Greencroft meetup

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Alice Kauffman (Goshen Montessori) turned 5 on Sept 19! Alice loves skittles and grilled cheese. She likes to pick flowers with her mom, play Lego with her dad, and play clip dolls with brother Eli. Her favorite color is pink and she enjoys having her face and arms and legs painted, playing dress up and making potions and forts outside.

Al Meyer is turning 90 on September 24! Al loves eating strawberry ice cream. He and Mary Ellen have five children, 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Al was one of the founding members of Assembly. He has worked for various church and educational institutions including Goshen College, Bethel College, Mennonite Board of Education, and as Mennonite Central Committee Peace representative in Europe. He has very fond memories of his years at the University of Basel in Switzerland where he studied physics and theology.

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.

The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: 6. *To be led to faith by the Christlike love, care, and model of each adult.* Notice the children around you and interact with them at church. You can also share with them the things you care about. Involve yourself in their lives.

Elaine Martin's mother Thelma Horner died earlier this week. A memorial service will be held TODAY Sun, Sept 22 at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Your support, prayers, and care for Elaine & Linford Martin and their family are welcomed as they miss and remember Thelma. Thelma's full obituary can be read in the Goshen News or by clicking [here](#).

Karl and Michelle are visiting their new grandson in Washington DC, and Karl will return to work on Wed, Sept 25. Contact Anna or Lora with pastoral needs.

The 2% Committee has approved the following disbursements. Please see a member of the committee with any feedback: Sarah Horst, Sandy Fribley, Annika Miller, Lenora Hirshler, Dave Ostergren, Kathleen Jones, or Joel Zwier. Local -- each at \$600: The Window, ADEC, Goshen Ministerial Association, Period packs - Susan Mark-Landis, Center for Healing and Hope, Elkhart County Clubhouse, Chain Reaction. World- each at \$1000: Semilla, Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Disaster Services/Puerto Rico.

Public School Workers: The 2% committee wants to give YOU money! Are you a public school employee who has direct contact with students? You can apply for funds

through the [Public School Funds](#) for things like classroom books, social work materials and other reusable classroom supplies. Ask a member of the 2% committee with questions or click the above link to apply. Applications accepted until Oct 20 or until funds run out. - Sarah Horst

Hurray! I finished the shopping for Assembly School Kits! With your generous giving of \$1,517.00 and the donation of all of the sharpeners, I was able to purchase the supplies for 476 kits! That's great! Thank you! You'll make 476 families happy! Their children can get an education! Thanks again! - Johanna Sutter

Needed: a few strong backs! Scott Coulter and family are moving into town Sat, Sept 28. They could use some people to join them at the meetinghouse to unload a few things into his office and then unload the rest into storage. The time is yet TBD, but it would likely be mid to late afternoon. Please email office@assemblymennonite.org if you can help that day, and thanks!

2019 Michiana Pottery Tour is in 7 locations in and around Goshen. See work in progress and purchase beautiful ceramic creations. Eric Kaufmann and Bruce Bishop will be at the Goshen Ceramic Guild. Justin Rothshank will be at his studio with 6 other potters. Sat, Sept 28 10am-5pm and Sun, Sept 29 11am-4pm. To get a map and sales locations go to michianapotterytour.com

Assembly's Annual Barn Dance! Save the Date: Sat, Oct 5 Gathering from 6:30-7pm, Music and Dancing from 7-8:45pm. Location: Robin and Marcus Ebright Zehr's Farm 63950 Old CR 17 Goshen, IN 46526

Assembly's annual retreat is fast approaching!! Oct 12 and 13 is our annual FALL RETREAT at beautiful Camp Friedenswald (40 minutes north in Michigan). Come ready to explore the theme: Weaving: One Body, Many Threads as we continue to live into the growing and changing community that is Assembly. There are many activities for all ages: ultimate, soccer, survival game, popcorn circle campfire, beach play, talent show, serious adult session. Plus, there are great meals and you can sleep overnight! You will find our weekend schedule and registration sheets in your mailbox along with extras in the Foyer.

Registration is due next Sun, Sept 29. See any committee member with questions.

Calling Assembly artists! Our theme for Retreat at Camp Friedenswald this year revolves around unity and weaving. On Saturday afternoon we'd like to explore metaphors around this theme, and are looking for artists with pieces already made that we could show. It might be related to knitting, crocheting, friendship bracelets, macramé, basket-weaving, straight-up weaving, finger weaving, arm knitting, braiding/plaiting hair, multi-media, or any other art form that is thematically about unity or bringing together diverse parts into a whole. Please contact jeffthemartin@gmail.com if you have pieces you would be willing to include!

Attention Kroger shoppers! If you have a Kroger's reward card, you can have a portion of every purchase support Assembly's youth! Here's how: You need to create an account or log in at www.kroger.com Once your account is created, hover over Save in the upper left hand corner, then from the dropdown menu "Kroger Community Rewards". Once at the new page click on "I'm a Customer". Then you can search for Assembly Mennonite Church or ND605. Once you have selected Assembly to receive rewards, they will get a small portion with every purchase! Email office@assemblymennonite.org with questions for how to sign up. Money received from Kroger will be used to support youth programs which include MYF, JYF and mentor/mentee programs.

Fall Work Days are fast approaching (dates will be revealed next week)! Individuals will be assigned along with the small group they participated with prior to the shuffle. Please email office@assemblymennonite.org if you would prefer to be assigned with a different small group. You can also contact the same email if you are not part of a small group but would like to participate!

Do you have a guest room you'd be willing to offer to people coming to Ethel Metzler's Memorial Service on Nov 16? Due to a ND game weekend hotel prices are very high. If so, please contact Mary at marymetzler@gmail.com or 574-312-8168. Thank you very much!

Central District Conference's September edition of their monthly newsletter, Reporter, is available [here](#).

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(repeat) **Assembly phone/address/email/photo** directories have been updated! You can find them on our website [here](#). You can also find hard copies on the lit table.

(repeat) **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!).

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 for ideas about how to help our money go further.

(repeat) **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/>

community connections

Greencroft Goshen is opening the HUD waiting list for one bedroom and efficiency apartments. Application packets are available at the center 8am on Tue, Oct 1-Thur Oct 31 at which point the list closes. Questions may be directed to Lisa Johnson, HUD Specialist at 574-537-4055 or at lisa.johnson@greencroft.org.

High School students have several upcoming opportunities to visit the Goshen College campus during fall open houses. Learn more at goshen.edu/visit. Upcoming visit days include: Sept. 20: [Pre-Medicine & Environmental Science Open House](#) Sept. 26-29: [Fly Trip](#) (for students who live 100+ miles away) Oct. 4: [Homecoming Open House](#) Oct. 25, 2019: [Explore Goshen Day](#) Additionally, Sept 23-27, Goshen College will waive application fees for all Indiana seniors during College GO! Wee, sponsored by Learn More Indiana. Learn more at goshen.edu/goweek.

Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace is honored to welcome Dr. Don Wagner September 26 at 7:00 p.m. to the Lambright Center on the Elkhart campus of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Dr. Wagner was National Director of *Friends of Sabeel—North America*, a Palestinian Christian theological movement based in Jerusalem. He was Professor of Middle East Studies at North Park University in Chicago, and director of its Center for Middle East Studies. His latest book is "Zionism and the Quest for Justice in the Holy Land". Dr Wagner is a leading authority on the religious and political impact of Christian Zionism on Palestinian citizens in Israel/Palestine. He will speak on "How Christian Zionism Supports Settler Colonialism and Distorts the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Come prepared to strengthen our commitment to peace and justice for all people in Israel/Palestine. All are welcome and admission is free for everyone. For more on this event, or to view our entire fall schedule, see our Facebook page facebook.com/MV4MEP/

The OTR International Film Festival includes a film about a woman in Sanctuary in North Carolina. It is called "Santuario" and is being shown Oct 3, 7pm. at the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, OH. [Click here](#) for a list of all the films being shown including "Santuario".

National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) is holding its first ever 5K Run/Walk for Immigrant Justice on Sat, Nov 2 at 8am at the Millrace Trail in Goshen! To sign up for the race: www.immigrantjustice.org/5k. There is also opportunity to be a race sponsor, email office@assemblymennonite.org and Naomi can get you a

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form to fill out. The funds raised at the 5K will support NIJC's Goshen Office and help secure legal representation for thousands of Hoosiers.

Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible: Oct. 23 – Dec. 10. Join Safwat Marzouk, Ph.D., and Drew Strait, Ph.D., to study pertinent biblical passages and reflect on how these texts form practices of peace and justice today. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Early registration by Oct.

2. ams.edu/shortcourses

Anabaptist Witness welcomes submissions for its April 2020 issue on any key issue facing Anabaptist and Mennonite churches in mission, and for its October 2020 issue on “Displacement: Land, Indigenous Peoples, and Mission.” View submission guidelines online. anabaptistwitness.org

Join us for a Comforter Bash! Make plans to join us on November 8 and 9 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/comforter-bash or contact Carol Honderich at 574-536-9062. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

Children's Choir opportunity! Mennonite Youth Choir Festival would like to invite children in grades 3-9 to join in a weekend of singing, Feb 29-Mar 1 2020, in Goshen, Indiana. The church has a long and deep tradition of praising God through singing. In order for this to continue it is *up to parents and the faith community around them* to encourage their children with opportunities that develop a love for music in worship. Youth of all denominations are encouraged to participate. 2020 Festival Dates: Practice on Saturday, Feb 29; concert performance on Sun, March 1, at 2pm (free and open to the public) Who: Children from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and beyond who love to sing—grades 3 through 9. Cost per Child: \$35 Registration Deadline November 15 (Music will be sent in the mail.) \$45 Registration fee after Nov 15. Location: The Goshen College Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall, in Goshen,

Indiana. 2020 Guest Director: Kay Shue. For more info and to register, please visit: www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com email : mychoirfest@gmail.com Ephesians 5:19 “*Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.*”

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a full-time Communications Production Coordinator, based in the Elkhart, Indiana office, to manage the production process of its communications department. The 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 software is ideal. The ideal candidate will be highly organized and 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. To request a copy of the job description and an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257

(repeat) **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.

(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) **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-

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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>

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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. ams.edu/spiritual-direction

(repeat) **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. Thank you!

(repeat) **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. ams.edu/jobs

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