

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

September 29	September 29
Worship leader: <i>Becky Snider</i> Preacher: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hygge</i>	Worship leader: <i>Gretchen Krause</i> Preacher: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hug</i>
Scripture: Luke 12:15-21	Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

CALENDAR

Tue	Oct 1	5:30pm Leadership Group meeting
Fri	Oct 4	9:30am Greencroft meetup
Sat	Oct 5	6:30pm Barn Dance at Ebrigh-Zehr home
Sun	Oct 6	1 st Hour: Ephesians Worship Series begins 2 nd Hour: Electives begin Fellowship meal following 2 nd hour 2-4pm Solar Open House at Assembly
Fri-Sun	Oct 11-13	Church Retreat at Camp Friedenswald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY we finish our Fall worship series on Stewardship of Money. This will be the final Sun of our month-long food drive. Everything collected goes to The Window. Their biggest needs 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: 7. *To be an active participant in worship.* Children at Assembly are present during worship, and the worship planners attend to the needs of all participants, including children. We cultivate children's awareness of God's presence by having them participate in worship. Children are given an opportunity to learn how worship works and how to make themselves ready through children's worship Sun school.

Everence is so thankful for the relationships we have with you, the members of Assembly Mennonite Church! Our mission is to help you integrate your faith with your finances - no matter where you are in life. We hope you enjoy the baked goods we are providing TODAY from Dutch Maid Bakery and the fruit and cheese, it's one small way we want to say, thanks!

Time to sign up for Participant Tasks in 2020! We are asking everyone to sign up for 2 Sunday morning tasks. These include both hospitality tasks and caring for our children. You can sign up for these tasks by [clicking here](#), and paper copies of the form can be found on the rolling cart in the gathering space. Also, Welcome and Take Down has turned into Open and Welcome, and one or two small groups will be in charge of this job each Sunday morning to encourage the continuation of Small Groups being the "face" of the church.

Interested in sharing your gifts in worship? Fill out the worship gifts form on the website <https://assemblymennonite.org/assembly-101/get-involved/>

Next week, Oct 6, we start our new worship series: Ephesians Bible Study. Ephesians is interested in addressing "How does a follower of Christ act?". You will find the introduction to this series at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table. Fall Electives start the same week during 2nd hour. Look for more info in next week's Assemblyline.

Assembly's annual retreat is fast approaching! Oct 11- 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 TODAY. See any committee member with questions.

Fall Work Days will be Oct 23, 30 and Nov 6. A reminder that small groups will be assigned as they stood before the shuffle. Email office@assemblymennonite.org if this causes problems for your group, or if you were not in a small group before the shuffle and would like to help!

Important dates from Interfaith Hospitality Network: Oct 8, 6:30pm Volunteer Training. Reservations to SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com by Oct 6. Oct 24, 6-7:30pm Annual Dessert Fundraiser with Jeremy Stutsman as guest speaker. Reservations to SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com by Oct 20. Nov 16: 9:00-4 Mental Health First Aid class taught by Oaklawn. \$30 limited participants. Talk to Susan

Women's Lunch Bunch: Julia King and Julia Gautsche will attend the next meeting on Oct 18 from 11:30 to 1pm at Assembly. Bring your own lunch and be prepared to engage in conversation with Julia and Julia about the electoral process and the issues facing the city of Goshen. This is not a campaign event. It is a way to be better informed about our local community.

Enchanted Forest at Merry Lea, a program for all ages, 7-8:30pm Oct 25 & 26. Come for a guided night hike by lantern light and meet native Indiana animals! For more info [click here](#) or ask Dave Ostergren, Carol Good-Elliott or Jonathon Schramm.

Racial Justice in Elkhart County is a priority of the local NAACP. We are honored that the president of the national NAACP has agreed to speak at this year's Freedom Fund Banquet, Friday, Nov. 1 at the Matterhorn in Elkhart. Gayle Gerber Koontz has tickets (\$50). This is a unique opportunity for European Americans to gather with African American leaders in our county for a meal and mutual encouragement. If you can't attend, consider purchasing a ticket for someone else. African students at AMBS are

especially interested in this event and Gayle will be glad to find someone for you.

Assembly Memory Book Many years ago a memory book was started to honor and remember Assembly-ites who have died. It seems like a good time start that project again. If you are interested in making a page for the memory book, please stop by Anna's office and pick up a page. You do not need to be a master scrapbooker. We are less concerned with making a cohesive book and more concerned with having a tangible way to remember the people we love. E-mail Anna with questions.

(repeat) **Our Condolences go to Elaine and Linford Martin,** Elaine Martin's mother Thelma Horner died last week. 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](#).

(repeat) **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 Com, Mennonite Disaster Services/Puerto Rico.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **2019 Michiana Pottery Tour** is in 7 locations in and around Goshen. See work in progress and purchase

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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

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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 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.

(repeat) **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 high. If so, contact Mary at marymetzler@gmail.com or 574-312-8168. Thank you very much!

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

community connections

The UB Bruin Club is an opportunity for students in grades 3-5 who are planning to attend Bethany Christian Schools or wanting to explore that option. Children can make friends with future classmates and begin to have their own fun experiences at Bethany. The next meeting is Friday, Oct. 4, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information or to register, see bethanycs.net/UB_Bruin_Club.

Daring Disciple Retreat. This retreat is for young adults, ages 20-30. All are welcome to this three-day interactive experience led by the Rev. Callie Swanlund, Episcopal priest and Certified Daring Way Facilitator. Oct 10 in Morgantown, IN. [Click here](#) for more info.

The Ripple Effect presents the 5th annual "If You Knew Me, You'd Love Me" concert - an evening of music and words designed to build understanding. Oct 10 at the South Bend Civic Theater. [Click here](#) for more info.

Bring the whole family, and join the Maple City Community Orchestra for an afternoon with some of your creepy favorites! Featuring Funeral March of a Marionette, Night on Bald Mountain, Danse Macabre, Peer Gynt (Mountain King), and a Phantom of the Opera Medley. The concert is presented at Goshen College Sauder Music Hall on Sun, Oct 13 at 3pm. All MCCO concerts are free and open to the public. Donations are accepted.

Employment Opportunity – Food Services Assistant, Fall 2019 Bethany Christian Schools is seeking persons to assist in our Farm to School cafeteria. Our school aspires to incorporate food services into the educational program by producing meals with healthy, fresh local foods. Students engage in hands-on learning through gardening and participate in educational activities related to agriculture, health and nutrition. For more info go to <https://www.bethanycs.net/employment-opportunities>. To apply, contact Tim Lehman at tclehman@bethanycs.net.

Maple City Health Care Center is looking for a Medical Assistant to join our organization. This person will support the work of physicians and nurse practitioners with different responsibilities such as patient intake, screening exams, and documentation in medical charts in an accurate and timely manner, among others related to patient care.

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This is a full-time position (40 hours/week). To apply for this position please send your CV with a cover letter to: Rodolfo Gonzalez rodolfo@mhcc.org

MHS (Mennonite Health Services) is looking for a new Public Relations Manager to join our team! The full job description is attached here, and if you know someone looking for a full time position that might be a good fit, please pass this along directly and we'd appreciate your help in spreading the word by placing this position in your church announcements for the next week or so. To request more information about this position or to express interest, candidates should please send letter of interest and resume to Clare Krabill, MHS COO at clare@mhsonline.org by October 7th.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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/

(repeat) **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".

(repeat) **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 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.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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-

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[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.

(repeat) **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.”*

(repeat) **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

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