

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;  
Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### WORSHIP

September 8	September 15
<b>Building Dedication Sunday Fellowship Meal</b>	
Worship leader: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Preacher: <i>Mary Lehman Yoder &amp; Karl Shelly</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Derailed</i>	Worship leader: <i>Randy Roth</i> Preacher: <i>Glenn Gilbert</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Cantaloupe</i>
Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7	Scripture: Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21, 24

### CALENDAR

TODAY	Sept 8	Building dedication with Fellowship Meal following 1 <sup>st</sup> hour
Wed	Sept 11	6-8:30pm Small Group Childcare at meetinghouse
Sun	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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**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.

**TODAY** we dedicate our building! We will share in a fellowship meal following an extended 1<sup>st</sup> hour (no 2<sup>nd</sup> hour or Sunday school). 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 peanut allergies, we ask that you avoid peanut products in your dish.

**TODAY** children participating in the Hallelujah dance with Marna Mateer are asked to meet at 9am before 1<sup>st</sup> hour for a final practice before performing during the service.

**Update your contact information** with Assembly by checking on the 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 (the last Sunday doing so). Find him if you'd like your picture added or updated, or if you will not be here, you can email a digital copy of a photo to [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org).

**The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: 4. To be called by name by each adult.** God knows and calls us each by name, and we embody God's love in respectful & caring relationships. It can be difficult to know all the children by name in a congregation of our size; feel free to ask a child their name and don't hesitate to interact with the children among us to learn more about them.

**Childcare for small groups** is resuming after a summer break! The next childcare evening is Wed, Sept 11 6-8:30pm. Anyone involved in a small group is welcome to bring their young child(ren) so that their small group can have an opportunity for uninterrupted adult conversation. Please RSVP to [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) if you plan to bring your child(ren).

**The upcoming Congregational meeting** on Sun, Sept 15 at 7pm will include an update about Scott Coulter's start, and continued discussion with updates about building sharing with Goshen Montessori school.

**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.

**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

**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!

**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.

**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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 rolling cart in the gathering space.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **David Powell and Glenn Gilbert** presented on Hearing Well in our Church Community during 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

(repeat) **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](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org).

(repeat) **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.

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## community connections

**An exhibit featuring** a large collection of antique colored engravings that depict Anabaptists in Switzerland, Alsace and the Palatinate 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 from 2-4pm. Event is free, open to the public.

**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).

**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.

**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.

**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 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).

**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)

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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](#).

(repeat) **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](mailto:depotmccthriftshops@gmail.com).

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