

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104;
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

October 20	October 27
Worship leader: <i>Jonathon Schramm</i> Preacher: <i>Regina Shands Stoltzfus</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>Maple</i>	Worship leader: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Preacher: <i>Doug Luginbill</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>Cashew & Almond Joy</i>
Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10	Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-23

CALENDAR

TODAY	Oct 20	NO Congregational meeting in October
Tue	Oct 22	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Weds	Oct 23,30, Nov 6	Fall Work Days
Fri	Nov 1	9:30am Greencroft meetup
Sun	Nov 3	12pm Surprise Luncheons following 2 nd hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Lyle Kauffman turned 1 on Oct 12! He is happy, curious, determined, and sweet. Favorite activities include walks and bike rides outside, shredding all things shreddable, walking with assistance, reading books, and banging all things bangable like drums, china cabinets, and windows.

TODAY we continue our Ephesians Bible Study worship series. Ephesians is interested in addressing "How does a follower of Christ act?". [Read the introduction to the worship series here](#); hard copies are on the lit table.

Fall Electives continue today during 2nd hour. [Ephesians](#) discussion, [Departing Consumer Culture](#) based on the book *An Other Culture* (referenced in [Lora's Sept 15 sermon](#)), [Asking the Big Questions](#) led by our pastors and [Contemplative time](#) are the four options. This week's "Big Questions" include: "How do we engage the Bible faithfully when we've moved beyond a literalistic reading?" You can [click here](#) for more information about the electives, and half sheets are available on the lit table.

Sign up to Attend Assembly surprise luncheons on Sun, Nov 3! Sign up by Oct 27 to participate. You can choose to either host or be a guest (and bring food), and you will be assigned your guests or host without you knowing who they are until the morning of Nov 3 (hence the surprise). A few days before Nov 3, you'll be informed via email how many to cook for, or how many will be sitting around your table. This is an excellent way to meet and/or get better

acquainted with other Assembly attendees! Both guest and host sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering space.

Participant task forms are due by Sun, Oct 27! We ask all regularly attending adults to sign up for two tasks each year. In 2020, only one small group at a time will be assigned to open the building and welcome. This means we now need folks to sign up to turn off lights and lock up the building! Another new(ish) task is greeting visitors. To sign up for these two tasks or any of the long-standing tasks such as taking care of babies/toddlers during 1st hour and preparing coffee, you can either [click here](#) or fill out a pink sheet found on the table in the gathering space. If you are new to these tasks, have no fear! Detailed instructions are emailed to you prior to the Sunday you are assigned to complete your task. [Please sign up for two tasks](#) to help our Sunday mornings continue to run smoothly! Questions/concerns: office@assemblymennonite.org

House Blessing: You are invited to a Blessing and Open House for Mary Lehman Yoder's new home at 605 River Race Drive on Sun, Oct 27. The formal part of the blessing will begin at 1:30pm and from 2-4 you are welcome to come and go. Light refreshments provided. No gifts please.

Remembrance Gathering - Many people who have experienced loss don't get the chance to talk about the person they miss. [All who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to gather for a structured time of sharing on Sat, Nov 2, from 2-4pm at the meetinghouse.](#) In groups of 8-10, each participant will share for about 5 minutes,

introducing a loved one who has died, and then answer follow-up questions from the group (for another 5 min) about their loved one. All are encouraged to bring a photo & an item that reminds them of their loved one. A pastor will help facilitate each group. Please RSVP to give us a sense of how many people to expect. Contact Anna Yoder Schlabach to RSVP or with questions.

A Prayer Shawl and a Prayer Lap Rug are available on the worship shelves in the worship area for anyone to knit on while in the building. Instructions are in the bags. Also available are beginning knitting supplies for people who want to eventually help knit on the prayer shawl. Know someone who needs a shawl/lap rug? Contact Anna Yoder Schlabach, pastoral care minister. Have questions about the knitting? Contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com

Hannah Kurtz (previous Assembly MYFer) has a blog while living in Bolivia for the year if you'd like to follow along: <https://hkurtz6.wixsite.com/hannahkurtz>

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

(repeat) **You are invited** to bring a meal as a housewarming and welcome to Scott and Ana Yoder Coulter and family. Please sign up at: <https://takethenameal.com/meals.php?t=W AAC9555>. Password: Scott.

community connections

A team of professors from Goshen College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary are looking for volunteers to participate in a research project answering the question "How can followers of Christ respond to climate change?" If you would like to participate in an individual interview followed by a group conversation please send an email to the team at climateproject-sig@ambbs.edu by October 22.

Eighth Street Mennonite Church (602 S. 8th) invites the public to a Hymnal Benefit Concert on Sun, Oct 27 at 4pm. Fifteen musicians from the congregation and community will present vocal, instrumental, and keyboard selections. Peter Paetkau, a master's student in violin at Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA is returning to Goshen as one of the performers. Free-will offering will be taken to fund

the congregation's purchase of the new *Voices Together* hymnal.

Fish Fry at Bethany: Bethany Christian High School's Senior Class Fish Fry is on Friday, Nov. 1! Come between the hours of 4:30 and 8 p.m. for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are available from all Bethany seniors or at the door. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children in grades 1-6. Kindergarten and younger eat free. Carryout is also available with adult tickets only and opens at 4:00.

You can still sign up for National Immigration Justice Center's run/walk here in Goshen on Sat, Nov 2 starting at 8am by [clicking here](#). Deadline to register is Oct 21 for those who want a t-shirt.

The Center for Healing & Hope (CHH) is in need of qualified nursing volunteers to assist with intake, vitals, lab draws, vaccines, and other clinic needs. Volunteers must be qualified medical assistants or nurses, but do not need to be bilingual. CHH provides medical and advocacy services in a Christ-like manner to meet peoples' needs in our community. Consider helping us meet this urgent need! Email Javier Lopez at jlopez@chhclinics.org

The Comforter Bash is coming up soon! Make plans to join us on Nov 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 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 warmth and is a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shops is seeking a full-time 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 Jodi Miller at 574-349-4774 or jodi.depot@gmail.com

(repeat) **Announcements following** the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale [can be read here](#).

(repeat) **A Gestalt Pastoral Care Retreat Day** is being offered at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen) on Friday, November 22, 9am-4pm. GPC is a

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contemplative, awareness-based form of spiritual care integrated with gestalt therapy. Facilitators are Linda Lehman Thomas and Julie Stegelmann. More information and registration for participants or observer-intercessors can be found at www.pathwaysretreat.org or by contacting Linda at 574.333.1822

(repeat) **Pathway Retreat's** October edition of their monthly newsletter, Rhythms, [can be viewed here](#).

(repeat) **Volunteer with SWAP:** Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) is a program of MCC Great Lakes, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry and can now sign up for 2020. Please consider forming a group, large or small, to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/swap> or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065.

(repeat) **MCC Appalachia seeking program** coordinator: MCC Great Lakes is looking for an Appalachia Program Coordinator to provide overall direction and supervision of MCC's work in the Appalachian region in eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia. Specifically, this Program Coordinator will help with the primary program Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP), a home repair ministry that provides service and learning opportunities at three locations. The Program Coordinator reports to the Executive Director for MCC Great Lakes in Goshen. Apply online for this opening by November 11 at mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/appalachia-program-coordinator. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

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