

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65;  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

October 27	November 3
Worship leader: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Preacher: <i>Doug Luginbill</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>Cashew &amp; Almond Joy</i>	Worship leader: <i>Gretchen Krause</i> Preacher: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>Alpha</i> <b>2% Offering</b>
Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-23	Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-4:3

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Oct 27	12pm Sunday school parent/teacher pizza luncheon
Weds	Oct 30, Nov 6	Fall Work Days
Fri	Nov 1	9:30am Greencroft meetup
Sat	Nov 2	2-4 pm Remembrance Gathering
Sun	Nov 3	All Saints Day Celebration during 1 <sup>st</sup> Hour 12pm Surprise Luncheons following 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Alyda Miller Avelar** (K Waterford) turned 6 on Oct 18! Alydia loves to play "tornado, tornado" a made-up game with her friends at school. She has a good imagination and likes to go to the library with her mom and read princess books. She likes playing with her dad and helping her sister with running and turning.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: "Why did Jesus die? Was his death necessary for God to forgive us?" You can [click here](#) for more information about the electives, and half sheets are available on the lit table.

**Pizza luncheon TODAY!** All Sunday school teachers, assistants, parents and students are invited to a pizza luncheon TODAY, following 2<sup>nd</sup> hour. After meeting with your child's teacher, Lora will be offering input and suggestions for helping both parents and children manage anxiety. If there are specific subjects or questions that you

would like her to address, email her so she can be sure to address it: [loracn@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:loracn@assemblymennonite.org)

**Sign up to Attend Assembly surprise luncheons** on Sun, Nov 3! TODAY is the last day to sign up 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, or you may email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) to sign up.

**2020 pledges** are due TODAY! Finance committee is meeting in one week to set the budget. This means John (our super treasurer) needs to receive everyone's pledges TODAY in order to crunch numbers in time for the meeting. If you lost your pledge form, you can [view it here](#) and copies are on the lit table. Feel free to email your information to John at [treasurer@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:treasurer@assemblymennonite.org)

**Participant task forms** are due TODAY! 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

**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.

**On Sun, Nov 3** we will be celebrating All Saints Day with a time of remembrance for loved ones who have died. There will be an opportunity for people to display photographs of loved ones in the Worship Space.

**House Blessing:** You are invited to a Blessing and Open House for Mary Lehman Yoder's new home at 605 River Race Drive TODAY 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. There is parking available to the north of my home - a half dozen diagonal places and many more parallel spaces heading toward the Hawks Building. Cohousing also has spaces to the south on Douglas (near Al and Mary Ellen Meyer), but that is a little farther to walk and our sidewalks are not all completed yet.

**Fish Fry at Bethany:** Bethany Christian High School's Senior Class Fish Fry is on Fry-day, Nov. 1! 4:30-8 p.m. for homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. \$12 for adults and \$6 for children in grades 1-6. K & younger eat free. Carryout for adult tickets only opens at 4:00. Support

Sam Ostergren (574.238.1347) and Jady Kaufmann (574.238.3690) by purchasing tickets from them TODAY!

**Small group reps met** this week and discussed how pastoral care is done at Assembly and in small groups. We also reviewed the progress of this year's small group shuffle. Ask your small group rep for more information.

(repeat) **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. Questions about the knitting? Contact [SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com)

(repeat) **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>

### community connections

**Eighth Street Mennonite Church** (602 S. 8th) invites the public to a Hymnal Benefit Concert TODAY 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.

**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.

**Screening of "The True Cost"**, Thurs, Nov 7 at 7pm, in The Art House, 211 S Main St in Goshen: Please join the board of Ten Thousand Villages Goshen and Art House for a thought provoking and insightful documentary on the harsh reality and costs of fast fashion on those around the world. There will be a short presentation following the showing on how Fair Trade certified organizations like Ten Thousand Villages are helping to change this reality by doing business differently, putting people and planet first above profit.

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**Join Michiana Voices** for Middle East Peace (MV4MEP) for a free event, “Challenging Christian Zionism,” 7pm Thur, Nov 7 at the AMBS Chapel. MV4MEP member **Jonathan Brenneman** will discuss the practical aspects of confronting Christian Zionism in our churches and with our neighbors. Jonathan worked as Israel/Palestine Partners in Peacemaking Coordinator for Mennonite Church USA, and was a Member of Christian Peacemaker Teams Palestine.

(repeat) **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](mailto:jlopez@chhclinics.org)

(repeat) **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 knit comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit [mcc.org/comforter-bash](http://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.

(repeat) **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](mailto:jodi.depot@gmail.com)

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