

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20: 27-38

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

| November 10 | November 17 |
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| Worship leader: <i>Jonathon Schramm</i> Preacher: <i>Scott Coulter</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>Soup & Groupyndor</i> | Worship leader: <i>Leon Bauman</i> Preacher: <i>Brenda Hostetler Meyer</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>Shine</i> |
| Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-6:9 | Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20 |

CALENDAR

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| Wed | Nov 13 | 6-8:30pm Small Group Childcare at meetinghouse |
| Sat | Nov 16 | 3pm Memorial Service for Ethel Yake Metzler |
| Sun | Nov 17 | 12-3pm Jr Youth assemble MCC school kits 7pm Congregational meeting |
| Tue-Sat | Nov 19-23 | MYF Live In at meetinghouse |
| Tue | Nov 19 | 7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting |
| Wed | Nov 20 | 6:30pm Small Group Welcome at meetinghouse |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Ania Kingsley (5th, Rockrun Coop) turned 11 on Nov 5! Ania enjoys reading. She especially enjoys Fantasy novels. She works on handcrafts including needle felting, knitting, and crocheting, which is her favorite. She is learning to ride a horse. She is musical and takes piano lessons and sings in the choir. She enjoys playing games with her family.

Layton Rothshank (5th, Bethany) turned 11 on Nov 7! Layton enjoys playing outside, reading (especially Harry Potter and Ranger's Apprentice) and playing games with his family. He also enjoys making things. He recently made a bow and arrow and is currently making knife from an old file. He is looking forward to roller skating in gym.

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. Today's Big Question: "Why pray? Where do we find hope for change if we are not sure that God intervenes directly in life?" You

can [click here](#) for more information about the electives, and half sheets are available on the lit table.

Naomi will be out of the office Mon, Nov 11.

Our prayers are with Patricia Nuyken, Randy Roth, and their entire family on the loss of their father, Oscar E. Roth who died Sat, Nov 2 at Greencroft Healthcare. Visitation will be Fri, Nov 8, from 5-8pm and Sat from 9-10:15am. Burial will be at 10:30 Sat, Nov 9 followed by a memorial service at 11:30am at College Mennonite Church. The full obituary can be found by clicking [here](#).

Free childcare for young children of small group participants is available this Wed, Nov 13 from 6-8:30pm at the meetinghouse. If you plan to bring your child, please RSVP to office@assemblymennonite.org.

Help is needed before Fri to set up tables for the meal following Ethel Metzler's memorial service on Sat, Nov 16. A clean up crew is also needed after the service. Please email office@assemblymennonite.org if you are able to help set up or clean up.

All are invited to join the Assembly lantern festival at 6:30pm on Nov 20. This is an inter-generational song and light festival that will take place at Greencroft so we can sing to our long-living members. Please RSVP to loracn@assemblymennonite.org if your family or small group is interested in participating so that we can know how many places we can carol in at Greencroft.

In preparation for the Lantern Festival on Nov 20, children are invited to pick up a gallon tin can TODAY to take home. Fill the can with water, freeze it, and bring it along to childcare at the church this Wed, Nov 13, where we will make lanterns. Adults and children who would like to make a lantern for the festival and will not be at Wed night childcare are also welcome to take a tin home to make one. Find instructions [here](#). LED tea lights will be provided on the night of the festival.

Al and Els Shelly are looking for a ride to Chicago or Evanston on Wednesday November 27 or Thursday morning November 28. Please contact them at (574) 535-8121 if you can take them.

Leadership Group met last Tue; they discussed the proposed 2020 spending plan, approved a new rental agreement document, approved the formation of an ad hoc group to discuss online giving to Assembly, and briefly discussed the most recent annual retreat. Approved minutes for both leadership group and congregational meetings [can be found on our website](#).

With deep gratitude, we thank Marna Mateer for her work with the children's singing. Marna has decided the time has come to stop after Thanksgiving. We are now looking for someone who is interested in joining Jim Kauffman and singing with a group of eager children for about 10 minutes each week (between the sermon and Sunday school). If you are interested, please talk with Lora Nafziger.

We are still in need of folks to sign up for 1st hour childcare, kitchen clean up, fellowship meal prep, and locking up the building in 2020. We also could use people to water trees during the growing months (May-Oct). Email office@assemblymennonite.org if you can help with any of these tasks.

Assembly's annual Messiah sing will take place during 2nd hour on Sun, Dec 8. All are invited to participate by singing or playing an instrument. Information forthcoming for instrumentalists. Bill Mateer will be making arrangements for soloists. If you are interested in being considered for one of the arias, please let him know. We may not be able to include everyone, but we want to know who is interested.

For the potluck on Dec 8 following the Messiah Sing, the Assembly Hospitality team is exploring a new approach for our food dishes. We are requesting that if your last name begins with A through L you bring a main dish, and if M through Z then a salad or side dish. Everyone should feel free to bring a dessert in addition, and if you truly want to bring something different than requested that's fine too; what is important is to have plenty of all types of food! For future potlucks, we will strive to alternate which group is requested for which dish, as well as to make this announcement starting 2 weeks before any potluck. If you wish to contribute a roaster full of food twice yearly, including possibly the Dec potluck, please notify Naomi.

Do you have a quilt or quilted wall hanging you are no longer using? Consider donating it to Assembly! We would gladly put it up on our walls to help dampen the sound in the multipurpose space. If you have one to donate, please email office@assemblymennonite.org

Are you approaching Medicare age? Or do you already have Medicare, but are puzzled by the numerous options for Advantage plans, Drug Plans, and Supplement Plans? You are not alone. An Everence Financial Advisor can answer all your questions, and may be able to save you money! One Assembly Couple, after counsel regarding their Part D plans, saved almost \$900 per year! You have until Dec 7 to make changes to existing plans. Make that appt now by calling 574-533-9515. See Barb Hassan with questions.

(repeat) **Our Condolences go to the family** of Hilda Ruth Stoltzfus Kurtz (mother of Eric R. Kurtz), who died Oct 26. The memorial service was held this past Tue, Oct 29 at Belmont Mennonite Church in Elkhart. Read Hilda's obituary [online here](#). Please remember Eric, Carmen, Elisa, Nayli, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

(repeat) **Small Group Welcome** is a new type of Assembly small group starting Nov 20th which will meet 1st & 3rd Wed, 6:30-7:45pm, at the meetinghouse. It's led by Assembly pastors and includes worship (a reading from the lectionary), quiet reflection, brief discussion, sharing the highs and lows from our life, and prayer. It's geared toward those new to Assembly, those who would appreciate a group with a set structure and which welcomes all, and

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anyone else who wants to show up (even those in a traditional group). Come regularly or come occasionally.

(repeat) **Well, it's that time of year again** - the Goshen High School Music Department Fruit Sale is underway! The same selection of fruit, sourced from Kercher's, is available again. However, the timeframe to order is much shorter this year - the sale ends on Nov 10! Listen in the announcements this week to learn where the order forms will be in our new space. Alternatively, contact a Music student of your choice to place your order. Thank you for your continued support of Goshen's Music program!

(repeat) **Retreat Feedback** Thanks to everyone who came out to Retreat at Friedenswald! We as a church are glad to provide this experience for all of you. If you would still like to contribute money to the cause, please give checks or cash to John Nafziger, or Naomi in the church office. \$20/person recommended. We invite you to fill out [this survey](#) with your thoughts on what activities are the most or least valuable to your retreat experience. We also invite anyone who DIDN'T go to retreat to tell us what might make this an attractive experience for you. Retreat 2020 is scheduled for Oct 9-11.

(repeat) **Lost keys** - Honda car key & house key with beaded bee keychain. Please contact the office if found.

community connections

(repeat) **Open House at Bethany:** Bethany Christian Schools will host a drop-in open house 12-2:30pm Sun, Nov 10 for anyone considering attending Bethany. Bring your family for a visit in a casual and friendly atmosphere. A simple lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by registering online (www.bethanycs.net/visit) or contact the admissions office (534-2657, admissions@bethanycs.net) so we can plan for the meal.

Upcoming concerts at Goshen College include a Performing Arts Series concert with Seraphic Fire on Tues, Nov 12 at 7:30pm (\$35, \$30, \$25); A Performing Arts Series concert with Vienna Boys Choir on Sun, Dec 1 at 7:30pm (\$45, \$40, \$30); a Rieth Recital Series concert by the Norell Duo on Sun, Nov 17 at 4pm (\$12); and a Lavender Jazz concert on Fri, Nov 22 at 7:30pm (\$8, \$6). Tickets are available online at goshen.edu/tickets or through the Goshen College Box Office.

Goshen College is hosting an Explore Goshen Day on Fri, Nov 15. Come visit campus, meet professors and future classmates and explore your future! [Learn more here](#)

The Goshen College Theater Department will present the family-friendly romantic comedy play "Almost, Maine" on Nov 15, 16 & 23 at 7:30pm and Nov 17 & 24 at 2:30pm in Goshen College's Umble Center. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 students/seniors/GC employees. Tickets can be purchased in advance through the Goshen College Box Office by contacting 535-7566, boxoffice@goshen.edu or online at www.goshen.edu/tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the Umble Center box office 1hr before show.

The Window is hosting a banquet Nov 16 at 6pm at College Mennonite Church to help raise funds for its programs sharing food and clothing with local households in need. Table Sponsors are \$280 (8 tickets). Individual tickets are \$35. For tickets, contact Millie mherendeen@thewindowinc.com. Thank you!!

Notable Women Fall Concert: Join us for an afternoon of treble music including sacred, traditional, gospel and more! Sunday, November 17, 3 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 215 E Lincolnway Ave, Goshen. \$10 suggested donation for those who are able. Under the directorship of Marcia

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Yost and Katie Miller O'Leary, co-founded by the late Deb Detweiler, Notable women is celebrating their 3rd season.

A benefit for Bethany Christian Schools at Hacienda Restaurant in Linway Plaza in Goshen will be held Mon, Nov 18. Get a token from bethanycs.net/HaciendaDay. Hacienda will donate 20% of purchases for food, gift certificates, and carryouts all that day with presentation of a token. Tokens may NOT be distributed inside or outside the restaurant that day. Tokens may be shown electronically or printed.

Visit Bethany on Nov 18 or 20: Students in grades 5-10 are invited to shadow a Bethany middle or high school student on Mon, Nov 18; and on Wed, Nov 20, students K-4 are invited to visit grade 4 and 5 classrooms with a parent for the morning. This is a great way for prospective students and families to discover Bethany! For more information, to register, or to schedule a visit on another date see www.bethanycs.net/visit.

Bethany Christian High School will present *Pride and Prejudice* on Nov 22-24. This fun and fast-paced romantic comedy follows Elizabeth Bennett and her family and friends as they journey through life and love together in 18th century England. Tickets are on sale now - \$12 for adults and \$8 for students – and can be purchased by calling the office (534-2567) or reserved online at ticketpeak.com/res/bethanytheatre.

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

(repeat) **The Comforter Bash is here!** Make plans to join us Fri & Sat, Nov 8 & 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 info 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.

(repeat) **Join Mennonite Disaster Service** as we celebrate another year of service and community. Plan to attend our All Unit Meeting (AUM) Feb 7-8, 2020 in Goshen, Indiana. The AUM is our annual meeting—a time for

volunteers, leaders, donors, and staff to come together and explore this year's theme “Seeing Jesus Among Us.” Brenda Phillips from Indiana University is the featured speaker. There will also be workshops and area tours. Don't miss this opportunity to worship, learn, and hear stories of hope. Registration and more information at mds.mennonite.net

(repeat) **Did you know?** Individual responses to the census are protected by Title 13 of the U.S. Code. That means that your private information, by law, cannot be shared with law enforcement agencies like the FBI, ICE, or local police. You can be assured that what you share will be kept confidential. When your responses are anonymously combined with others, the information helps to identify how much money the federal government will supply to support programs that help the City of Goshen to thrive.

(repeat) **The Mennonite Mission Network Board** is seeking an Executive Director to lead Mission Network's ministry into the next chapter of growth. Mission Network, an agency of Mennonite Church USA, is commissioned to lead, mobilize and equip the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world. Click on the link to find the complete [position description](#). To apply, send resume and [position application](#) to EDSearch4MMN@gmail.com with “Executive Director Inquiry” in the subject line. All inquiries will be held in confidence

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a full-time coordinator for the Church Relations department. Responsibilities include assisting the Church Relations department in peace church planting, discipleship, mission education and partnerships.

(repeat) **Mission Network** has a full-time position available for a finance assistant. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a two-year business degree or equivalent work experience in finance. See the complete position descriptions at www.mennonitemission.net or send a resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

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