

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 12;
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

November 17	November 24
Worship leader: <i>Leon Bauman</i> Preacher: <i>Brenda Hostetler Meyer</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>Shine</i>	Worship leader: <i>Jodi Beyeler</i> Preacher: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>B & Beta</i>
Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20	Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

CALENDAR

Sat	Nov 16	3pm Memorial Service for Ethel Yake Metzler
TODAY	Nov 17	12-3pm Jr Youth assemble MCC school kits 7pm Congregational meeting
Tue-Sat	Nov 19-23	MYF Live In at meetinghouse
Wed	Nov 20	6:30-7:45pm Small Group Welcome at meetinghouse 6:30pm Lantern Festival at Greencroft
Sun	Dec 1	1 st Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Eliza Herber (6th, GMS) turned 12 on Nov 6! Eliza is enjoying theatre class at school, loves Hamilton, and is in the GMS musical "The Music Man." Eliza loves making paper cranes. She sings in choir, runs and plays soccer. She is working on making earrings out of recycled materials, and would one day like to travel to India.

Roy Kauffman turns 2 TODAY, Nov 17! Roy continues to keep his family and caretakers on their toes by being awesome at climbing, running and opening doors and drawers. Roy enjoys reading books and playing outside but does not love deep snow or wearing gloves. Other favorite things include eating eggs, building creations with Duplo Legos and playing with his big sibs, Eli and Alice.

Hilary Bertsche (Greencroft) turned 90 on Nov 16. He has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren! He spent most of his life as a farmer in Illinois. He and Gladys once spent three very enjoyable months driving all the way to Alaska! Hilary loves spending time at Camp Friedenswald and helped build one of the first girls cabins. He is celebrating his 90th birthday with family and friends at Maple Indian with one of his favorite desserts, Tres Leches Cake.

TODAY is the last Sunday of our fall Bible study on the book of Ephesians. Brenda Hostetler Meyer, our congregational alongside see-er (some people call this an

overseer or congregational coach) will be preaching on Ephesians' final chapter, "Putting on the Whole Armor of Christ." This will also be the last week for electives.

Fall Electives final Sunday is 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: "How do we think about death and the afterlife? How do our thoughts impact our faith and how we face death? Have our thoughts on this evolved over our life?" You can [click here](#) for more information about the electives, and half sheets are available on the lit table.

A congregational meeting will be held TODAY, Nov 17 at 7pm in the Multi-Purpose Space. The proposed Spending Plan for 2020 will be introduced and discussed. This is the first reading and no decision will be made. You may view the proposal [here](#). Printed copies will be distributed at the meeting. Please come and share your thoughts on distributing our gifts and tithes

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. Children are invited to pick up a gallon tin can TODAY to make a lantern; follow these instructions [here](#). LED tea lights will be provided on the night of the festival. Please RSVP to

loracn@assemblymennonite.org if your family or small group is interested in participating.

Small Group Welcome meets for the first time this week on Nov 20. This is a new type of Assembly small group which is open to anyone who wants to show up. It will meet 1st & 3rd Wed, 6:30-7:45pm, at the meetinghouse and include 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, and to those who would appreciate a group with a set structure, but anyone who wants to join is welcome (whether or not you belong to a traditional small group). Come regularly or come occasionally.

Our prayers are with the family of Ethel Yake Metzler as they celebrated Ethel's life at a memorial service this weekend. Read Ethel's Obituary [here](#).

The fall performance of the Goshen Community Chorale will take place at 7pm on Sun, Nov 24, at the First Presbyterian Church on Lincoln Avenue in Goshen. The theme for this event is "English Cathedral Music," for which the Chorale will be accompanied by organ and brass. Bill Mateer is directing the group and a number of Assemblyites will be involved. There is no cost, but a free-will collection will be taken.

All four pastors will be gone for Thanksgiving Nov 27-29. If you have an urgent pastoral care need, please contact Randy Roth at 574-312-1762. The office will also be closed Nov 27-29. There will still be an Assemblyline sent that Friday, but blurbs will be due by 8am Wed, Nov 27.

Free childcare for young children of small group participants will now be available the first Wed of each month (not the 2nd Wed). Next childcare evening will be Wed, Dec 4.

Hospitality beyond our walls: Assembly will be serving supper and hosting evenings at Interfaith Hospitality Network December 9, 10 and 12. [View our website](#) to see openings and let SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com know when you can serve. You must have a security check on file. If you haven't served before, you'll be paired with someone who has. Thanks!

Women's Lunch Bunch Christmas Tea is scheduled for December 13, 11:30-1:00. Please RSVP by Nov 26 to smkauffmann42@gmail.com if you are planning to attend so we know how much food to prepare. Questions? Contact Sharon Kauffmann or Mary Yoder Holsopple.

Row One Ensemble, under direction of Jeremiah Chico, will be performing excerpts from Bach's Christmas Oratorio on Dec 18, here in the worship space, at 7:30pm. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's.

It's never too early to start thinking about the Christmas Eve play! Each year we have a simple soup supper and play on Christmas Eve. If your children are going to be there and would like to participate in a play, please email Anna at annay@assemblymennonite.org. We will find parts for as many children as want to be involved. We'll plan to "rehearse" it during the potluck on December 8 and after church on December 22nd.

We are still in need of folks to sign up for 1st hour childcare and kitchen clean up 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.

Do you have a beautiful cloth purchased locally or abroad that 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

Jeremiah Chico is looking for odd jobs such as cooking, house cleaning, and landscaping. Contact him at (574) 312-4793 or jeremiahchico1168@gmail.com for rates & times.

(repeat) **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. The full obituary can be found [here](#).

(repeat) **Leadership Group met** Nov 5th; 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](#).

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(repeat) **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 interested, talk with Lora Nafziger.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

community connections

Goshen College alumni artists Emma Gerigscott and Nick Loewen will show recent work in an exhibit in the Hershberger Art Gallery, with a reception on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m., followed by an artist talk at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. The exhibit will be on display from Nov. 17, 2019, through Jan. 12, 2020.

Katie Rogers, a White House correspondent for The New York Times and an Elkhart native, will present a Yoder Public Affairs lecture titled "Covering the White House in an Age of Misinformation, Mistruths and Mistrust" on Mon, Nov 25 at 7:30pm in Goshen College's Umble Center. This lecture is free and open to the public.

We invite you to join us for Advent Visio Divina at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). Facilitated by artist and spiritual director, Sylvie Gudin, this spiritual practice of praying with our eyes invites us to notice, connect, discern, and respond, to be surprised and transformed by God who is never limited or tied to any image, but yet speaks through them. Wednesdays, Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18 at 8-8:30am. www.pathwaysretreat.org

Church Community Services' Soup of Success program [has their holiday gifts online](http://www.soupsuccess.com) for purchase! Your purchase of Soup of Success products directly supports Elkhart women who are working to better their futures for themselves and their families. For more info about the program, visit their website at soupsuccess.com

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](#)

(repeat) **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

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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.

(repeat) **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!!

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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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

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