

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149;
Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

November 3	November 10
Worship leader: <i>Gretchen Krause</i> Preacher: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>Alpha</i> 2% Offering	Worship leader: <i>Jonathon Schramm</i> Preacher: <i>Scott Coulter</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>Soup & Groupyndor</i>
Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-4:3	Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-6:9

CALENDAR

Fri	Nov 1	10:30am Greencroft meetup
Sat	Nov 2	2-4 pm Remembrance Gathering
Sun	Nov 3	All Saints Day Celebration during 1 st Hour 12pm Surprise Luncheons following 2 nd hour
Tue	Nov 5	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Nov 6	Final Fall Work Day
Fri	Nov 8	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at meetinghouse
Sun	Nov 10	12-3pm Jr Youth Gathering
Wed	Nov 13	6-8:30pm Small Group Childcare at meetinghouse
Sat	Nov 16	3pm Memorial Service for Ethel Yake Metzler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Sawyer Beachy (6th Westview) turned 12, Oct 1! Sawyer LOVES soccer. He loves soccer so much that he has been travelling to Indy every Sunday for 4-hour training sessions. He enjoys writing and listening to podcasts with his dad. Sawyer likes to play ping pong with his family.

Atticus Beechy-King turns 2, Nov 4! Atticus likes wheels, rice and beans, and reading books. He loves throwing rocks into water, counting, and bursting into his sister's room to say, "Oh wow! Atticus' room!"

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.

TODAY, Nov 3 we will observe All Saints Day during the worship service with a time of lighting candles to remember loved ones who have died. You are welcome to bring photos and place them on the chair cabinets in the multipurpose space.

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 does one know what one is 'called to do'?" Does every person have one destined or intended purpose in life?" You can [click here](#) for more information about the electives, and half sheets are available on the lit table.

TODAY during 2nd hour grades 4-8 will be planting a few more trees & bushes and moving mulch. If you want to help, bring appropriate shoes & clothing and a shovel!

Surprise luncheons are TODAY, Nov 3 after 2nd hour. If you signed up to participate, you'll find an invitation in your mailbox. 22 households are participating!

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.

Participant task forms are still missing! 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

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.

The November Women's Lunch Bunch is Nov 8, 11:30-1pm, at the church. Bring your own lunch as we welcome Mixhi Marquis sharing information about the important work of Mosaic Health & Healing Arts.

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!

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

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.

Lost keys – Honda car key & house key with beaded bee keychain. Please contact the office if found.

(repeat) **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 info.

community connections

The Comforter Bash is here! Make plans to join us this coming Friday and Saturday, November 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 not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

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.

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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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Join Michiana Voices** for Middle East Peace (MV4MEP) for a free event, “Challenging Christian Zionism,” 7pm Thurs, 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.

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