

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79;
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

November 24	December 1 1 st Sunday of Advent
Worship leader: <i>Jodi Beyeler</i> Preacher: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>B & Beta</i>	Worship leader: <i>Mary Lehman Yoder</i> Preacher: <i>Bethany Swope</i> Welcome & Take Down: <i>Cardinal & Pizza Seed</i> 2% Offering
Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12	Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

CALENDAR

Sun	Dec 1	1 st Sunday of Advent
Tue	Dec 3	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Dec 4	6pm Small group childcare at meetinghouse 6:30pm Small Group Welcome at meetinghouse
Fri	Dec 6	9:30am Greencroft meetup
Sun	Dec 8	Messiah Sing during 2 nd hour Fellowship meal following Messiah Sing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Edgar Metzler (Greencroft) turned 90 on Nov 12! Edgar has four children and four grandchildren. He and Ethel spent time in Ontario where Ed pastored, in Akron where he was Director of the MCC Peace Section and in Nepal, where he was director of Peace Corps. He and Ethel enjoyed collecting art from all over the world. The painting up front this Sunday is from their home.

Isaac Horst (1st, Parkside) turned 7 on Nov 20! Isaac enjoys writing, and is working on a story about spiders. He likes to build with Lego, and build houses out of blocks with his sister. Isaac is trying to remember how to ride his bike and would like to learn to whistle. He likes to play with friends. His favorite color is green.

TODAY on this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will hear stories from the US/Mexico border and the borders created in our lives. 2nd Hour will include sharing from Lora and Anna about their travels to the US/Mexico border.

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.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Our theme this year is "A way where there is no way." Read the introduction to this series [here](#). Please look in your mailbox or on the lit table for a family guide and countdown candle.

Curious about the letters we've been reading at children's time each week? See them for yourselves in a display in the multipurpose space. Eleven churches participated in our children's church letter exchange, including one from Clinton Frame that just arrived this week!

Consider signing up to take a meal to Sean and Becky Smuts. <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/UREN1717>

Nayo and friends from both Assembly and Faith present an evening of Latin American music, art, and poetry! Sat, Nov 23 at the Art House in downtown Goshen. Doors open at 6:30pm, concert at 7pm. Rarely heard folk music from South and Central America including excerpts from the classical concerto for Kena. Book signing and poetry reading of Nayo's new book of songs and poems, "Preludios". Original art for exhibit and sale by Sandra Y. Pérez and Magdalena Bridger-Ulloa. Edible art by Castillo's Sweet Treats! *No entrance fee is being charged, but goodwill donations will be accepted and shared among the musicians*

Marna Mateer will hold a book signing at Fables Books from 6-8pm on Dec 6. [Click here](#) for more information.

Do you subscribe to The Mennonite magazine? ([Click here](#) for more info if you've never heard of it.) Assembly has a group subscription, and all are welcome to consider joining! A regular subscription is \$46 per year and Assembly's group subscription costs \$37 per year. Look in your mailbox or on the lit table for a half sheet explaining how to sign up.

Central District Conference's November edition of their monthly newsletter, Reporter, [can be viewed here](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Hospitality beyond our walls:** Assembly will be serving supper and hosting evenings at Interfaith Hospitality Network December 9, 10 and 12. [View our website](#) 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!

(repeat) **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 prep. Questions? Contact Sharon Kauffmann or Mary Yoder Holsopple.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

community connections

All are welcome to attend Waterford Crossing's silent auction on Nov 21 5:30-7:30pm in the Assisted Living building for refreshments and to bid on your favorite wreaths and Christmas Decor. All proceeds will go to the Boys & Girls Club.

All are invited to a Community Thanksgiving Eve service, 7pm Wed, Nov 27, at Faith Lutheran 202 S. Greene Road. 6pm is an open Choir Practice. Coffee and Pie following Worship. The offering will go to support the Goshen Ministerial Association Emergency Assistance Fund.

First Friday meal at The Window: Dec 6, 4:30-7pm. Menu: 2 Salvadoran bean & cheese pupusas, cabbage salad and salsa, rice pudding. \$9 suggested donation, \$2 for each extra pupusa. Organized by Faith Mennonite, with live music performance by Lost Luggage Trio. All proceeds go to support The Window's programs to end hunger locally.

Goshen College will again present A Festival of Carols, the annual Christmas music extravaganza and one of the most highly-anticipated concerts of the year, on Dec 6 and 7 at 7:30pm, and Dec 8 at 4pm. The concert will feature performances by the Goshen College Choirs, Goshen College Symphony Orchestra and special guests, interspersed with audience singing and readings. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased online at goshen.edu/tickets or through the Goshen College Box Office.

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Men's choral singing meets folk-rock hammered dulcimer in celebration and musical innovation, when Ted Yoder and The Open Fifths join forces for a holiday extravaganza. Ted is a National Hammered Dulcimer Champion; The Open Fifths perform a variety of music for men's voices from sacred to popular. Two Christmas concerts are Sat, Dec 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart and Sun, Dec 15, 2:30 p.m. at Assembly Mennonite Church, 727 New York St., Goshen. Door prices are \$18 adults and \$12 seniors/students. Advance tickets are \$15 and \$10, available through Ted Yoder's website at www.tedyoder.com/concerts. The concerts may sell out in advance.

(repeat) **Church Community Services'** Soup of Success program [has their holiday gifts online](http://www.soupofsuccess.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 soupofsuccess.com

Greene Road Church in Goshen is looking for a part-time church secretary for 12 hours a week. A job description is available on their website: www.greeneroadchurch.org. Those who are interested can email the church at: office@greeneroadchurch.org or call 574-533-2676.

Yoder Insurance (A Division of Hummel Group) in Shipshewana, IN is looking to expand with a full-time Personal Risk Advisor. Personal Risk Advisors are responsible for helping clients manage their risk through the use of insurance strategies. If interested, go online to <https://www.hummelgrp.com/careers>.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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