

# AssemblyLine

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### WORSHIP

January 5	January 12
Worship leader: <i>Becky Snider</i> Preacher: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcoming: <i>Auklet</i> <b>2% Offering</b>	Worship leader: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Preacher: <i>Marshall King</i> Welcoming: <i>Derailed</i> <b>Communion</b>
Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12	Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

### CALENDAR

Fri	Jan 3	9:30am Greencroft meetup
Tue	Jan 7	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Jan 8	6-8:30pm Free Childcare for small groups at meetinghouse
Fri	Jan 10	11:30am Lunch Bunch
Sun	Jan 12	11am Congregational Meeting during 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour 12pm Jr Youth Gathering
Sun	Jan 26	Surprise Luncheons following 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**TODAY** is Epiphany and next week we begin our Epiphany series on Revealing God's love through sharing our gifts. As we celebrate the arrival of the Magi and the revelation of Christ to the world, we encourage you to consider how offering your gifts might reveal God's love to others. The introduction to this Epiphany series can be viewed [here](#); hard copies are on the lit table. We will begin the series next week, Jan 12, with Communion.

**With celebration and deep gratitude**, we are pleased to announce that not only did the congregation's giving in 2019 meet our spending, but that we ended the year with surplus giving of over \$3,000! Thank you all for your generous and faithful financial contributions to the ministries of Assembly throughout the past year.

**Our prayers are with** Sue Burkholder and the entire family upon the death of J. R. Burkholder on December 20<sup>th</sup> at Greencroft Healthcare. Visitation will be here at the meetinghouse on Fri, Jan 24, from 4-7pm. The memorial service will be held here on Sat, Jan 25 at 11am. The full obituary can be found online [here](#).

**We also offer prayers and extend heartfelt sympathies** to Patricia Ebersole Zweir, Joel Zwier and Elisa Zwier and the rest of their family on the passing of Patricia's father Bob Ebersole on Jan 3 at Waterford Crossing. The

memorial service is being planned for Saturday Feb 1 here at the meetinghouse. More details will be forthcoming.

**Lora Nafziger is gone** at Wabash Pastoral Leadership Jan 6-8, where they are focusing on Hunger and Poverty.

**Comfort ye: The MCC Great Winter Warmup** is coming, with a push all across North America to turn in hundreds of comforters to MCC by Jan 18. We'd like to do our bit here at Assembly, so we've set aside Fri, Jan 17 as a day to put together as many comforters as possible at the meetinghouse. We are especially in need of people to come Fri to help knot or stitch comforters, and extra hands are needed to set up for our comforter event on Thurs evening. Contact Mary Gilbert if you can come either day, or for more details: 574-534-1852 or [mgilbert1301@gmail.com](mailto:mgilbert1301@gmail.com)

**Sign up to Attend Assembly surprise luncheons** on Sun, Jan 26! Sign up by Jan 19 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 Jan 26 (hence the surprise). A few days before Jan 26, 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.

(repeat) **Check out the new AMC photo directory** in the multipurpose space! A big thanks to Steve Johns who helped organize and format all the photos.

(repeat) **Mark your calendars:** The Women's Lunch Bunch is meeting Jan 10th from 11:30-1:00. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the presentation and conversation on *Joys and challenges of working in Mennonite institutions: Past, present, and future* led by Bev Lapp.

(repeat) **Safety Networks** offers ways to support undocumented immigrants in our community, whether it's money for an urgent financial need, driving to an attorney or doctor appointment, providing guidance for a struggling family, or interpreting for someone who doesn't speak English. Learn more, sign up at <http://bit.ly/safety-net-start>.

(repeat) **A family letter** from Margarita Klassen de Melo (past Assembly attender from '88-'96) [can be read here](#).

## community connections

**The Great Winter Warm-up is almost here!** Mennonite Central Committee will kick off the centennial celebration year with people all over the U.S., Canada and Europe knotting comforters during The Great Winter Warm-up on Sat, Jan 18. Visit [greatwinterwarmup.org](http://greatwinterwarmup.org) for information about locations near you, and remember that Assembly is hosting an event here at the meetinghouse on Fri, Jan 17. If you'd like to join a bigger group, in MCC's Great Lakes region they are planning a large, two-day event on Fri and Sat, Jan 17 and 18 in Kidron, Ohio. For more information contact the Great Lakes Office at 574-534-4133 or [GreatLakes@mcc.org](mailto:GreatLakes@mcc.org).

**Register now for Hope for the Future 2020**, a Mennonite Church USA event for people of color. Registration is open through Jan 15 for this Anabaptist networking and equipping event being held in Arlington, Texas on Jan 24-26. Hope for the Future gathers leaders of color from church and related ministries to explore the ways that power, privilege and racism function in our denomination. For more information, visit <https://cvent.me/IVENAM>.

**Fully online seminary degree.** Check out AMBS's new fully online MA: Theology and Global Anabaptism! The 46-credit-hour academic degree program can be completed in four years of part-time study and offers a global

approach to Anabaptist theological education. [ambs.edu/matga](http://ambs.edu/matga)

**Seminary scholarships for VSers.** AMBS offers tuition discounts and scholarships (\$1,500 per academic year) to current and former voluntary service workers. Enrollment must occur within five years of completion of the VS assignment. Sign up for a course now, or tap a shoulder! [ambs.edu/vs](http://ambs.edu/vs)

(repeat) **Sunnyside and Belmont Mennonite Churches** are gearing up to host the 8th annual season of Kids' Community Theater. Any child, grades K-5th, is welcome to join! There will be eight Wed night rehearsals in Jan and Feb with a meal beforehand, and two performances--Feb 29 and Mar 1, all at Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Elkhart. This is an incredible intergenerational endeavor that provides a positive faith formation experience for these kids! For more info see the flyer hanging over Assembly lit table or email Sunnyside pastor Amy Kratzer at [amykratzer@gmail.com](mailto:amykratzer@gmail.com), or call Sunnyside Mennonite Church at 574-875-7790.

(repeat) **Everence has decided** to continue their Medicare Monday educational workshops through 2020. All workshops are on a Monday from 6:30-7:30pm at 110 N Main St in Goshen. For a list of which Mondays this will be offered along with info about how to RSVP, [click here](#) or see the poster hung next to the lit table. Topics at these workshops include: Medicare enrollment details and deadlines, Budgeting for healthcare and income in retirement, Social Security- when do I start?, and Plans that supplement Medicare. Questions can be directed to [sarah.bonebrake@everence.com](mailto:sarah.bonebrake@everence.com)

(repeat) **Do you know youth with gifts** for leadership and ministry? Through AMBS's !Explore program, students in grades 10-12 can explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience (June 30 - July 16, 2020). Scholarships are available. Tap a shoulder! [ambs.edu/explore](http://ambs.edu/explore)

Please email announcements to [assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org) by 8 AM local time Friday for inclusion in the following Sunday's *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

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**Assembly Mennonite Church** seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999