

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

February 2	February 9
Worship leader: <i>Small Group Well Seasoned</i> Preacher: <i>Kara Shields</i> Welcoming: <i>Hug</i>	Worship leader: <i>Marlette Gomez Wengerd</i> Preacher: <i>Keith Graber Miller</i> Welcoming: <i>Maple</i>
Scripture: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-33; Matthew 5:1-12	Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

CALENDAR

Sat	Feb 1	10am Visitation & 12pm Memorial Service for Bob Ebersole
Tue	Feb 4	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Feb 5	6-8:30pm Small Group Childcare at meetinghouse 6:30-7:45pm Small Group Welcome at meetinghouse
Fri	Feb 7	9:30am Greencroft meetup
Sun	Feb 9	Fellowship meal following 2 nd hour
Fri	Feb 14	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY is the fourth Sunday in 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.

Age-based adult Sunday School classes continue and will run for 2 more weeks. Each group is structured the same way, with the same discussion questions. We'll do a mix of small group discussion and larger group discussion around a topic each week. Each group has a facilitator and a notetaker. Look for the signs to show you where to go. After you get your coffee, please do not linger in the multipurpose space because the 70+ group will be meeting in there. Either quietly do the puzzle or converse in the gathering space. The topic this week is the Privileges of the Child!

Paul Meyer Reimer will be taking pictures TODAY and Feb 9 to update the photo directory which you can view [on our website](#) or in the Multipurpose space. Look for him after 1st hour if you would like to update or add your household's picture.

Our condolences to the family of Orville Schmidt who died at Greencroft on Tue, Jan 28. A visitation for Orville

Schmidt will be held this Sat, Feb 1 (tomorrow), in Wakarusa at the Reith, Rohr, Ehret and Lienhart Funeral Home from 3-6pm. Orville was a long time Assemblyite and a participant in Small Group One. His full obituary [can be found here](#).

Free childcare for young children of households participating in a small group will be held this Wed, Feb 5 from 6-8:30pm. If you plan to bring your child(ren) please RSVP to office@assemblymennonite.org so we can plan to have the appropriate number of caregivers.

Small Group Welcome is a new type of Assembly small group which is open to anyone who wants to show up for: worship (a lectionary reading), quiet reflection, brief discussion, sharing the highs and lows from our lives, and prayer. Come occasionally or come regularly. We will meet this Wed, Feb 5 at the meetinghouse from 6:30-7:45pm.

We will feast together in a fellowship meal following 2nd hour on Feb 9! We are requesting that households with names beginning with A through L bring a salad or side dish, and M through Z bring a main dish. If you prefer to bring something different than requested that's fine; what is important is to have plenty of all types of food! Please also bring plates and utensils for your household.

A note from Barbara Kusnitz (previous attender who moved to CO in 2019): I'm just recovering from very critical emergency surgery. I would appreciate prayers as I

recover here in Colorado. I still miss Assembly and hope to be able to visit in late April.

A note from Sue Burkholder and family: Words can hardly express the appreciation of my family and me for the kindness we have experienced from you folks here at AMC. Thank you for all the hard work of getting space ready, food preparation, and the countless small details to make the Memorial Service for J.R. Burkholder happen including welcoming all those who came. J.R. loved this church and our being here on a Sunday morning was an important goal for us. Thank you, thank you.

Abigail Brunk Greaser (previous AMC MYFer and now a theatre major at Goshen College) will hold her Senior Capstone Project "Bodies of Eden: An Original Devised Movement Piece" at Umble Center on GC campus on Sun, Feb 2 at 8pm. Open to the public, free admission. All are welcome.

Assembly/Faith Leap Day Dance FUN(d)raiser is just around the corner: **Feb 29 5-7pm**. It's a great way to connect, build community, get your "steps" in, and stamp out the blahs! The event is open to the public and all donations will go to Assembly's building fund to help pay off our mortgage. Volunteers are needed for making popcorn, accepting donations, cleaning up, among other jobs. Please indicate your willingness to help on the signup sheet found on the rolling cart in the gathering space.

Volunteer with Interfaith Hospitality Network, Goshen's opportunity to care for families moving toward homes. This year we serve only two times, in March and July, so don't miss out! Please [check Assembly's website](#) for the exact days and times available, and then email Susan at SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com to let her know which day and time you can serve. You can also email Susan if you have questions or would like more information.

(repeat) **Small group reps met** on Tuesday and previewed a proposal from Lora Nafziger for a new way to mark adult transitions and significant events. They were also presented with this year's edition of the AMC Leader Selection worksheet. Ask your rep about these items.

(repeat) **Leader Selection** is upon us! Please discern within small groups both who you would like to recommend and

who in your group would be willing to volunteer for various roles. [Click here](#) to fill out the online worksheet. Two other documents that you might find helpful are the list of [Positions and Committees](#) including blanks where they need to be filled, and the [Address Directory](#) which includes an asterisk next to the names of members (certain positions such as Elders can only be filled by members).

(repeat) **The next Women's Lunch Bunch** is scheduled for Feb 14, 11:30am-1pm at the meetinghouse. Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering for women of the congregation to share stories and fellowship together. Lisa Koop will be talking about the impact of politics on women, particularly immigrant women. Bring your own lunch. Contact Sharon Kauffmann (smkauffmann42@gmail.com) or Mary Yoder Holsopple (yohome72@msn.com) if you have any questions.

(repeat) **Assembly received a check** from Everence recently for \$149.85 from their MyNeighbor program. With this program, each time MyNeighbor cardholders make a purchase, 1.5% of the transaction amount is designated as a donation from Everence to the organization of the cardholder's choice. Learn more about the MyNeighbor card at everence.com/myneighbor, call 800-451-5719, look for literature on Assembly's lit table, or talk to Barb Hassan (tmhas7@aol.com), Assembly's Everence rep.

(repeat) **Thank you to the countless volunteers** who made the Great Winter Warm-up a success! Groups of all sizes gathered in more than 100 events in churches and homes across the United States, Canada and Europe resulting in a preliminary estimate of over 5,700 comforters received; 12 of them were from Assembly! That number is only expected to grow as the official counting continues through the end of the month. MCC thanks you for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world!

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

community connections

Upcoming concerts at Goshen College include a Rieth Recital Series Concert by Organist Craig Cramer on Sun, Feb 2 at 4pm (\$12); a Low Voice Choir Festival Concert

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on Tues, Feb 4 at 7:30pm (\$8, \$6); and a Winter Choral Concert on Saturday, Feb 8 at 7:30pm (\$8, \$6). Tickets are available online at goshen.edu/tickets or through the Goshen College Box Office.

Charles W. Fluharty, the founder, president and CEO of the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), will present a Yoder Public Affairs lecture titled “Change in Rural America: Culture, Equity, Impact” on Tues, Feb 11 at 7:30pm in Goshen College Music Center’s Rieth Recital Hall. This lecture is co-sponsored by the Elkhart County Historical Museum and Goshen College, and is free and open to the public. Fluharty’s visit is in conjunction with a Smithsonian exhibit, “Crossroads: Change in Rural America,” which is on display at the Elkhart County Historical Museum in Bristol Feb 1 through March 15.

Join the Goshen College Music and Theater Departments as they celebrate Broadway and classic operatic works with a fully staged Musical Theater Scenes: A Musical Cabaret of Light and Love, on Feb 14 & 15 at 7:30pm, and Feb 16 at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$5 general admission in the Umble Center, and can be purchased online at goshen.edu/tickets.

Curious about attending Goshen College? The President's Day open house on Feb 17 is a great opportunity to learn more about GC's distinctive programs, talk to professors and have your college questions answered. Join us and other students from around the world considering making Goshen College their home. Learn more at goshen.edu/visit

The 12th Annual Elkhart County Community Summit on Children is now open for registration. Join us on Friday, March 27, for “2020: A New Vision,” presented by the Elkhart County Juvenile Court. Registration is \$25 per person which includes lunch and CEUS. For the full itinerary of events and to register, [click here](#).

Climate and Community Retreat at Camp Friedenswald Apr 17-19 - If you are passionate about the climate crisis, come replenish your energy, connect with like-minded folks, deepen your knowledge, and vision for next steps in your community. Church teams, pastors, interested individuals, youth groups, and families are all welcome!

There will be childcare available during adult/teen-oriented sessions for children ages 0-12. For more information or to register, visit <https://friedenswald.org/retreats/>.

Are you a registered nurse or doctor? Camp Friedenswald needs your help! Each week of summer youth camps we need a qualified health officer to help provide basic first aid and distribute medication. It's a great opportunity to serve and to enjoy the peaceful woods in the summer! Please contact Naomi Leary, Program Director for further information at program@friedenswald.org.

Pathways Retreat has an immediate [opening for a Part-time Administrative Assistant](#). If you enjoy interacting with people, paying attention to detail, and having flexibility in your work schedule, this may be the job for you. Click on the above link to find out more about the position and how to apply.

Center for Healing and Hope is currently seeking to hire an additional Certified Medical Assistant or Licensed Practical Nurse to assist on a part- or full-time basis in our clinic. Applicants must have clinical experience in a primary care office setting, be bilingual in Spanish and English, have excellent communication and writing skills, and be able to work two evenings a week. Those interested should send resumes to Janelle Martin at jmartin@chhclinics.org.

(repeat) **An evening of Candlemas & Crepes** is happening at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen) on Sat, Feb 1 at 5pm. In this simple service of light and blessing, the candles to be used this year at Pathways Retreat will be blessed. Following the service, we will celebrate with homemade crepes. You are welcome to bring your own candles for blessing as well. www.pathwaysretreat.org

(repeat) **Help-A House Applications** are now available for the 30th annual home repair program in Goshen. Help-a-House completes major repairs such as furnace replacements, window replacement, and accessibility additions. Over 560 homes and families in Goshen have benefitted from this program since its inception in 1991. Homeowners should apply as soon as possible, but no later than March 1. Applications are treated on a first come first serve basis. To find out more or apply, visit

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lacasainc.net/programs/help-a-house/ or contact us at 574-533-4450 or <mailto:rocio.arevalo@lacasainc.net>.

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat's** most recent edition of their newsletter "Rhythms" can be [viewed here](#).

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a full-time assistant for Program Human Resources. Responsibilities include supporting the work of the Care Coordinator and Personnel Counselors, along with managing details for worker orientation and seminars. Strong attention to details, ability to manage and track people and processes. Some travel required. See the position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Send resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net for consideration.

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