

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10;

Mark 10:35-45

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

October 18

Worship leader: *Anna Yoder Schlabach*
Sermon: *Paul Keim*
Welcoming & tear-down: *Cheers & Maple*

Scripture: *Psalm 1, Psalm 139:1-10*

Sunday School: *The Call of Samuel (1 Samuel 1-3)*

October 25

Worship leader: *Regina Shands Stoltzfus*
Sermon: *Lisa Schirch*
Welcoming & tear-down: *Esther & Net*

Sunday School: *Saul becomes king (1 Samuel 8:1-10:25)*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Oct 18	7pm Congregational meeting
Tues	Oct 20	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Wed	Oct 21,28	Fall work day at the meetinghouse
Sun	Nov 1	6:30pm Family Lantern Festival
Sun	Nov 15	12pm Sunday School Parents meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Alyda Miller Avelar turns 2 on Oct 18! Alyda really enjoys helping whether it be picking up her toys or preparing a meal. She especially enjoys taking care of her babies. She looks forward to her Saturday morning Farmer's market shopping trip and her Sunday afternoon bike trips with abuelo and nana. She loves listening to music. Her favorite song in English is Free to be You and Me and in Spanish Pin Pon.

Arthur Beyeler (CCYC) turned 4 on Oct 12! Arthur likes to play legos with his dad and read books with his mom. Pickles are favorite food, and he likes to play house with his cousin Penelope. He enjoys baking gingerbread cookies and riding on the tractor while visiting his grandparents.

James Lind (4th Bethany) turned 10 on October 12th! James enjoys being outside and playing soccer and basketball. He loves to read with his family and play board games. He enjoys school and is learning to play the violin. He is looking forward to going canoeing with his grandparents for part of fall break.

Jordana Farran (6th grade Bethany) turned 12 on Oct 14! Jordana enjoys acting and hopes to be in middle school play. She also plays volleyball and enjoys traveling with her family. Jordana is looking forward to traveling to NYC to see a Broadway show. She also plays viola and piano in the Shout for Joy choir.

Lora is out of the office Oct 17-24. Please contact Karl or Dawn with any pastoral needs during this time.

Mailboxes have been reassigned! Please check carefully to make sure you are getting your mail.

Pledge forms are in your mailbox today! The actual amount of the Spending Plan is determined by the dollars you pledge to give in 2016. Everyone is urged to prayerfully consider their intentions for this aspect of stewardship. You will have an opportunity to place them in the offering on Sun Nov. 8. Thank you!

Safe Church agreement forms need to be signed by all those working with children and youth this year. Copies can be found in your mailbox. Please return them to Naomi Roots' mailbox.

By popular demand, nametags are back! We have heard that wearing nametags this fall has been helping us learn to know each other and that many folks would like to continue the practice. So, we encourage you to keep it up by wearing your name tags each Sunday. If you turned yours in last Sunday, it has been returned to your mailbox. Thanks for so willingly participating in this practice of hospitality and welcome!

Our Fall Bible study worship begins this week with focus on the Psalms. As we worship and pray with the Psalms, we will learn more about how the Psalms shaped the

worship and prayer life of the people of Israel and reflect on how they continue to shape us.

Our fall electives series begins this week, ending on Nov 22. We will have two enticing options for your 2nd hour selection: 1.Further exploration of the Psalms Bible study- Praying the Psalms through song, poetry and movement. 2. Some Assembly Required- Designed for new(ish) people to learn what makes Assembly tick.

Fall Work Days will be Wed Oct 21 and 28, Nov 5. Small group reps will find info in their mailbox this Sun with assigned tasks to paired groups. Use this opportunity to get to know another small group!

The Maple City Chamber Orchestra, directed by Brian Mast, will present their annual Family Concert: "*Tubby the Tuba*" and *More Musical Tales* on Sunday, October 18 at 3 p.m in Goshen College's Sauder Concert Hall. The concert will feature Mary Lehman Yoder as narrator and Roger Lewis as "Tubby the Tuba," two famous overtures by Rossini- *Barber of Seville* and *William Tell*, as well as the *Mother Goose Suite* by Ravel. Admission is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken at the door. The Maple City Chamber Orchestra was formed of volunteer musicians in 1997 and presents four free concerts per year. For more information, to support or join the orchestra, please visit www.mcco-online.org.

Why does the Pentagon hire a Mennonite pacifist as a consultant? On Sun, Oct 25, Lisa Schirch, Research Professor at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at EMU, will be preaching in the first hour and leading sharing in the second hour. The Peace and Justice Ministry Team invited Lisa to share about her work in conflict assessment and peacebuilding planning in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other locations, including with several branches of the U.S. government. The church library has a DVD of a previous talk Lisa gave in Harrisonburg. Lisa is the sister of Doug Schirch and Michelle Shelly.

The annual lantern festival will take place on Nov. 1 at 6:30 at the meeting house. This fall celebration of candles and song is open to all families, with special interest to those in grades K-3. Please pick up a metal can on Oct 25.

"The Songs of Edvard Grieg" A Lecture-Concert by celebrated bass-baritone Njål Sparbo, pianists Luke and

Mary Rose Norell, and the Goshen College Chamber Choir, conducted by Dr. Scott Hochstetler. Wed, Nov 4, 7:30pm at Rieth Recital Hall at the Goshen College Music Center. \$7 adults and \$5 senior/student discount available online at <http://www.goshen.edu/tickets> or by calling 535-7566. Sparbo, along with pianists Norell will perform many of Edvard Grieg's solo art songs, and will collaborate with the Goshen College Chamber Choir, conducted by Dr. Scott Hochstetler, on Grieg's final opus, the sacred a cappella work: *Four Psalms*.

Tanzania Education Aid is hosting a benefit dinner at Assembly meetinghouse on Sat, Nov 7 at 5pm. Come enjoy an authentic Tanzanian meal! Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 5-18, under 5 free. Get tickets from Tobias or Lenora Hirschler Magatti, Andre Hirschler, Michael Miller, Richard Hirschler, or Joy Buschert. If you can't make it, please consider gifting tickets to someone who may enjoy East African food and support a great cause. Thank you.

MCC Great Lakes office is currently searching for a host family for one of our IVEP participants in Goshen. We are looking for someone to host from Nov '15- July '16 If you are interested please check out IVEP at mcc.org/ivep or contact Amber Falcón at amberfalcon@mcc.org or 574-534-4133 for more details.

New Website Fun Fact: Did you know that part of the Assembly budget includes funding for the MYF to participate in a service trip, wilderness winds trip or convention each summer? In exchange for the funding and as a way of saying thank you for support, the MYF provide service hours to the congregation. You can find contact information for each of the MYF and the areas they are interested in volunteering their time on the website by clicking [here](#) and scrolling down to the bottom of the MYF section. Thank you MYF!

Thanks to you, Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale was able to raise approximately \$466,000 before expenses for MCC which will touch many lives around the world. Of this total, about \$103,000 came from the money children and churches collected, along with both large and small matching grants for My Coins Count, (Penny Power). We want to thank you for your generosity and for the many who volunteered countless hours to make the sale a success.

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(repeat) **Explore Double Oak** (land entrusted to Dennis and Susan Mark Landis), using ideas from the book, "One small square." Oct 17, 2-5pm. Consider bringing crayons, colored pencils, magnifying glasses and binoculars and dress for poison ivy, bugs and muck. We'd be glad to know you are coming: susanmarklandis@gmail.com

(repeat) **Rod Hanby will be having cornea surgery** on Oct. 19. Rod needs to stay flat on his back while his cornea heals in place, so his family will be glad for help with meals during this time of recovery. If you would like to help out, you can sign up by accessing the meal schedule through the [AMC webpage](#) or by visiting

[TakeThemAMeal.com](#) and locating the schedule by recipient last name (Horst Hanby) and password (anneandrod). If you have any questions, please be in touch with Brooke Rothshank.

(repeat) **Fish Fry at Bethany:** Bethany Christian HS's Senior Class Fish Fry on Fri, Oct 30, is less than two weeks away! Come 4:30-8pm for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are available from all Bethany seniors or at the door. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children grades 1-6. Preschool age is free. Carryout is also available with adult tickets only.

(repeat) **Thank you very much** for the Assembly Mennonite Church contribution of \$2363.43 to this year's My Coins Count drive! Congregations raised over \$43,000 this year. In addition we have a \$60,000 donation which brings the total to approximately \$103,000.

(repeat) **Caring for the Body:** We are a congregation with diverse abilities and disabilities. Some among us have serious **scent allergies**. Please don't use perfumes or scented lotions as you come to worship. Some have **difficulty hearing**. Using the microphone and standing up to speak will help others hear more clearly. Some are **vision impaired** and need to hold printed materials close to read them. It is not practical for us to share song books and handouts with the person sitting next to us, and we may ask you to look on with someone else.

(repeat) **Deb and Steve Johns** have a new address: 1738 A1 Manor Haus Ct, Goshen IN 46526. Telephone number remains the same.

community connections

In celebration of Indiana's "College App Day," Goshen College will be waiving application fees for all Indiana high school seniors who [submit their application](#) to GC on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015. To apply to Goshen College, visit www.goshen.edu/admission/apply.

MDC (Mennonite Disabilities Committee) Goldenrod serves people with developmental disabilities on our Goshen and Middlebury campuses, in homes, and in the community across our region. To make sure we're going in the right direction with our programs and services, we are beginning a strategic planning process to decide where we will focus the next 2-3 years. All are invited to participate in a one-hour meeting: Fri, Oct 23, 3:30-4:30pm at Dayspring Christian Health Care, 1155 N 1200 W, Middlebury, IN (Between US-20 and County Road 16/W County Road 250 N). Your input and participation in this feedback meeting is really valuable to MDC Goldenrod.

Enchanted Forest at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College, Farmstead Site. Fri, Oct 23 and Sat, Oct 24, 7-8:30pm. This family activity is especially for children K-3rd grade, but people of all ages enjoy it. Come for a night hike by lantern light and meet native Indiana animals. Your costumed hosts will tell about their diets, habits, babies and favorite places. While you wait for a guide, enjoy live music and snacks. \$2.50 per person. Advance registration not expected.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Goshen College will host a performance of Los Valientes, a live music theatre work, on Tues, Oct. 27 at 7:30 in the GC Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Los Valientes explores the artistic and political passions of Mexican painter Diego Rivera, the unwavering commitment to human rights of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, and the pursuit of social justice by Mexican American Joaquin Murrieta, aka Zorro.

Harvest Hymn Sing and Potluck at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, Rieth Village Site. 5:30-8pm. Wed, Oct 28. Bring a harvest-themed seasonal potluck dish and enjoy an evening of agriculture and song. The meal will be at 6pm, with brief garden and greenhouse walks before that. Singing in the barn will follow.

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Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Display and related events at Goshen College Good Library Gallery, Nov 2-18 (Gallery Opening, Tues, Nov 3, 7:30-9pm with 8pm gallery talk). The Doctrine of Discovery refers to a set of 15th century Papal bulls that gave European nations the right to conquer Indigenous Peoples and take their land. Peace educators Erica Littlewolf and Karin Kaufman Wall will be in town for the gallery talk and additional events Nov 3&4. See the events tab at merrylea.goshen.edu for more information.

Anabaptist Communicators (AC) Conference 2015 Nov 5-6 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. One big idea. One bold idea. (What about even one bad idea?) This year's annual faith-oriented gathering will offer one marketing/communication idea at a time offered in a simple TED-talk style. While AC includes professionals who work in church, para-church, and non-church communications contexts, this gathering is open to all who are interested in media and communication. (Consider that good communication is an essential part of many ministries, from pastoring to peacemaking to educating and others!) Cost: \$295 before Oct 15; \$335 after (includes lunch and dinner). Students may attend for free (no meals) or for \$25 (with meals); registration is required so that we can plan for space needs. To learn more and download a registration form, see <http://www.anabaptistcomm.org/>.

Mennonite Creation Care Network Potluck with Todd Wynward 5pm, Sun, Nov 8 at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship. Todd Wynward, author of a new book, *Rewilding the Way*, will join interested creation care groups or individuals for food, conversation and visioning. Bring a dish to share.

Visiting a college campus is one of the best ways to see for yourself if it is the right fit for you. Goshen College is offering another Explore Goshen Day on Nov 13, with special tracks for students interested in nursing. You'll be able to tour campus, talk with professors, learn about scholarships and financial aid, hear from current students, eat lunch in the dining hall and ask all of your questions. Sign up today at goshen.edu/visit.

(repeat) **St. Joseph Valley Camerata's** first concert of the year, *Flights of Fancy*, centers on the themes of flight, heaven, and angels. The centerpiece is "Leonardo Dreams

of his Flying Machine" by composer Eric Whitacre. Program also includes selections from Haydn's *The Creation*, spirituals by Dawson and DeCormier, anthem from Lady Diana's funeral, bluegrass selections accompanied by traditional instruments, a Beatles tune, and more. *Flights of Fancy* will take place on Fri, Oct 16 at 7:30pm, Sauder Hall at Goshen College. Tickets available at <http://gcmusiccenter.org/> or by calling [535-7566](tel:535-7566)

(repeat) **Leaders from Nazareth Hospital EMMS**, the oldest hospital in the modern State of Israel, will be featured in an informational public presentation on Mon, Oct 19, 7pm at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, 2509 Berkey Avenue, in Goshen. Dr. Bishara Bisharat, Head of Nazareth Hospital EMMS, and Ms. Samar Mansour-Samawi, Director of Public Relations, will lead in the discussion. Contact Paul Leichty at info@mennnohealth.org, [1-888-406-3643](tel:1-888-406-3643) or John Lapp at johnl@mmnworld.net, [574-523-3075](tel:574-523-3075).

(repeat) **Ministering to those with Mental Illness**, Thur, Oct 29, Oaklawn, Goshen Campus, 12-4:30pm. Have you ever wondered how to respond to someone experiencing a mental health crisis? Did you ask, "How can I be supportive? How can I set boundaries? Is our church doing enough to help these individuals?" Session1: Facing the abyss without flinching by Christine Guth . Session 2: Wrestling with Angels by Lora Nafziger. Session 3: Support Groups within Amish Churches by Dale Raber. [Get details and register](#)

(repeat) **Oaklawn will host a two-day training** on trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, or TF-CBT, on Thurs, Oct 29, and Fri, Oct 30 (9am-4pm each day), at Oaklawn's campus in South Bend. TF-CBT, is an evidence-based form of therapy specifically developed for children who have experienced trauma and who are having significant emotional and/or behavioral problems related to their traumatic life events. The goal of this 2-day training is to prepare clinicians to begin the practice of TF-CBT. For more info and to register, click [here](#).

(repeat) **Children's Choir opportunity:** Mennonite Youth Coir Festival is inviting children grades 3-9 to join in a weekend of singing, Mar 5-6, 2016, in Goshen, IN. Youth of all denominations are encouraged to participate. Practice on Sat, Mar 5; concert performance on Sun, Mar 6,

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2016, at 2pm. (free and open to the public) Cost per Child: \$35 early registration (ends Nov 1), \$45 regular registration. Guest director: Brent Hyman. For [more information](#) and to [register](#), please visit: www.mennoniteyouthchoir.org
or email : mychoirfest@gmail.com

(repeat) **Mennonite Disaster Service** volunteer needs in WA, MI, NE, TX. To volunteer, email ahurst@mds.mennonite.net or phone Alicia at [\(717\)735-3536](tel:(717)735-3536).

(repeat) **Following Cliff Brubaker's resignation**, Amigo Centre announces its search for a new Executive Director. The target for having a new director in place is Jan 1, 2016. The position is full time, with benefits. More information is available at Amigo's website: www.amigocentre.org
Cliff will continue in his current role through year's end.

(repeat) **LaCasa is seeking a Resident Manager** for our Supportive Housing residential community in Goshen. Candidate will live in a new 1 bedroom apartment within a 16 unit apartment building for homeless individuals referred for housing by Oaklawn. Primary responsibility is to be eyes and ears for LaCasa and Oaklawn while being a friend and support to tenants. Compensation is in the form of rent reduction. Income restrictions apply. Contact Alan Greaser at alang@lacasainc.net or at [574-533-4450](tel:574-533-4450) for more information.

(repeat) **Eighth Street Mennonite Church** is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant for Finance. This is a part-time position (approx. 18-20 hrs/week) and includes tasks in bookkeeping, computer tasks, 8th St Preschool Treasurer, and other office tasks. Conversational Spanish is an asset. Training to begin Dec of 2015 with full duties to be assumed Jan 1, 2016. For a job description please contact office@8thstmennonite.org. Resumes to be sent to same email.

(repeat) **Education opportunities at AMBS;** "Preaching As Testimony", taught by Allan Rudy-Froese, PhD (non-credit; \$300) Nov 3-4 and Jan 25 in Elkhart. "God the Creator" (non-credit, \$200) taught by Ben Ollenburger, PhD. Thurs evenings. Nov 5, 12; Dec 3, 10, 17 6:30-9pm.
[Learn more and register by Oct 15](#) to save on fees.

(repeat) **You're invited to a Comforter Bash!** Join us for the MCC Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen on Fri & Sat, Oct 23-24. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23 in Goshen). A handmade comforter provides warmth and a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. The comforters will be distributed by MCC around the world. More info at mcc.org/comforter-bash.

(repeat) **How We Got the Bible** (webinar; \$45) taught by Loren Johns, PhD, AMBS Professor of New Testament. Thurs, Oct 29, 2-3:30pm EDT. Your first webinar is free! Or if you've participated in AMBS webinars previously, attend 5 to earn a free one. [Get details and register by October 24](#)

(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary seeks** a Director of Library Services to oversee the collection and staff, lead instructional programming, administer the library budget, plan cooperation with other libraries and information agencies, and assess the effectiveness of the

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