

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

January 17

Worship leader: *Small Group Three*

Sermon: *Dawn Yoder Harms*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Well Seasoned & Here and There*

Scripture: Acts 9:1-19

Sunday School: *Jesus brings good news (Luke 4:14-30)*

January 24

Worship leader: *Small Group Cheers*

Sermon: *Susan Nelson*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Cardinal & Three*

Fellowship Meal

Sunday School: *Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36)*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Jan 17	7pm Congregational meeting
Sun	Jan 24	12pm Fellowship meal
Tue	Jan 26	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Tue	Feb 2	7pm Leadership group meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Luke Yordy (4th Parkside) turned 10 on Dec 28! Luke enjoys all sports but especially soccer and football. He is in chess club and is an Ambassador at school. He enjoys playing monopoly and watching movies with his family. A highlight for him over the holidays was seeing Star Wars at the Imax and going to a Colts game!

Rachel Hirschler (1st Waterford) turned 7 on Jan 7! Rachel enjoys singing and dancing, playing outside and doing crafts. She likes playing board games such as Sequence and Sorry with her family. She is learning to read and can't wait to be bigger. She has one cat and one dog.

Justin Thomas (5th Chamberlin) turns 11 on Jan 20! Justin loves to play soccer and plays all year round with the Goshen Stars. He enjoys hanging out with friends, sledding and swimming. He plays piano and likes to read Percy Jackson and Big Nate books. He likes playing board games with his family.

Our next congregational meeting is tonight Sun, Jan 17 at 7pm. We will hear about Assembly's spending plan for 2016, a child care plan for small groups, and other congregational life updates. Child care will be provided.

AMC Email & Address Updates: Please visit the table in the gathering space to make sure your email, phone number and address are current. If you would like to add/update your contact info, or request an AMC mailbox, please fill out the form on the table.

Assembly Photo directory needs updated pictures! Click [here](#) to see the current directory. If your picture is outdated or not there, please find Paul Meyer Reimer and his camera during the upcoming two Sundays, Jan 17 and 24.

Dawn will be out of town Jan 18-25. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Lora or Karl.

During Sunday School on Jan 24, the children will be using the Circle of Grace safe church curriculum. Parents will receive more info in an email from Lora this week.

MLK Day celebrations too often mirror our ongoing divide, with white and black groups holding separate events. This year, Christians in Goshen are encouraged to travel to Elkhart and attend the Elkhart County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) worship service celebrating the Life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It will be held on Sun, Jan 17, 4pm at Canaan Baptist Church, 933 Fieldhouse Ave., Elkhart. Let us live into last year's Goshen City Council resolution acknowledging our city's racist past as a "sundown town," and declaring that "it's a new day"!

This week Regina Shands Stoltzfus traveled to Indianapolis to receive the Indiana Civil Rights Commission's highest honor, The 2016 Spirit of Justice Award. This award recognizes individuals who, inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's dream, have devoted their personal and professional efforts to creating social justice in the State of Indiana; has made significant contributions to the advancement of all people, with a focus on achieving

equality; promotes peace within their community, understands and improves communication, and facilitates cooperation between diverse populations; has shown visible and continued leadership in education, civil rights or the provision of significant social services in honor of Dr. King. You can read more about Regina and her work at <https://www.goshen.edu/news/2016/01/11/shands-stoltzfus-receives-indianas-highest-civil-rights-award/>. *Congratulations, Regina! We are grateful for your work among us!*

Letting Go, a guided retreat led by Patricia Ebersole Zwier and Susan Berends Medendorp, provides structure for corporate worship, space and format for individual Scripture study, and guides for deep receptive listening to God together with sisters. These elements of the retreat are crafted to allow for the LETTING GO that each participant is being called by God to do in her life. Perhaps it may be letting go of what keeps us stuck, stressed, angry, hurt, separated from God or others, then allowing in the gifts of grace, genuine connection, joy. More information at www.sojournersyperegrinas.com

Lois Johns Kaufmann, conference minister for Central District Conference (CDC), has announced her plans to retire late next summer. Lois shared this news with the Board of Directors and all CDC pastors in December. The Board is in the process of forming a search committee to call a new conference minister, with Carrie Mast, board secretary, as chair. CDC will recognize Lois' retirement and say farewell during the Annual Meeting at Columbus Mennonite, June 23-25 2016. Read her letter to CDC family [here](#).

(repeat) **Young adult 2nd hour class** resumed Jan 10. All those in that age demographic interested in exploring the path of "progressive Christianity" are welcome!

(repeat) **As we begin this New Year at Assembly**, our worship invites us to "Listen with God." To read more about this worship series, pick up a blue sheet on the lit table during worship.

(repeat) **Assembly mentors and mentees** are invited to a Sat ski outing to Bittersweet Michigan on Jan 16. Travel time is around 90 minutes each way and we would plan to leave the meetinghouse around 10am and return by 7pm. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Mitch Rhodes.

Cost of ski rental + a lift pass for the day is around \$70. Helmet rental is \$10.

(repeat) **A note from Steve Shantz**: I am always looking for more wax for the children's candle dipping party in December. Stubs, jar candles, dud candles, any color, sorted or mixed up. I'll take it all! But white is best! There is a tub under my mail box. Just throw them in.

(repeat) **Small Group One** is interested in meeting on a weekday afternoon. If this is a small group time that is attractive to you, talk to Edgar Metzler.

(repeat) **Our next fellowship meal** is coming up on Sun, Jan 24. Please bring table service & a dish to share!

(repeat) **Brooke Rothshank is now home** with daughter Bryn after 3.5 weeks in the NICU in South Bend. They are overwhelmingly grateful for the support they have received thus far. Unfortunately, per doctor's orders, Bryn is not allowed to have visitors until the end of Jan. If you would like to take the family a meal, please sign up [here](#).

(repeat) **Tanzania Education Aid** would like to thank Assembly Mennonite Church for its generous donation. This will go a long way toward helping children in the Shirati, Tanzania area obtain a better education!

community connections

New Perspectives on Faith meets Jan 24 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall of College Mennonite Church, Goshen. This month's guest speaker will be Gwen Gustafson Zook. She will present on "Finding God in Palestine Today." In Nov of 2015 she joined an MCC/MC USA-sponsored "Come and See" Learning Tour to Israel/Palestine. All are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion after the presentation. www.newperspectivesgoshen.org

All are welcome to join Mennonite singer/songwriter Bryan Moyer Suderman for an all-ages concert at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship on Tues, Jan 26, at 6pm. Bryan has been described as an Anabaptist Pete Seeger, with a gift for writing and leading songs that are simple, profound, singable, and fun for all ages. A pizza supper is available with advance registration. Please RSVP for supper, at 534-2398 or office@berkeyavenue.org. Pizza will be served at 5 pm. Please make your supper reservations by Sun, Jan 24.

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All are invited to Pathways Retreat, Goshen, for an Open House to celebrate the newly expanded retreat house on Sun, Jan 31. Tours and refreshments are from 3-5:30 with a liturgy of blessing at 4. See pathwaysretreat.org or call or text [333.1822](tel:333.1822) for more info and directions.

John McCutcheon Concert Cancelled: The Jan 31 John McCutcheon concert at Bethany Christian Schools has been cancelled. Anyone who has purchased tickets will be reimbursed; if you have questions, contact Kevin Miller at jkmiller@bethanycs.net

Mennonite Arts Weekend 2016 takes place in Cincinnati, OH, Feb5-7. Theme is Transormation: Reseeing, Reshaping, Renewing. Click [here](#) or contact Jep Hostetler at 537-3762 for more info.

Eighth Street Preschool has several spaces available in the 3's and 4's classes for anyone that would be interested in signing their child up to attend preschool from now until the end of May. Eighth Street Preschool emphasizes discovery learning and social interactions developmentally appropriate for 3-5 year olds, and believes that all children can learn and grow in a safe and inclusive environment. All Lead Teachers have education degrees and Spanish Translation is available. Call 533-6720 for more information or to schedule a school visit

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has available full tuition scholarship awards intended to encourage and support outstanding Mennonite students with gifts for ministry as they prepare to serve the church and are available to individuals who are in good standing of a congregation in Mennonite Church Canada, a congregation in Mennonite Church USA, or a related Mennonite group. Click [here](#) for more information.

Mennonite Disaster Service has urgent needs in WA and MI. Call Alicia Hurst at [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:800.241.8111) or e-mail at ahurst@mds.mennonite.net.

Goshen College is hiring a part-time admin assistant. This position is 24 hours/wk over 10 months (the academic year) and is shared between the Dept of Sociology, Social Work & Anthropology, and the Art Dept. If you're interested, please look at the posting on GC's website [here](#). The position is currently open and ready to be filled.

(repeat) **Everence is accepting applications** for college scholarships for the 2016–17 academic year through the end of Feb. Recipients are chosen based on academics, leadership, community involvement and responses to an essay question. For more info, click [here](#).

(repeat) **MLK weekend at AMBS:** During the weekend of Jan 16-18, the seminary will host a series of public and campus community events to honor and continue the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. The featured presenter is Ewuare Xola Osayande, educator, activist and antiracism coordinator. Click [here](#) for more info.

(repeat) **MLK Day at Goshen College:** You are invited to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. at Goshen College as we explore the theme "Trouble I've Seen: Naming the Nightmare; Re-imagining the Dream" Jan 16-18. Speakers include Sofia Samatar, a 1994 GC graduate and award-winning fantasy author, and Drew Hart, an author, activist and Black Anabaptist theologian. Events include musical performances, lectures, workshops and a community breakfast on Mon, Jan 18. Tickets are required for the community breakfast and can be purchased online at goshen.edu/tickets or by calling [535-7566](tel:535.7566). Visit goshen.edu/MLK for a full schedule and more information.

(repeat) **Mental Health First Aid** course with Oaklawn to be held in Goshen on Wed, Jan 20. For info, click [here](#).

(repeat) **Community classes in American Sign Language** sponsored by the Deaf Christian Fellowship of College Mennonite Church will be offered Tuesday evenings, Feb 2 through April 12. Beginning class 6:30-7:30pm. Intermediate class 8-9pm. Location: College Mennonite Cost: \$100 which includes the textbook. Preregistration is required. Deadline for registration is Jan 27. Contact Sheila Yoder at the church for more information. Sheila@collegemennonite.org or 535-7228.

(repeat) **Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions:** Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers scholarship funding for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for 2016-2017 academic year is May 15. For details and application form, see <http://mennohealth.org/SET>, email info@mennohealth.org or call [1.888.406.3643](tel:1.888.406.3643).

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(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** is hosting Pastors Week and Leadership Clinics toward the end of Jan. Sign up [here](#).

(repeat) **Join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)** for dinner and a program on Thurs, Jan 21 at 6:30pm at First Mennonite Church of Middlebury. Brian Wiebe, Executive Director of Horizon Education Alliance, will be presenting a program "Transforming Elkhart County into a world-class place!". Please RSVP by Mon, Jan 18, to info@michianameda.org or [355-3607](tel:355-3607). Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

(repeat) **Financial ministry opportunity: MDC Goldenrod** is looking for an accountant to provide oversight to our financial operations. If you are willing to volunteer 4-8 hours per month, please contact Tammy Friesen at [\(574\) 533-9720](tel:574-533-9720) or tammyf@mdcgoldenrod.org

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