

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### November 27

Worship leader: *Anna Schlabach Yoder*

Sermon: *Sara Klassen*

Welcoming & take-down: *Scoops & Derailed*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday School: *Walk in the light of the Lord*

### December 4

Worship leader: *Lora Nafziger*

Sermon: *Jon Zirkle*

Welcoming & take-down: *Hygge & Maple*

***The Window & 2% Offerings***

***Messiah Sing during 2<sup>nd</sup> hour***

***Fellowship meal***

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday School: *An angel visits Joseph (Matthew 1:1-25)*

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Nov 27	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
Wed	Nov 30	Candle dipping at Steve Shantz's house 6:30pm: grades K-2; 7:15pm: grades 3-5
Sun	Dec 4	Messiah Sing and Potluck
Wed	Dec 7	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Sat	Dec 12	Advent Spiral
Wed	Dec 21	7pm Longest Night service, worship space
Sat	Dec 24	6pm Christmas Eve soup and bread supper

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Martha Hanby** (Goshen Christian Montessori) turned 3 on Nov 26! She loves babies, baby dolls, imagining scenes with small figures, dress up play, dance, music, and anything else her older sister Clara is doing. She is thankful for her mommy and the playset.

**Aydian Smuts** (4<sup>th</sup> Chandler) turns 10 on Dec 1! Aydian enjoys reading *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Star Wars* graphic novels. He is a fast runner and played football last year and practices kung fu in his room. He enjoys going to see movies with his family and playing with sister Kiki.

**Advent begins today on Nov 27** with the theme *Open and Expanding Hearts*. During this season we are invited to open and expand our hearts to make space for what God is doing. For more info about Advent at Assembly, be sure to see the document attached to this week's Assemblyline (paper copies are on the lit table and can be found [here](#) on the website). Families, you will also find in your mailbox Advent candles and resource guide for this Advent season.

**For many of us**, this season before Christmas is a season of ramped-up activity. Our Advent worship seeks to create an alternative space: space to slow down and rest; space to reflect on our longings; space to watch for their signs as we wait Christ to be born in our lives and in our world. To that end, we invite you to arrive promptly to worship, to gather in silence, to enjoy the darkness as we welcome the light.

**Thank you to those that have signed up** for volunteer tasks in 2017! We only have a few more spots to fill for: Set up for Worship Space, Fellowship Meal Prep, and Child Care during 1<sup>st</sup> Hour. Never done one of these tasks before? Never fear! Detailed instructions are sent out prior to the Sundays you are assigned. To sign up or for more info: [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

**Candle dipping** is an annual tradition at Assembly that takes place in Steve Shantz's garage (60728 CR 27 Goshen, IN, 534-5315). This year it will be Wed Nov 30. Children are welcome to be dropped off or stay with their parents as they wish. Wear old and warm clothes. Children in grades K-2 are welcome at 6:30 pm and those grades 3-5

at 7:15 pm. If it is easier for your family to have children come outside of their age group that is ok!

**Christmas letter from Margarita Klassen de Melo** can be seen attached at the top of the Aline (in tiny lettering). She can be contacted at: [meloklassen@gmx.net](mailto:meloklassen@gmx.net)

(repeat) **Naomi Roots is back in the office** on M/W/F 8:30-3:30, and on T/Th she can be reached via email ([office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)) or her cell phone (773-474-3180). A big thank you to Janine Ostergren for filling in while Naomi was on maternity leave.

(repeat) **As a participatory community, Assembly** relies on volunteers to help make Sunday morning happen. Our needs for 2017 include: Kitchen Clean-up (4 times/year) – 6 needed; Fellowship Meal set-up (2 times/year) – 5 needed; Sunday school snack prep (1 month) – 1 needed; Worship space set-up (1 month) – 17 needed; Child Care during 1<sup>st</sup> hour (4 times/year) – 14 needed; Cash Count (after 1<sup>st</sup> hour for 1 month) – 5 needed. Please email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) to let us know how you can help. Thanks!

(repeat) **Women's Lunch bunch** Wed, Dec 7, 11:30, Greencroft Community Center. Please be prompt in order to improve our experience together-beginning with prayer, announcements, and food (winter salad \$4). The program will be in three parts: special music and sharing by Kimberly Glick, participatory Christmas music, and a white elephant gift exchange. Wrap and bring an item you no longer use, but that someone else might value. Sign up by Sun, Nov 26 or call Joyce Hostetler at 537-3762.

(repeat) **The Goshen Community Chorale**, under the direction of Bill Mateer, will be presenting its fall concert at 7pm on Sun, Dec 4, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Goshen. This program will showcase Hispanic Christmas music, with the "Navidad Nuestra" of Ariel Ramirez to be the featured work. Nayo Ulloa and Eric Kurtz both have solo parts and a number of other Assembly people are in the choir and/or orchestra. This event promises to bring a broad cross section of the community together for a unique shared experience and we hope that you will join.

(repeat) **Our annual Messiah Sing** will take place on Sun, Dec 4 during second hour. Brian Mast will be

directing. We will have some vocal scores, but please bring your own if you have one. There will be an orchestra rehearsal at 8am. Instrumentalists of all abilities are welcome. Younger folks who wish to play or sing only some of the choruses are welcome. Please bring a music stand if you have one and plan to play with the orchestra. We have instrumental music to distribute, but copies are also available for free [here](#). [Choose the Mozart/Proust edition, under the "Arrangements and Transcriptions" tab.] If you are interested in singing one of the arias and have not yet been contacted you should touch base with Bill Mateer.

(repeat) **Mr. Bumble by Kim Kennedy** is missing from the AMC library. Please return the book to the "return drawer" if you have it.

(repeat) **Gordon Prieb has 2016 honey for sale**. Catch him at church, call [361-5418](tel:361-5418) or email [gordonprieb@gmail.com](mailto:gordonprieb@gmail.com) if interested. Gordon and his wife, Mary Metzler and son Eli will also have a booth at the Goshen Farmers Market on November 19th: G's Bees honey, M's one of a kind art cards and E's ceramic pots. One date only.

(repeat) **Naomi Roots, Oscar Quintana** and family have moved! New address: 64577 Orchard Dr.

(repeat) **The 2% committee** proposes the following distributions from the 2% fund. If there are questions, concerns, or ideas for future 2% distributions, ask any of the 2% members or contact Steve Schrock at [sdschrock@hotmail.com](mailto:sdschrock@hotmail.com). *Local:* Goshen Ministerial Association \$700; The Window \$700; Center for Community Justice \$700; The Elkhart County Clubhouse \$700; Ryan's Place \$700; ADEC \$900; (Walnut Hill) Goshen Day Care Board \$700. *World:* MCC \$3000 (Haiti \$1000, Syria \$1000, Sudan \$1000); completion of Relief Kits - MCC Great Lakes \$500; Tanzania Education Aid \$1500

(repeat) **Update your directory**. The Schmidt family has new contact information: 1019 S. 7th St. Goshen, IN, 46526; Kris cell, [574-538-7283](tel:574-538-7283); Kathryn cell, [574-218-4086](tel:574-218-4086).

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**Bethany Christian Middle School** will hold a Christmas Choral Concert at 7pm Tue, Nov 29. Instrumental concerts will be held on Tue, Dec 6, with beginning instrument groups performing at 6:30pm and the middle school band and orchestra at 7:30. The concerts are in the school's chapel and open to the public. Admission is free.

**Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical** Tues, Dec 6 at 1pm in Sauder Concert Hall, Music Center "Curating Christmas". Beverly Lapp, professor of music and department chair, will perform her favorite piano arrangements of Advent and Christmas music, and will offer commentary on how the compositional techniques at play bring out the message and spirit of these beloved carols. This community program is free. If you have questions call [535-7565](tel:535-7565) or email [aftsabb@goshen.edu](mailto:aftsabb@goshen.edu).

**Shop Ten Thousand Villages in Goshen** on Thur, Dec 8, and Ten Thousand Villages will donate 20 percent of sales to Bethany Christian Schools. Your loved ones will enjoy the creative handcrafted gifts you purchase and artisans will receive vital, fair income as you support Bethany. Store hours for this benefit are 3-7pm.

**Do you know how to respond** if someone is having a mental health crisis? Do you call 911? What do you say? Join us on Dec 13 at Oaklawn's Goshen Campus for Adult Mental Health First Aid. [Learn more and register](#)

**The Michiana Relief Sale** is looking for old pictures, videos, stories and memorabilia from previous sales to display at the 50th sale in Sept 2017. We will make copies and preserve anything provided. We also welcome any memorabilia to be donated for auction. Contact Jeanne Heyerly at [jcheyerly@hotmail.com](mailto:jcheyerly@hotmail.com) or at [260-350-3134](tel:260-350-3134).

**Chain Reaction Bicycle Project** is looking for bike donations and volunteers to assist in the bike shop. Chain Reaction is a non-profit promoting bicycling in the Goshen community through its community bicycle repair shop and increased access to bicycles/repairs for people with low income. For more information, contact [574-903-3056](tel:574-903-3056) or email [info@crbp.org](mailto:info@crbp.org). Thank you!

**Volunteer coordinator sought**, beginning Aug 2017 AMBS is seeking a qualified individual or couple to coordinate the work of our short-term and local volunteers, connecting them with assignments from faculty and staff. If

you like to work with people, have excellent communication and computer skills, and are well organized, please consider this volunteer assignment for a one-year, renewable term. The position opens Aug 1; the start date is negotiable. For more info, contact Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, dean of Lifelong Learning, at [jglongenecker@ambs.edu](mailto:jglongenecker@ambs.edu).

(repeat) **Community School of the Arts Choral Showcase Concert** Sun, Nov 20, 4pm, Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or 535-7566. Featuring performances by three CSA youth choirs: Rejoice (grades 3-5), directed by Kristin Kauffman; Shout for Joy (grades 6-8), directed by Sandy Hill; and Sommo Voci (grades 9-12), directed by Marcia Yost.

(repeat) **Fundraiser for The Window**: Join us at The Maples at Waterford Crossing at 1332 Waterford Circle, Goshen for an American Girl Doll Tea Party and Parade, Saturday, Dec 10, 1:30-3:30pm. A \$20 per person Seat Reservation includes: Tea, Finger Sandwiches, Dessert and a Presentation on Tea Etiquette and Tea Types. Raffle tickets for an American Girl Doll, Book and Accessories are \$10 or 3 for \$25. All proceeds benefit The Window, Inc. programs. Space is limited and you must RSVP to [574.534.3920](tel:574.534.3920) by Dec 7.

(repeat) **Community School of the Arts Student Recitals** Sat, Dec 10: 11:00am, 1pm., and 3pm. Sun, Dec 11, 2016: 3pm. Rieth Recital Hall. Admission is free.

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes** is seeking a Program Director. The person who fills this role will be responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs. The Program Director is expected to connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as partner organizations, to work together and advance the mission of MCC. This position also explores ways to further develop relationships between program staff and partnerships within the Great Lakes region to reflect the commitment to diverse constituent churches. To see a full job description and apply, visit [mcc.org/gl-program-director](http://mcc.org/gl-program-director) or contact Amber Falcón at [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133).

(repeat) **Artists Martha Yoder and Justin Johnson** will present a joint exhibit, titled "Revelation Images" and "Saints and Scarabs," respectively, in the Goshen College

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Music Center's Hershberger Art Gallery. The exhibit will be open through Jan. 15. All are invited.

(repeat) **Tickets are now on sale** for Goshen College's 13th annual musical celebration of Christmas, "A Festival of Carols," on Friday, Dec 2 and Saturday, Dec 3 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, Dec 4 at 4pm in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are available for \$15 by calling the Goshen College Welcome Center at (574) 535-7566 or visiting [www.goshen.edu/tickets](http://www.goshen.edu/tickets). Patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase their tickets in advance.

(repeat) **"The Development of Sustainable Creative Economies: Telling Stories and Making Culture"** Tuesday, Nov 29, at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall with Ellah Wakatama Allfrey, a leading London editor, critic and journalist, and Jan Bender Shetler, professor of history and a scholar on Tanzania. The presentation is sponsored by the Yoder Public Affairs Lecture series and is free and open to the public.

(repeat) **Registration for "Beyond Buried Treasure: Turning Hidden Resources into Assets"** is open as of Oct. 17. This second joint MHS Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering takes place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. To register, visit [mhaelgconference.wordpress.com](http://mhaelgconference.wordpress.com). **Middle East Study Tour, Places, People, & Prayers.** The EMS Middle East study tour, May 4-27, 2017, is open to all travelers, with/without academic credit. Contact Dorothy Jean Weaver ASAP at [weaverdj@emu.edu](mailto:weaverdj@emu.edu) or (540) 432-4276 to register interest.

(repeat) **Shine: Living in God's Light**, the Sunday school curriculum produced by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, is accepting applications for curriculum writers for children age three through grade 8. Accepted writers must attend a Writers Conference in Virginia, March 2-5, 2017. Shine pays for meals and lodging during the conference and covers reasonable travel expenses. More details are available at [www.ShineCurriculum.com/writers](http://www.ShineCurriculum.com/writers).

Application and sample session deadline is Dec. 1, 2016.

(repeat) **College Internship Opportunity with Mennonite Church USA:** The Mennonite Church USA Communications team is looking for interns! Beginning in January and culminating in July 2017 at Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, these internships will include

positions for writers, editors, photographers, social media and graphic design. Internships will be paid and prioritize students of color. Interested students should contact [janiebk@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:janiebk@mennoniteusa.org) for more information.

(repeat) **Did you know you can study at AMBS from a distance?** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Master of Divinity (MDiv) **Connect** program combines online and hybrid courses to offer you in-depth study, spiritual formation and vocational internships — wherever you're located. By taking 12-14 credit hours per year, you can complete the 80-hour program in 5 ½ years. And, if you take at least 12 credit hours per academic year, you'll be considered full-time for financial aid purposes! Learn more at [www.ambs.edu/MDivConnect](http://www.ambs.edu/MDivConnect).

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