

AssemblyLine

May 8, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Luke 24:44-53

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

May 8

Worship leader: *Small Group Z*
Sermon: *Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley*
Welcoming & take-down: *Ad Lib & Cantaloupe*

Scripture: *Psalm 147:1-11; Acts 1:1-11*
S. School: *Elisha turns back the soldiers (2 Kings 6:8-23)*

May 15

Pentecost Sunday

Worship leader: *Lora Nafziger*
Sermon: *Dawn Yoder Harms*
Welcoming & take-down: *Egg Combo & Z*
Recovenanting & communion during 1st hour
Fellowship meal following 2nd hour

Scripture: *Acts 2:1-21*
Sunday School: *The good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)*

CALENDAR

Tue	May 10	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Sun	May 15	Pentecost, recovenanting, and communion during 1 st hour, with fellowship meal after 2 nd hour 7pm Congregational meeting
Weds	May 18, 25	Spring work days at the meetinghouse
Wed	Jun 1	Spring work day at the meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Leo Baldanzi Schlabach (CCYC) turned 4 on May 3! Leo loves to paint and play tag with his brother! He is very brave, especially about putting his face in the water and getting shots. Leo likes to read books and help make waffles and pancakes! He loves blueberries and peas.

David Oladipo (CCYC) turned 5 on May 5! David enjoys playing outside at home and school! At school, he also likes to play with his friends, especially on the monkey bars. He is good at riding his bike and likes to bake chocolate chip cookies. He likes to read stories and play cars with his brother and sister.

Eva Lake Rittenhouse (1st Parkside) turned 7 on May 5! Eva enjoys playing soccer, biking and playing on the merry-go-round. She enjoys family vacation and is really good at drawing and math! She likes to play games with her family and watch her dad use his remote control plane!

Norah Elise Janzen turns 4 on May 10! She loves dressing up, playing with her baby doll, coloring, doing crafts and singing silly songs. She loves to play with her little sister, Sadie and friends Clara and Martha Hanby. She is looking forward to seeing what her new bedroom in NE looks like and is excited to have a fish-shaped cake for her birthday.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 15, we will celebrate the annual ritual of recovenanting, as well as communion, during 1st hour. The celebration will continue with a fellowship meal after 2nd hour. Please bring festive and fiery foods to share, as well as your own table service. You are also invited to wear red or other fiery colors to celebrate.

Update or add your photo in Assembly's photo directory! Paul Meyer Reimer will be taking pictures this Sun May 8 and May 22.

Summer worship committee is in need of any persons who play a musical instrument. If you play an instrument and might consider sharing your talent please contact Rebecca Snider at rksnider42@gmail.com.

Christian Ed Committee is looking for extra board games that you no longer need for K-5 kids to use during summer Sunday school on rainy days.

The 2% Committee proposes the following Spring distribution plans: Local 1.LaCasa of Goshen Help a House \$750; 2. Center for Community Justice \$300 CLASS Project - Leon Bauman \$400; 3.Share the Bounty \$1000; 4.The Window \$300; 5.Goshen Ministerial Association \$300; 6.The Elkhart County Clubhouse \$300; 7.Seed to Feed - Church Community Services \$300; 8.Center for

Community Justice - Lisa Koop - National Organization \$300. World 1.MCC a.Syria/Iraq \$2000
 b.Gaza/Isreal/Palestine \$1000. c. unrestricted \$500 Other Tina Schlabach-Tucson, working at border issues, visits women in the Eloy detention facility, to help migrants and groups that work with them in the Tucson area \$500. Jack and Linda Knox live in Douglas, Ariz. - hosts - Shalom House, variety of agencies working in Douglas and Agua Prieta, the Mexican city just across the border \$500. Please bring any concerns regarding these distributions to one of the committee members by 5/15. Also, please let any committee member know of future recommendations and suggestions for 2% funding. You can reach Steve Schrock at sdschrock@hotmail.com

Scott, Christa, Norah and Sadie Janzen would like to thank the wonderful Assembly community for their love, support and friendship over the past (almost) 3 years. We will be leaving Goshen at the end of June and moving to Henderson, Nebraska where Scott's family lives. Although we are looking forward to living near family for the first time since we got married, making the decision to leave our "adopted family" has been incredibly difficult. We will miss the life-giving worship services and friendships and most especially our small group, Hug. Thank you for your prayers as we begin this transition!

Assembly Mennonite Church has been selected to take part in a doctoral dissertation research study. The purpose of this study is to assess Mennonite attitudes towards gay men and lesbian women and Mennonite attitudes towards gay men versus lesbian women. To participate in this 10-15 minute survey, please read the introductory letter found at the top of this email (hard copies can be found on the literature table) and follow the link provided in that letter.

(repeat) **Our prayers go with Karl** while he is on sabbatical May 1-August 31. During this time he will be in the mountains, on silent retreat, and witnessing the marriage of his son, among other activities.

(repeat) **A letter to the congregation** from Luke and Rachel Yoder Penner regarding their service term with MCC in El Salvador can be found attached at the top of this email (in tiny lettering). A hard copy of the letter will be posted on the bulletin board above the lit table.

(repeat) **Our prayers extend to** Kris and Kathryn Schmidt as they mourn the loss of their sister-in-law, Ginger Dusk Koslowsky. Ginger passed away on Sun, Apr 24. She was 33 and suffered from post-chemo heart failure. She leaves behind Josh (Kathryn's brother) and children Emmah (7), Ezra (4), and Eli (2). Prayers are profoundly appreciated.

(repeat) **New elders.** A key part of discerning new elders is done by small group reps. At their April meeting, they selected Rose Stutzman for the chair-elect position and James Stuckey Weber for the elder position. The congregation will have an opportunity to affirm these choices at a future congregational meeting.

(repeat) **Assembly seeks two new MYF coordinators** to work with high school aged youth throughout the year. Coordinators receive a stipend for their work; two-year term is preferred. The job description is available on the website. To apply, submit a letter of interest and resume to Lora Nafziger.

(repeat) **Summer Sunday school bags are coming!** Volunteers are needed for three age groups: Pre-K/K; 1-3; 4-5. Groups have 20 minutes of activities and time for free play. Summer Sunday School runs from Jun 12-Aug 7. Check your schedules to see which Sundays you will be available. One person is needed to lead Junior Youth. A reminder that our worship patterns change in the summer: Sunday school is during 1st hour and there is no 2nd hour.

(repeat) **Sue and J.R. Burkholder** are moving to Greencroft Goshen, not far from their present 14th St location where they have lived for the past 31 years. Please note their new address and phone number: 1801 Greencroft Blvd, Apt. 313, Goshen, IN 46526. Phone: [574-537-4781](tel:574-537-4781)

(repeat) **New Books in AMC Library: An Increase in Time** by Richard Lichty. It tells the story of Germantown Mennonite Church in its complexity and struggle from the year 1683-2005. In God's Name by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso is a beautifully illustrated children's book. It portrays the many different and wonderful names used for God the world over. "ONE" is the name used by all people. Both books are ready to be checked out. In God's Name will be used during "Children's time" this Sunday.

(repeat) **A letter from Andrea Moya:** Greetings from Colombia! It has been great living and sharing with family

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back in the motherland. I wanted to let you know that I got into EMU's Conflict Transformation graduate program to begin this fall. I'm excited for this opportunity, but in order to make it possible I need the help of 17 people to sponsor me with \$200 for the school year. If you are able to help, please send an email for more info. Thank you as always for your support. andreamoya1191@gmail.com

(repeat) **The Goshen Community Chorale** will be presenting its spring concert at 7:30pm on Sun, May 8, at the First United Methodist Church, located at 214 South 5th Street in Goshen. This program will feature Mozart's celebratory "Coronation Mass," along with works by his contemporaries. Bill Mateer will be directing and number of Assembly musicians will be singing in the chorus and playing in the orchestra.

(repeat) **We extend heartfelt sympathies** to Ruth Ann and Merritt Gardner upon the unexpected death of Ruth Ann's brother, Curtis Liechty, on Apr 15.

(repeat) **Susana Cabezas and Alfonso Jiminez** welcome your prayers for their family in the wake of the violent death of the Susana's sister's husband, Peter. Prayers for Vicki (Susan's sister), who lives in Costa Rica, are much appreciated during this difficult time.

(repeat) **New AMC phone/address and email directories** are available on the website under [Directories and Lists](#) or printed out above the lit table. If you need to update your info, email Naomi at office@assemblymennonite.org

(repeat) **Come see AMC's** Jordana Farran, Naomi Klassen, Clara Lind, Sam Ostergren in Bethany Middle School's performance of *The Willow Street Mysteries* at 7pm Fri and Sat, May 6 & 7. *The Willow Street Mysteries* is a light-hearted mystery about kids and families, missing items and confusion, and neighbors, and sometimes-friends. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.bethanycs.net/tickets>.

(repeat) **New Hymnal:** 24 years have passed since Hymnal: A Worship Book (also known as the blue hymnal) was released. Mennomedia is working to put together a new hymnal and is looking for financial support. For more information about the project and how you can help, see the literature table for brochures.

community connections

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary invites you to attend the 2016 AMBS Commencement Service at 2:30pm on Sat, May 21 at College Mennonite Church in Goshen. This year's speaker is Alan Kreider, PhD, AMBS professor emeritus of Church History and Mission.

Child and Parent Services (CAPS) is pleased to announce an upcoming training on Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect. Fri May 27, 12-1pm. A light lunch will be provided. [Register Now!](#)

Want to have full access to online resources at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary library and to the expertise of our librarians? Sign up for the AMBS Research for Ministry Online Seminar. It is an online six month, non-credit course July 1 - December 31. \$75 early registration closes June 10. Link [here](#).

Interested in learning more about the roots of Anabaptism and its meaning for today? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary invites you to join us for the Anabaptist History and Theology short course. This is an online, 6 week, non-credit short course led by Jamie Pitts, assistant professor of Anabaptist Studies and co-editor of Anabaptist Witness. September 14-October 25. Link [here](#).

Pathways Retreat May issue of their newsletter Rhythms can be found [here](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service: Short-term volunteers and groups needed in Detroit, MI May 16-20 (3-5 people needed). For more information or to sign up call [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:8002418111) or contact ahurst@mds.mennonite.net.

SWAP needs summer staff! Summer is quickly approaching, and Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program still needs summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff is a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff varies in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at [606-633-5065](tel:6066335065).

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Bethany Seeks Varsity Boys Basketball Coach: Bethany Christian High School is seeking to hire a varsity head coach for boys basketball next season, effective immediately. Interested applicants should send resumes and contact information to Athletic Director Gary Chupp at glchupp@bethanycs.net.

(repeat) **NatureFest** is a family campout and smorgasboard of outdoor activities held May 13 to 14 at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College, Wolf Lake, Ind. Camp overnight if you wish, roast marshmallows, canoe on the Kesling Wetland, take a guided hike, try a photo scavenger hunt, learn to start a campfire, dip and squish for macroinvertebrates in a wetland. Typical attendees are children, ages 5 to 12 and their favorite adults, but all ages are welcome to join this day of intergenerational fun. For schedule, activities and registration, click [here](#).

(repeat) **Little Eden Camp's Spring Work Weekend** is May 13-15. A variety of projects for a variety of skill levels. Housing and meals are provided free of charge for volunteers. Please call [231-889-4294](tel:231-889-4294) or email office@littleeden.org if interested in helping prepare the camp for the summer season while enjoying beautiful Northern Michigan and warm fellowship. All ages and skills are welcome and greatly appreciated!

(repeat) **Community School of the Arts Youth Honors Orchestras Concert** Sun, May 15 4pm, Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, online at goshen.edu/tickets or [535-7566](tel:535-7566). Featuring performances by two CSA youth orchestras: Youth Honors Concert Orchestra (grades 7-9), directed by Kyle Miller; and Youth Honors Sym Orch (grades 9-12), directed by Brian Mast.

(repeat) **Join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development** Associates (MEDA) for our Annual Business Meeting on Thu, May 19, 6:30pm at Bread & Chocolate in The Old Bag Factory, Goshen. Chapter members and guests will enjoy a meal followed by a presentation by Jennifer King, senior project manager, from the MEDA home office. RSVP by Fri, May 13, to info@michianameda.org or [355-3607](tel:355-3607). \$5 for students, \$15 for MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

(repeat) **Host Families Needed:** Bethany Christian Schools is in need of host families for serving international students who would like to attend Bethany. This opportunity to gain cross cultural experience in your own home often becomes a rewarding experience for the host family, as well as a blessing to the student. Families receive monetary compensation. One school year commitment. For more information, contact admissions director Sarah Kraybill Lind (admissions@bethanycs.net or 534-2567).

(repeat) **Save the date for a Comforter Bash!** Make plans to join us on Oct 21&22 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church. We also need precision sewers to piece and sew comforter tops for the event. Free fabric is available from Nadine Zook Miller, Material Resources Coordinator at The Depot. Contact her at nzm@mcc.org or [534-4071](tel:534-4071). A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. More information about the event at mcc.org/comforter-bash.

(repeat) **Mennonite Voluntary Service** is accepting applications for the 2016-17 year! Opportunities to serve and live in community with others are still open in a variety of placements and locations, including teaching in Puerto Rico. Ages 20+ can apply at MennoniteMission.net/Serve or contact NeilR@MennoniteMission.net for inquiries.

(repeat) **Cahoots** is an annual Christian festival of faith, justice and DIY that takes place in southern Ontario June 9-12. Through workshops, discussions, and the arts, Cahoots is a place to explore justice and faith together. Register at <http://www.scmcanada.org/cahoots/>

(repeat) **Rieth Chamber Series:** Rhonda Sider Edgington, organist Sun, May 8, 4pm, Rieth Recital Hall. Tickets: \$10, general admission, online at goshen.edu/tickets or ([574-535-7566](tel:574-535-7566)) Rhonda Sider Edgington is often commended for her innovative programming, colorful use of registrations, and exciting playing. Beginning as a Fulbright scholar in Germany, Rhonda worked closely with renowned pedagogue and performer Harald Vogel, and specializes in the repertoire and organs of 17th century Germany.

(repeat) **You are invited** to Opening Day of the 2016 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, hosted by

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Western Theological Seminary and Hope College in Holland, Michigan, May 23-26. This day, May 23, (8am-4:30pm) is designed particularly for people who live nearby who want to take in one day of the weeklong institute. The one-day registration fee is significantly subsidized (\$50, \$25 each for 2 or more persons registering together). Come meet and hear from leaders in faith and disability from all over the country and beyond. Visit <http://faithanddisability.org/projects/summer-institute/>.

(repeat) **Know a young person** who enjoys sports, theater, writing or coding? Goshen College is offering day-time summer camps for pre-K through high school ages! Learn more and sign up at goshen.edu/summercamp.

(repeat) **Canadian Mennonite University** invites all who are interested in learning and growing as peacebuilders to their annual Canadian School of Peacebuilding Jun 13-17 and 20-24. To register, go to csop.cmu.ca

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee** has several ways to get involved including summer staff for SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People), Planning and Evaluation Coordinator in Vientiane, Laos, and Peacebuilding coordinator in the Dominican Republic of the Congo. Visit mcc.org/itcserve for more information.

(repeat) **Hesston College**, a college of Mennonite Church USA, governed by the Hesston College Board of Directors and Mennonite Education Agency, has launched a national search for the college's ninth president. The search committee invites applications, nominations and expressions of interest. [Learn more](#).

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