

AssemblyLine

February 5, 2017

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Lectionary Texts: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

W O R S H I P

February 5

Worship leader: *SG Kinder and Food Group*

Sermon: *Eric R. Kurtz*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Tupelo and Grape*

Scripture: *Matthew 22:34-40, 2 Corinthians 5:14-21*

Sunday School: *Give, pray, fast (Matthew 6:1-18)*

February 12

Worship leader: *Small Group Grape*

Sermon: *Karl Shelly*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Cheers and Espanol*

Sunday School: *Give, pray, fast (Matthew 6:1-18)*

C A L E N D A R

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| Sun | Feb 5 | 12pm Surprise Luncheons |
| Wed | Feb 8 | 6:30pm Small Group Child Care at meetinghouse |
| Sun | Feb 12 | 12pm Sunday School Parent/Teacher meeting and pizza lunch 12pm Aging Parents Support Group brown bag lunch gathering |

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

assembly life and people

Jonah Schmidt (1st Parkside) turned 7 on Jan 21st! Jonah likes to wrestle with his brother and read chapter books. He has a funny teacher at school. At school he especially enjoys gym and library. He likes to play with Lego. He is good at racing people and practicing math skills. He recently lost two teeth and still has three loose ones!

Penelope Jimenez (2nd Chandler) turned 8 on Feb 2nd! Penelope likes to play with her little brother Owen and her cousin Arthur! At school, math and art are her favorites. Penelope likes to go to the beach, read mystery books and play base tag and ghost in the graveyard with friends.

Kiki (Kathryn) Smuts (8th St.) turns 5 on Feb. 8th! Kiki loves to play with her friends, especially in the gym. She likes to eat peanut butter and "every crunchy food." She likes to play with stuffed animals with her brother and games with mommy and daddy. Kiki wants to be an artist when she grows up.

We extend heartfelt sympathies to Susana Cabezas and Alfonso Jimenez and Alfonso's family. Alfonso's mother, died on Sat, Jan 28 in Costa Rica. Alfonso was able to be with her as she drew her final breath. Both Susana and Alfonso are currently in Costa Rica.

Lora Nafziger is out of town Feb. 4-5, please contact Karl Shelly if you have pastoral care needs.

Assembly members and participants not in a small group: We want you to be part of the leadership selection process that is underway right now. Directions to access the online form can be found attached at the top of this Aline or on the lit table. The deadline for submitting forms is March 6. If you have any questions please contact Naomi Roots at office@assemblymennonite.org.

Small group child care will be provided at the meetinghouse on the Wed, Feb 8 from 6:30-8:30pm. Please RSVP for your child to office@assemblymennonite.org.

The Aging Parents Support Group will meet Sun, Feb 12 after 2nd Hour. (Brown bag lunch) If you offer support for an aging parent or other person who needs extra help and would like to share with others who are doing the same, you are welcome. For more information contact Mary Roth at [574-312-1763](tel:574-312-1763).

Retreat at Camp Friedenswald is the highlight of the year for many at Assembly Mennonite Church. If you don't know about the retreat, please see the attachment at the top of this Assemblyline email. We are looking at a couple of scheduling options this year, and I invite your feedback via [this online form](#). Please respond TODAY, so we can complete our reservation.

You are invited to a public showing of the Anne Frank exhibit at Elkhart Central High School February 7 at 6:30

p.m. One of the interesting pieces of the exhibit includes information about how Hitler came into power. This event is free. Because of the subject matter, parent discretion is advised for youth younger than middle school. Youth are encouraged to attend. Elkhart Central is located at 1 Blazer Blvd. For more info contact Mary Yoder Holsopple.

Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical Tue, Feb 14 at 1pm in Sauder Concert Hall, Music Center: "I ♥ Comics: The Cultural Power of Comics and Graphic Novels," by Jessica Baldanzi, GC associate professor of English. Jessica designed and developed the college's course on comics and graphic narratives, writes the comics review blog Commons Comics for the Elkhart Truth, and is co-editing a collection of scholarly essays on Kamala Kahn, the new Ms. Marvel. Her presentation will review the language of comics, as well as their unique power to negotiate difficult cultural conversations. Free to the public. Questions: [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565) or email aftsabb@goshen.edu.

Clown Workshop coming to Assembly. Carmen Kingsley is coming to Assembly to lead us in a workshop on clown techniques and tools of the trade Feb 20 & 21 (Just in time to plan for Carnival Sunday on February 26). If you have ever wanted to learn more about this skill, please register with Naomi in the church office by Feb 18: [534-4190](tel:534-4190) (leave a message) or office@assemblymennonite.org. Details about the workshop are attached at the top of this email in tiny lettering.

Free tickets are now available from the Lerner Theater in Elkhart for an evening with Eva Kor, a Holocaust survivor, on Feb 23 at 6:30pm. As a twin Eva was part of Dr. Mengele's medical experiments in Auschwitz. For more info, contact Mary Yoder Holsopple.

Camerata Singers from Bluffton University will be performing at 8th Street Mennonite Church on Fri, March 17 at 7pm. Hosts are needed for the singers that night and asked to provide breakfast the following morning. If you are interested in hosting a singer, contact Kristin Neufeld at [574-621-3297](tel:574-621-3297).

Everence Sharing Funds provided \$3000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Eric Yordy serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

House for Rent – 1002 S. 8th St. Available immediately. 3 bdrm with hardwood floors & cedar-lined closets, 4th large room as bdrm or den, 2.5 bath, 1830 sq ft, wonderful sun room and enclosed back porch, 2 fireplaces, central air, appliances provided, livable but unfinished full basement, 2-car detached garage with off-street parking, spacious fenced shaded backyard; great features like walking/biking distance to downtown, the millrace, Goshen College. Interested parties call or email Justin at [412-478-3105](tel:412-478-3105) jrothshank@gmail.com or Nadia at [312-437-0606](tel:312-437-0606) nadiaes@yahoo.com

(repeat) **Sunday School Parent/Teacher meeting** and pizza lunch is scheduled for 12pm on Sun, Feb 12 after 2nd hour. We will talk with Andy Brubacher Kaether, Assistant Professor of Christian Formation and Culture at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, about technology use. Parents, teachers and children please plan to attend! Help is needed to provide fruit, veggies, dessert, and aid in setup and take down. Look for the sign up sheet on the round table in the gathering space.

(repeat) **Alternative Teaching, Study, and Worship** Space to Explore "the Edge of the Inside" of Christianity: Growing out of her own vision and calling and supported by Assembly's pastors and Leadership Group, Kristy Shellenberger Yordy, with several others, is exploring the viability of forming a new teaching, study, and worship group. Initially the group will meet every other Sunday in the late afternoon or early evening at Pathways Retreat in Goshen. The first meeting will be Sun, Feb 26. An exploratory soup-and-bread lunch will be held after church on Sun, Feb 19, and will be a time to ask questions, and learn about what is being planned. Come, be fed, and learn.

community connections

The Window's list of needs: Pantry - Plastic Grocery Bags, Shampoo, Deodorant, Diapers sizes:3,4 & 5, Canned Beans: Kidney, Pork, Chili & Refried, Canned Tuna, Pastas, Canned Corn & Mixed Vegetables, Soups, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Products; Katie's Kitchen – Salad Dressings: Ranch & French, Canned Beans: Northern & White, #10 cans of Fruit & Vegetables, Butter, Egg Noodles, Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Paper Napkins, Laundry Soap, Kool-Aid

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/Lemonade Mix, Elbow Macaroni, Spaghetti Pasta, Instant Potatoes

The Window Benefit Meal will be held during February First Friday, Feb 3 beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of lasagna, Italian salad, garlic toast and Texas sheet cake will be served. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$9. Call 533-9680 for more info.

On Fri, Feb 10, Goshen College will officially dedicate the newly-named Juanita Lark Welcome Center in honor of the college's first African-American graduate in 1943. The dedication will follow a special convocation in the Church-Chapel at 10am about her life entitled, "This Far by Faith: The Life and Witness of Juanita Lark '43." Members of Lark's family will be in attendance for this special event during Black History Month. The public is warmly invited to celebrate with us.

Buckeye Donkey Ball will be at Bethany Christian Schools at 7pm Fri, Feb 10. Advance tickets are \$6 (\$8 at the door) and can be purchased from any middle school student or online at www.bethanycs.net/tickets. Come watch and laugh as teachers, students, and local pastors play basketball while riding (or trying to ride) their donkeys. A porkburger meal (Mishler's pork patty sandwich, chips/veggies, drink) will be available for \$6 beginning at 6pm. Concessions will also be available.

Bethany Visit Days are a great way for prospective students and families to see Bethany Christian Schools in action! Grades 4-5 on Feb 15: Students grades K-4 are invited to visit Bethany with a parent from 9:30-11am. Grades 6-10 on Feb 20: Students grades 5-10 interested in exploring Bethany can shadow a Bethany student on Mon, Feb 20, 8:40am-3:30pm. Parents are invited to an 8:45-9:15am coffee and conversation followed by an optional tour at 9:15am. For more info, to register, or to schedule a visit on another date see bethanycs.net.

Goshen College is hosting its annual Conference on Religion and Science March 24-26 with special guest Niels Henrik Gregersen, a professor of systematic theology at the University of Copenhagen. The theme is "Deep Incarnation: From Cosmos to Commitment," and will include public lectures on March 24 at 7:30pm and March 25 at 10:30am, both in the Goshen College Church-Chapel.

For more information or to register to attend the conference, visit goshen.edu/religionsscience.

Join Jerry & Leonor Kennell, SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary volunteers, on a beautiful and educational tour of Guatemala, Mar 30 - April 11. The tour includes lectures on Guatemalan church, political and social history by SEMILLA professors and tours to scenic and educational sites throughout the country. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the amazing impact of Christianity from an Anabaptist perspective in Latin America. Fee of \$1,400 includes all transportation, food and lodging in Guatemala. Participants are responsible for their own airfare. For more information contact the Kennells at ambassadors@semillalaas.org or by phone or text to [\(970\) 217-6078](tel:9702176078). To be certain of inclusion, contact the Kennells by March 1. [Brochure attached](#).

MCC Borderlands Learning Tour: We welcome you to join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) on a learning tour designed to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. The learning tour will take place on May 24-28 in Arizona and will include crossing the border into Mexico. Attendees will also have the option to participate in the Migrant Trail walk following the tour. For more information, including a tentative schedule and online registration, visit mcc.org/get-involved/events/borderlands-migrant-trail-learning-tour-2017 or contact Jorge Vielman at JorgeVielman@mcc.org or [574-534-4133](tel:5745344133).

Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees as Neighbors. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant-the other"-still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ's call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can [welcome](#) immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by [contacting](#) the White House and your

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members of Congress. Pray with us for [hearts of love](#) toward one another.

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

(repeat) **Be in prayer for the “Hope for the Future”** conference, taking place Feb. 2-5 in Hampton, VA. This 6th year event brings together people of color who serve in leadership positions in Mennonite Church USA.

(repeat) **My Promised Land** Pastors Nelson Kraybill and Suella Gerber invite you to a discussion of *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit. Open to all, the group will meet at Prairie Street Mennonite Church at 10:30am Sat Feb 25. Read the book in advance or simply come to hear a summary and join the discussion. Because of the books length we will be discussing chapters 1-9 only. For more info: Jonathan Brenneman [419-953-5304](tel:419-953-5304); jonathanb@MennoniteUSA.org

(repeat) **LaCasa’s Help-A-House program** is currently open for applications. The program serves home owners within the city of Goshen by completing needed repairs. If you live in Goshen, own a home with needed repairs, and have a low to moderate income, please call 533-5540 or email rocio.arevalo@lacasainc.net to find out more and apply. Frequent projects include replacing old windows and roofs, and/or major appliances. Applications are due March 20 and are treated on a first come first serve basis.

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network is seeking** a fulltime Mennonite Voluntary Service Program Director to provide vision, spiritual and programmatic leadership for sustaining and developing this evolving program. A collaborative and compassionate leader is essential to develop and maintain ongoing relationships with congregational leaders and support committees in host locations, and lead the MVS team in the administration of budget and unit management. This person will embrace God’s reconciling mission to the world, be committed to Jesus Christ’s path of peace and active in a local Anabaptist faith community. Openness to frequent travel, and comfortable communicating by phone and email is required. Prior inter-cultural experience in mission or service is helpful. Anticipated start date is June 2017. Read the full position description at www.MennoniteMission.net.

Please send resumé and letter of interest to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee is seeking a** Donor Relations Associate. This person will be responsible for helping to implement the donor relations strategy for MCC Great Lakes by stewarding major donors involving face-to face contact. Based in Goshen, Ind., this part of the position requires significant travel to connect with individual donors, key influencers and other supporting groups. The position also works with the middle donor engagement program and represents MCC more broadly. In this role donor stewardship involves personal contact via phone, email, notes and semiannual MCC project reports. A collaborative approach to this position is important, given the frequent needs for teamwork with both other regional staff and with MCC U.S. donor relations staff and network. For a full job description, visit mcc.org/gl-dra. Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online. For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcón at [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133) or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

(repeat) **Singing Valentines:** Bethany Christian High School’s performing arts troupe, *Emmaus*, will deliver singing valentines on Tue, Feb 14. The cost is \$10 and includes two songs and a card with the option of including a message on a card. Recipients need to be within 1 mile of Goshen, and the Valentines will be “delivered” between 8am and 12:30pm. Registration forms are available in the school office or may be downloaded online (<http://bethanycs.net/emmaus-2017-sv>). The troupe can only do a limited number of Valentines, so get your orders in early! Orders accepted through Mon, Feb 6, or until the schedule is full.

(repeat) **The Elkhart County Juvenile Court presents the** 2017 Elkhart County Children's Summit: Empowering Knowledge through Perspective. Fri, Mar 10. Registration 8am, Sessions 9am- 3:30pm. Maple City Chapel \$20 per person \$35 for a table at the service fair. A light lunch is provided. Payment due prior to event.

(repeat) **This summer’s Mennonite Church USA Convention** will feature a new way to involve high school youth representatives in the delegate sessions. Called “Step Up,” the goal is to prepare young people who have an

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interest in being involved with the broader church for future involvement as denominational delegates and leaders. The program will include two interactive seminar sessions and attendance at and participation in delegate sessions. Conferences and constituency groups will be invited to nominate youth who are rising high school sophomores or older. For questions, contact Brook Musselman at brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net.

(repeat) **MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People** (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and summer staff. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. Summer staff are 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 vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or [606-633-5065](tel:606-633-5065).

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