

# AssemblyLine

February 19, 2017

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**Lectionary Texts:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### February 19

Worship leader: *Jodi Beyeler*

Sermon: *Don Blosser*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Tumbleweed & Derailed*

Scripture: *Isaiah 58:6-12, Mark 1:14-27*

Sunday School: *Building on the rock (Matthew 7:24-27)*

### February 26- CARNIVAL!

Worship leader: *Glenn Gilbert*

Sermon: *Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Hygge & Rad*

### Carnival Sunday

"Make Anabaptists great again!"

**No Sunday School**

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Feb 19	7pm Congregational Meeting at meetinghouse
Sun	Feb 26	Carnival Sunday; <b>no Sunday School</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour: Bible charades and other intergenerational activities (and donuts!)
Wed	Mar 1	6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Family Oriented Ash Wednesday Service at Mitch & Lora's house 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service at meetinghouse

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Visuals for the Stewardship** of our Anabaptist Legacy series were created by Sibyl Graber Gerig, assisted by Anne Graber Miller. The two panels represent our traditional heritage and the budding of new interpretations of our faith in a contemporary setting. The basketry reminds us that we are a world church and suggests openness in our structures to let the light through.

**The Window would like to thank** Assembly for their generous donation of 640.6lbs of food in 2016.

**"Make Anabaptists great again!"** Among Assembly's *usual and unusual* practices is the celebration of Carnival, a centuries-old tradition of feasting and frolic before the season of Lent. **Carnival will be held NEXT Sun, Feb 26.** On Carnival, we sing with more abandon and eat doughnuts. Some of us appear in some sort of costume (or at least we accessorize.) We create intergenerational Bible charades with creativity and lots of laughter. On Carnival we remember that sometimes it's OK to play, and that playing may actually help us begin our Lenten work. *For more on this year's theme, pick up a handout (also attached to this Assemblyline.)*

**Contemplative Worship and Teaching 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 contemplative worship and teaching space to explore biblical and extra-biblical texts that are not commonly read in our Protestant tradition. The first meeting will be next Sun, Feb 26, 4:30-6pm at Dennis and Susan Mark Landis's place (820 Steury Rd, Goshen). For those who are interested, an exploratory soup-and-bread lunch will be held after church this Sun, Feb 19. It will be a time to ask questions, and learn about what is being planned.

**Women's Lunch bunch** will be at 11:30 on Wed, March 1, at the Greencroft Community Center. Our speaker will be Naomi Chapman. Sign up today or call Joyce Hostetler at 537-3762 before Fri morning, Feb 24. (Please let us know if you sign up and cannot attend because we pay for all lunches ordered on 2/24.)

**The office is trying to track down** Assembly alums to update our records. If you have a current email address for: Melinda Butler, Sarah Dick, Matt Fisher, Steve Shank, Bryan Falcon, Buffy Garber, Joe Company, Kate Harnish, Eric Hilty, Heidi Dyck Hilty, or Landon Yoder, please pass it along to the office at [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

**Musical Tickets:** Bethany Christian High School will perform the musical, *Honk!*, on Thur-Sun, March 2-5. *Honk!* is a lively and colorful re-telling of Hans Christian

Andersen's *The Ugly Duckling*. Tied through the duckling Ugly's adventures, travels, and encounters is the thread of a mother and child's love for each other. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. Tickets may be purchased online at [bethanycs.net/tickets](http://bethanycs.net/tickets). Performances are at 7pm Thur, Fri, and Sat, and at 3pm Sun. The cast includes our very own Clara Lind and Sam Ostergren!

**Greetings to all the knitters**, crocheters, and yarn workers out there! Lydia Dyck (1<sup>st</sup> year GC student) is putting out a call for any old bags of yarn or knitting needles that you might be willing to part with for the great cause of getting GC students to chill, de-stress, and create wonderful things in a soon-to-be Knitting and Handwork club. Through the club they hope to knit a variety of outdoor wear that would then be donated to local shelters. Please contact Lydia at [lydiad@goshen.edu](mailto:lydiad@goshen.edu) before this Sun, Feb 19, if you'd be willing to donate. Many thanks!

**Dates for the Leadership Group meeting** and Congregational meeting are shifting slightly for March and April. In March, the Leadership Group will meet on Thur, 3/2, and the Congregational meeting is scheduled for 3/12 at 7pm. In April, Leadership Group will meet Wed, 4/12, and the Cong meeting is scheduled for 4/23 at 7pm.

(repeat) **Friedenswald Retreat is set** for Sept 29-Oct 1, 2017 (That's the weekend after the Relief Sale). Please mark your calendars! Thank you for your excellent responses to the survey. There was significant concern about retreat conflicting with Goshen College homecoming weekend, so we will avoid that date.

(repeat) **The Goshen Community Chorale** will begin rehearsing for its upcoming spring season on Tue evening, Feb 21, at College Mennonite Church, beginning at 7pm. The Chorale will be preparing for a May 13 joint performance with the Maple City Community Orchestra in Sauder Concert Hall, with the featured work to be the Mozart "Requiem." The Chorale is directed by Bill Mateer and a number of Assembly people are involved. New members welcome, interested persons can contact Bill at [mateers@aol.com](mailto:mateers@aol.com)

(repeat) **From Alfonso Jimenez:** My mother, Gladys Lilian Marín de Jiménez, b. Nov 22, 1910 died on Jan 28 in the company of my daughter, Nayla and myself. My brothers and grandchildren and many family members were

able to be with her in the last days of her life. We sang to her, prayed with her, and came together as a family. It was a beautiful time to celebrate a wonderful 96 year-old soul. We were able to share wonderful memories that brought us together as a family. Thank you for your prayers.

(repeat) **Sunday School crew** is looking to borrow an ozone machine for the house across the road to try to address the smell. If you have one to lend, please contact [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org).

(repeat) **Softball Anyone?** If you are interested in playing on an Assembly softball team in the Goshen park district this summer, please let [Patrick.Farran@comcast.net](mailto:Patrick.Farran@comcast.net) know by this Sunday 2/19. Games are Mon nights mid April-July. Full time slots (\$50), half-time slots (\$30), substitute position (\$10).

(repeat) **Goshen College's Hymn Club** is organizing a singing marathon in which every song and every verse of Hymnal: A Worship Book will be sung over the course of a week as a fundraiser for Christian Peacemaker Teams. They will be meeting to sing on Sun, March 12-Thur, March 16 from 6-11pm, and then Fri, March 17 from 9pm until finished. The Hymn Club is hoping to have two host churches each evening that will provide song leaders, musicians, and food. If anyone is interested in organizing Assembly to host one night, you can sign up on [this Google Doc](#). If you would like to donate, checks can be taken to the event and written to CPT with "hymn marathon" in the memo line or sent: CPT, PO Box 6508 Chicago, IL 60680.

(repeat) **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](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org).

(repeat) **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 message) [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org).

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Details about the workshop are attached at the top of this email in tiny lettering.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Camerata Singers from Bluffton University** will be performing at 8<sup>th</sup> 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).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](mailto:jrothshank@gmail.com) or Nadia at [312-437-0606](tel:312-437-0606) [nadiaes@yahoo.com](mailto:nadiaes@yahoo.com)

## community connections

**The Goshen College Choirs** will present their annual Winter Choral Concert on Sat, Feb 19. The concert will begin at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, available online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or by calling [574-535-7566](tel:574-535-7566). Goshen College faculty, staff, and students are free with valid ID.

**The public is invited** to view an MCC quilt from Tanzania on display in The Depot. In Tanzania, the rate of albinism, an inherited condition where people lack pigmentation or coloration in their skin, hair and eyes, is 10x higher than in the US, Canada and Europe. MCC works with partners in Tanzania, where people living with albinism are

stigmatized and marginalized by their families and communities. In 2015, MCC partnered with Albino Peacemakers to conduct a camp for 91 students with visual impairments teaching them to protect their skin, encourage them to be peacemakers and model the love of Christ so they can know they are valued by God. Children drew on the quilt squares and women with albinism made this quilt for MCC. The quilt will be on display, along with literature, stories and other information, in the atrium of The Depot MCC Thrift Shops (1013 Division Street) through March 18. Hours are Mon-Fri, 9-5, and Sat, 9-4.

**C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest:** Five Goshen College students will present speeches about peace and justice issues during the 2017 C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest on Tue, Feb 21 at 7pm in the Umble Center. This event is free and open to the public. Student speakers include Alma Rosa Carrillo, Yazan Meqbil, Dona Park, Noemi "Mimi" Salvador and Hitesh Sharma.

**All are invited** to a special Wed evening (Feb 22) at College Mennonite Church. **Emmaus**, Bethany's performing arts troupe, will present "Buckets Make a Sandcastle." This performance, geared toward children, is meaningful for all ages. It centers on a theme of affirming and accepting ourselves and others as unique creations of God, and then joining together to create a unified whole. The performance is free of cost and will start at 6:45 in room 143 at College Mennonite.

**Ken Reed**, author of "Both My Sons," will be performing and speaking at Goshen College's Newcomer Center on Wed, Feb 22 at 7:30pm. "Both My Sons" tells the story of an immigrant Mennonite father who wants a peaceful life with his two sons, complicated by the outbreak of war in the early PA forest. The event is free, open to the public.

**Child and Parent Services (CAPS)** is holding a training seminar on March 3 at 12pm "Recognizing and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect". For more info click [here](#).

**The Goshen College Women's World Music Choir** will present their home concert following a spring break tour, titled "Reflection of Light," on Sun, March 5 at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, available online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or by calling [574-535-7566](tel:574-535-7566). Goshen College faculty, staff, and students are free.

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**From March 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> the Mexican Consulate** will be assisting Mexicans with several forms of IDs: passports, maticulas, voter ID and birth certificates at La Casa's Roosevelt location. The only way to participate is by scheduling an appointment: Mexitel, [1-877-639-4835](tel:1-877-639-4835) or Online [here](#). Wed March 8 and Sun March 12, there will be limited number of appointments, but Thu March 9, Fri March 10 and Sat March 11 the Consulate will work during normal business hours.

**Would YOU like a full tuition scholarship** to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary? (Or do you know someone who would?) Help spread the word! The deadline is Feb 15. [Learn more!](#)

**This summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention** will feature a new way to involve high school youth reps in the delegate sessions. Called "Step Up," the goal is to prepare young people who have an 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 can nominate youth who are rising high school sophomores or older. For questions, contact Brook Musselman at [brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net](mailto:brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net)

(repeat) **Have a vehicle to donate?** For two years, an organization of students at GC concerned with safety has been providing free shuttle service from town to campus on weekend nights. They always send two trained volunteers, and they have been using student cars. To make this sustainable, they are looking for a reliable vehicle (prefer a van) for the project. If you have a vehicle you might be willing to donate, or with any questions, contact Zach Zimmerman at [419-966-6948](tel:419-966-6948) or [zacharyz@goshen.edu](mailto:zacharyz@goshen.edu) (You can donate to the operating costs at <http://www.goshenfunded.com/firsst> or by writing FIRSST in the memo line of a check to Goshen College.)

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network is seeking** a Product Distribution Coordinator to serve in the Marketing and Communication department to coordinate the distribution of communication products, record distribution information and provide distribution-related customer service. The varied job includes managing constituent information and subscriptions, distributing completed projects, providing

reporting services, assisting with print orders, and fulfilling special mailings, all in a team environment. Able to think logically and creatively about the relevance and meaning of stored data, to analyze trends, and to select and retrieve data based on organizational needs. Familiar with and experienced in using computer systems, information systems, and internet based communication. Able to organize, prioritize, schedule and complete work assignments in a timely manner. Able to communicate clearly and positively with constituents and other staff members. Read the full position description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). Please send resumé and cover letter to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

(repeat) **Bethany Visit Days** are a great way for prospective students and families to see Bethany Christian Schools in action! Grades 6-10 on Feb 20: Students grades 6-10 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, see [bethanycs.net](http://bethanycs.net).

(repeat) **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 info or to register to attend the conference, visit [goshen.edu/religionscience](http://goshen.edu/religionscience).

(repeat) **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](mailto:ambassadors@semillalaas.org) or by phone or

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text to [\(970\) 217-6078](tel:9702176078). To be certain of inclusion, contact the Kennells by March 1. [Brochure attached](#).

(repeat) **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](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/borderlands-migrant-trail-learning-tour-2017) or contact Jorge Vielman at [JorgeVielman@mcc.org](mailto:JorgeVielman@mcc.org) or [574-534-4133](tel:5745344133).

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

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