

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

March 5

Worship leader: *Barb Swartley*
Sermon: *Anna Yoder Schlabach*
Welcoming & tear-down: *Net & B*
The Window & 2% Offerings
Communion

Scripture: *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11*

Sunday School: *Jesus and the Samaritan woman (John 4:1-42)*

March 12

Worship leader: *Lydia Dyck*
Sermon: *Danny Aramouni*
Welcoming & tear-down: *Maple & Here and There*

Scripture: *Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17*

Sunday School: *Jesus refuses to cast stones (John 7:53-8:11)*

CALENDAR

Wed Mar 8 6:30-8:30pm Small Group child care at meetinghouse
Sun Mar 12 7pm Congregational meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Spencer Glick Miller (8th St preschool) turned 5 on Feb 28! He enjoys playing with and learning about all kinds of vehicles. He loves to ride his bicycle when the weather is nice and he enjoys spending time with his family.

Magdalena Horst (1st Parkside) turned 7 on Feb 28! Magda loves to play with dolls by herself. She enjoys reading and math and art is her favorite special. She likes to play ball with Isaac and have parties with her family.

The theme for our Lenten worship this year is *Restore us, Oh God*, a response to the world filled with many voices that call us away from God (violence and fear, consumerism and materialism to name a few). As we engage these stories and texts, we are invited to place ourselves in the moment and think about that which draws us close to God and gives us strength. More info can be found attached at the top of this email or on the lit table.

Practicing Lent, a guide for individuals and families, is available on the lit table with a simple activities and devotion for each week of lent.

Lenten Book Study for adults - "Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America" by Michael Eric Dyson. If you'd like to read and discuss this important book with other Assembly-ites, let Karl Shelly know by Mar 5.

Bertha Beachy has a new telephone number: 537-4944

A reminder that the online Leadership Selection Worksheet is to be filled out by all small groups by this upcoming Mon, Mar 6. Individuals not in small groups are also invited to fill it out. Instructions can be found at the top of this email in tiny lettering.

This month's edition of Central District Conference's newsletter, Focus, can be viewed [here](#).

(repeat) **We need cash counters!** As part of good practices, we no longer have the treasurer handling the cash offering on Sun morning. Instead, we have two volunteers count the cash together. We are in need of more volunteers to help out with this 10min task on Sunday mornings. If you're able to help, email office@assemblymennonite.org.

(repeat) **We have two used beds** we would love to give to someone in need. One is a queen, the other is a twin. Both beds include the mattress, box spring, and bed frame. Contact Andrew and Caitlin Lanctot.

(repeat) **Overheard in the church office this week:** Naomi: "Lora, can I toss those two dying ferns in the worship space?" (insert silent pause) Lora: "Maybe let's put something in the A-line about it." Naomi: "Sure." So here it is, folks. Under Naomi's very brown thumb, these poor ferns have been on a slow march towards death. If you're able, please consider helping these plants!

(repeat) **Mark your calendars** for Bible School this summer at College Mennonite Church June 5-9.

(repeat) **Mary Gilbert has been keeping MCC in stitches** ever since retirement, piecing comforter tops for refugees. The tops are taken to the Depot, where they are knotted and bound. After hearing of a woman whose friends helped her make 60 MCC comforters for her 60th birthday, Mary has jokingly set a goal of 70 tops for when she reaches 70. With 12 months and 50 tops to go, she can use some help. If you would like to help her sew pieced tops and let people know that their needs are not forgotten, let Mary know. She can provide fabric from the Depot, pattern ideas and /or kits of cut-out blocks with directions for those who simply want straight sewing. See background information [here](#)

(repeat) **Thank you, Assembly Mennonite Church**, for giving \$28,909.47 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2016! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission play a vital role in our global church. Thank you for doing your part.

(repeat) **Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board** wishes to express our sincere appreciation for AMC's financial support. Our records show that you are among the top 10% of the congregations who have most generously for our work in the last three years. May God bless you abundantly. –Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director

(repeat) **We at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)**, along with our partners in over 50 countries around the world, are blessed by your continuing support for the work of MCC. We want to thank our friends at Assembly Mennonite for the many ways you contribute to the work of MCC. In addition to the energy and time you give at relief sales, thrift shops, meat canning and material resources, your congregation contributed \$23,942.90 in 2016. We are especially grateful for your prayer support for MCC's work of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. Whether in Syria, Haiti, Vietnam, Nigeria, Colombia or Appalachia, your support shares God's love and compassion with vulnerable people. Thank you! Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC Great Lakes

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

(repeat) **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, Eric

Hilty, or Heidi Dyck Hilty, please pass it along to the office at office@assemblymennonite.org

(repeat) **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. Performances are at 7pm Thur, Fri, and Sat, and at 3pm Sun.

(repeat) **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.

community connections

The Window list of needs: Shampoo, deodorant, baby wipes, diapers (4,5,6) Canned beans (kidney, pork, chili, refried), canned tuna, pastas, canned corn and mixed vegetables, tomato soup, canned fruit, cereal, hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, tomato products, salad dressings (Ranch, French), Canned beans (Northern, White), #10 cans of fruit and vegetables, butter, egg noodles, coffee, coffee creamer, paper napkins, laundry soap, koo-aid/lemonade mix, elbow macaroni, instant potatoes, chicken and beef broth, tomato juice, sandwich bags, paper lunch bags.

The Window: March First Friday meal hosted by College Mennonite Church will be March 3, from 4:30-7:00pm. Beef stroganoff, rice, salad and Hawaiian soufflé will be served. Suggested donation is \$9.00.

Looking for a daily Lenten devotional in your inbox? Goshen College's daily Lenten devotions, written by students, faculty and staff, are based on the theme "Restore us, O God!" Read and subscribe to the devotions at goshen.edu/devotions.

Goshen College faculty, staff and student women will perform stories about friendship, body image, trauma and triumph in the second annual Goshen Monologues on Sat,

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Mar 11. The performance will take place at 7pm in the Goshen College Church-Chapel and is free to the public.

The Mennonite Youth Choir Festival concert will take place on Sun, Mar 12, at 2pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Come hear children grades 3-9 from IN, OH, IL and MI will come together for a concert that is free and open to the public.

The Hermitage Community welcomes all to participate in Taizé Evensong. We hold these contemplative services of song, prayer, scripture, and silence in the Chapel of the Transfiguration on the second Sun of each month (except for Aug) at 7pm. Upcoming services are Mar 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, and July 9. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Goshen College Hymn Sing marathon: Sun, Mar 12-Thur, Mar 16, 6-11pm in Newcomer Center room 19. Our finale night will be Fri, Mar 17 in the Music Center choir room starting at 9 pm and going until we finish. If anyone wants to donate, please make checks out to CPT with "hymn marathon" in the memo line; they can be sent to CPT, PO Box 6508; Chicago IL 60680-6508. Or you can give cash or checks at the event.

Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical Tue, Mar 14 at 1pm in Sauder Concert Hall, Music Center. "Nurturing Our Entrepreneurship Ecosystem," by Michelle Horning, GC professor of accounting. The success of an entrepreneurship ecosystem depends on the robust and active interactions of individuals, organizations and the culture that surrounds them. Learn how the college's entrepreneurship program provides a launching point for individual entrepreneurs who have been instrumental in helping to develop the local and regional entrepreneurship community. This community program is free. If you have questions call [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565) or email aftsabb@goshen.edu.

On Wed, Mar 15, all are invited to a concert titled "Reflections: The Music of J. Harold Moyer" featuring the Sunflower Trio, at 7:30pm in Goshen College Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. Formed in 2002, the Sunflower Trio is dedicated to the performance of music featuring voice, violin and piano/organ, in a variety of styles, from Baroque to contemporary, folk and Broadway. The Sunflower Trio will present a concert of music by

Mennonite composer J. Harold Moyer. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students. GC faculty/staff/students free.

Don't miss The Window's Haystack Supper benefit meal at Waterford Mennonite Church on Thur, Mar 16, 4:30-7pm. Pre-sale tickets available at The Window (\$8), \$9 at the door. Call 533-9680 for more info.

Bluffton University's Camerata Singers will perform at two area churches during the group's tour in March: Benton Mennonite Church at 15350 Co Rd 44, on Thur, Mar 16 at 7pm, and Eighth Street Mennonite Church in Goshen at 7pm on Fri, Mar 17. Both performances are free and open to the public. "Hymns and Songs of the Church" is the theme of the program, conducted by Dr. Mark Suderman, professor of music and director of choral activities at Bluffton. The program will feature sacred choral music from the Renaissance period to the present, including music from a variety of styles and genres: gospel music, choruses from major works, spirituals, hymn arrangements and more.

The annual Goshen College International Coffeehouse is coming on Sat, March 18. This student-run event features a dinner at 5:15pm in the College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall and a family-friendly international variety show at 7:30pm in Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets for this fund-raiser are available from the Welcome Center (535-7566) or online (goshen.edu/tickets). Adults: \$20 (dinner & show), \$12 show only; students & children: \$12 (dinner & show), \$5 show only. This entertaining event promotes international friendship and also will be raising money for MCC Refugee Relief. Thank you for your support!

Please join Michiana MEDA for our annual spring Business Tour, this year featuring Miller Poultry Pine Manor Hatchery. Sat, Mar 18, at 8:30am. Maple Indian Cuisine -- 127 S Main Street, Goshen (first stop) Pine Manor Hatchery -- 2704 S Main Street, Goshen (second stop). Please RSVP by Fri, Mar 10, to info@michianameda.org or [574-355-3607](tel:574-355-3607).

Visit Bethany March 20: Students in grades 5-10 interested in exploring Bethany can shadow a Bethany student on Mon, Mar 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. This is a great way

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for prospective students and families to discover Bethany! Contact us to explore visit options for younger children as well. For more info, to register, or to schedule a visit on another date see bethanycs.net.

23rd Annual Business Meeting for The Depot. Thur, Mar 23. Catered meal begins at 6pm at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church. Dinner Reservations deadline Mar 17, 4pm. Call [312-4156](tel:312-4156) or email thedepot1013@gmail.com

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 Mar 24 at 7:30pm and Mar 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.

What does it mean to be an Anabaptist peacebuilder in the midst of global conflicts, climate change, poverty, crime and divisions made by walls and borders? Young adults address these issues and this question when they attend the Global Anabaptist Peacebuilders Institute, which is sponsored by West Coast Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). In 2017, GAP Institute will be held from May 25 to June 2 for youth age 19 - 26. To learn more, visit mcc.org/gap-institute. The aim of GAP is to help youth grapple with these issues through practical activities and encounters during the institute and to motivate them to continue in peacebuilding after they finish.

Goshen College will be offering summer camps for a variety of ages, interests and budgets, including sports, musical theater, writing and art. Learn more at goshen.edu/summercamps.

Are you excited about developing a vibrant, local food system in Northern Indiana? Support the Elkhart County Food Council! The council hopes to add a part-time administrator to assist with coordination, communication, research, marketing and connecting with stakeholders. To make a tax deductible donation to assist with this staffing need, make checks payable to Elkhart County Food Council and send to 1400 Hudson Street Elkhart IN 46516. Contact Phyllis Miller at phyllismillern@gmail.com with questions.

(repeat) **Open House at Bethany:** Bethany Christian Schools will host a drop-in open house noon to 2:30pm Sun, Mar 5, for anyone considering enrolling for fall 2017. Bring your family and invite others from your church or neighborhood who may have interest in Bethany. Stop by after church for lunch, and faculty and staff will be available to answer questions and give tours. So we know to expect you for the meal, please [register online](#) or RSVP to Sarah Kraybill Lind at 534-2657 or email: admissions@bethanycs.net

(repeat) **The Mennonite Church USA** Archives is seeking volunteers between now and mid-March to assist with packing and moving collections from Goshen to Elkhart. Tasks include packing office supplies; flagging furniture to be moved; staging collections (labeling, stretch-wrapping boxes, etc...); helping to manage the process of loading and unloading boxes in Goshen and Elkhart; and placing boxes on shelves in Elkhart. If you are able to help, please contact Jason Kauffman at JasonK@MennoniteUSA.org or [574-523-3059](tel:574-523-3059).

(repeat) **The Elkhart County Juvenile Court** presents the 2017 Elkhart County Children's Summit: Empowering Knowledge through Perspective. March 10 in Goshen. Elkhart County youth care workers, case managers, law enforcement professionals and others who work to improve the health and welfare of children are invited to attend this 9th annual daylong event featuring keynote speakers on child issues, opportunities for networking and continuing education credits. Registration is \$20 per individual, \$35 for a table in the service fair. Registration is capped at 400. Payment due prior to event. More information [here](#).

(repeat) **Join Michiana MEDA** for a spring business tour of Miller Poultry Pine Manor Hatchery on Saturday, March 18, at 8:30am. Our morning will start with a buffet breakfast at Maple Indian Cuisine (127 S Main Street, Goshen), and then we'll head to Pine Manor Hatchery (2704 S Main Street, Goshen) for a tour and presentation about this portion of the Miller Poultry business. Please RSVP by Friday, March 10, to info@michianameda.org or [574-355-3607](tel:574-355-3607). Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

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(repeat) **Save the date for a Comforter Bash! Tops** needed! Make plans to join us on Oct 20 and 21 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 (58529 County Road 23). We also need precision sewers to piece and sew comforter tops for the event. Size: 60"x80"; made of cotton fabric. 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). For more info about the event contact Carol Honderich at [536-9062](tel:536-9062). A comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 or by calling [574-535-7566](tel:574-535-7566). GC faculty, staff, and students are free.

(repeat) **From March 8th to 12th 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.

(repeat) **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

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