

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### August 27

Worship leader: *Jonathon Schramm*

Sermon: *Ted Koontz*

Welcome & tear-down: *Maple & Here and There*

Scripture: *Mark 5:21-43; Matthew 9:18-26*

### September 3

Worship leader: *Michael Dickens*

Sermon: *Regina Shands Stoltzfus*

Welcome & tear-down: *Ad Lib, Three & One*

Scripture: *Matthew 5:38-48*

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Aug 27	12pm Caring for Aging Parents meeting following 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour (brown bag lunch)
Sun	Sept 3	Hymn sing during 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour, Fellowship meal to follow
Mon	Sept 4	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Sun	Sept 10	12pm Racial Justice Ministry Team meeting (brown bag lunch) after 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour
Wed	Sept 13	6:30-8:30 Small group child care at meetinghouse

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**TODAY is the third Sunday** of our Fall Worship series "Jesus as our companion" focusing on how Jesus builds relationships and trust. Today's theme will be 'Jesus heals us'. There will be a healing service of song and prayer during second hour; during this time there will be an opportunity to receive a prayer of blessing for yourself, another person or a situation, and to participate in song and prayer, or to simply rest in the healing presence of God and each other. More about this series can be found in the introduction attached at the top of this email.

**Update your information** in our directories! On the round white table in the gathering space you will find the current phone, email and address directories. Check that your info is correct, or add yourself if you're new to AMC.

**Karl Shelly** is on vacation in the Upper Peninsula this week and will be back in town on Sept 4.

**September is "Small Group Shuffle"** time – that time of year when we form new small groups and help people join small groups at Assembly. If you're new to small groups, see flyer on literature table and contact Karl Shelly for more info. If you're not new to small groups, but are willing to help make space in existing groups or want to expand the people you know at Assembly, also talk to or email Karl about joining the Shuffle.

**Small Group Reps** met Aug 22 and the agenda included a) concerns Worship Committee has about summer Sunday

school (your rep has questions for group feedback); b) information about upcoming fall retreat; c) a new BMC resource titled "Trans 101"; and d) plans for the 2017 small group shuffle. Ask your rep for more information.

**Racial Justice Ministry Team.** Late Spring, a group met to explore starting a Racial Justice Ministry Team and talk about possible agenda. We've met a couple times over the summer but are still shaping our direction. If this interests you, our next meeting is Sun, Sept 10 after 2nd hour (brown-bag lunch). Contact Karl Shelly with questions.

**Carolyn Schrock-Shenk's** address for the few weeks is Heartland-Manor Care, 8551 Darrow Rd, Twinsburg, OH 44087.

**The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** is committed to reducing trash to the landfill by supporting recycling and composting. Volunteers are needed September 22-23 to encourage separating and to move bags to dumpsters. Shifts of two hours or ninety minutes are available on both days. Volunteer with a friend (or mentee) or on your own. Check with Lois Nafziger ([lhnafziger@gmail.com](mailto:lhnafziger@gmail.com)), for more info or to volunteer.

**All Assembly-goers are invited** to the annual Fall Retreat at beautiful Camp Friedenswald Sept 29-Oct 1. We welcome you to "Come to the Quiet" for the weekend, for a day, or even a few hours to take a break from regular life, and to rejuvenate. We hope that the peaceful setting of lake, trees, and sky will give you space to quiet your soul. You may also join your fellow Assembly-ites in a wide

variety of structured and unstructured activities, including table games, sports, conversation, hiking, swimming, boating, and a talent show! Lodging and meals are provided, and the Retreat committee is working hard behind the scenes so all you have to do is show up! More details and sign up are coming. Feel free to talk with Retreat committee members: Jeff Martin, Eric Yordy, Paul Horst, Betsy McCause, Jeannette Hughes, and Doug Schirch.

**Power, Privilege and the Journey** towards Justice conference Oct 20-22 at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren in Bridgewater, VA featuring our very own Regina Shands Stoltzfus as co-facilitator and sponsored by the Brethren Mennonite Council. Conference will examine how power and privilege affects our individual and corporate lives. Register by Oct 9 to avoid late fee. For more info and to register: [bit.ly/BMC-OEP-Bridgewater](http://bit.ly/BMC-OEP-Bridgewater).

(repeat) **MYF Sponsor update:** We are blessed with four MYF sponsors this year as Rebecca steps back (though not totally out) of her MYF duties. Ally and Daniel Mast have agreed to join Rebecca and Wendel to complete the team.

(repeat) **Since last weekend**, racial tensions have been heightened. Parents will find themselves in conversation with their children about racism. Here is an excellent [book list](#) parents can use as a resource. Many were used during the Lenten book study on racism for kids last Spring.

(repeat) **The annual children's garden party** will be held at Steve and Kate Shantz's place on Sat, Aug 26 at 6:30pm. Children K-5 are invited to attend. There will be a bonfire and goodies at the end.

(repeat) **The Goshen Community Chorale**, under the direction of Bill Mateer, will begin rehearsing for its upcoming 2017-18 season on Tue, Sept 5, at College Mennonite Church, beginning at 7pm. The Chorale will be preparing for a performance with orchestra of the Pergolesi "Magnificat" and the Charpentier "Midnight Mass for Christmas," which will take place at the First United Methodist Church in Goshen on Sun, Nov 19. The Chorale welcomes new members who have a background in choral singing and who wish to commit themselves to regular attendance at rehearsals and to learning challenging repertoire. Contact Bill at [\(574\) 533-2562](tel:574-533-2562) or [mateers@aol.com](mailto:mateers@aol.com) if interested.

(repeat) **1999 Toyota Sienna mini-van** with 151,100 miles for sale. In good shape given its age. Blue book value = \$2,000. Will take best offer which you may pay as donation to Milk & Honey campaign. Contact Els Shelly - [535-8121](tel:535-8121)

## community connections

**The Elkhart-Goshen Sanctuary Coalition** invites you to a vision meeting on Tue, Aug 29. The meeting will take place twice that day, first at Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart (1316 Prairie St.) from 12-1:30pm and the second one at North Goshen Mennonite Church in Goshen (501 N. 8th St.) from 6-7:30pm. The meetings will be the same, so you only need to go to one of them. Since our last public meeting in March, the Sanctuary Coalition has continued to work with local congregations on education resources, setting up an emergency housing network, and developing a rapid response network ("sanctuary in the streets"). We have also consulted with the New Sanctuary Movement in Philadelphia, and their advice and our experience leads us to prioritize intercultural community building as the foundation of our work. At our meeting we will share more about our recent work and invite you to help us shape our vision for moving into a new phase of community building.

**Mennonite Relief Sale:** registrations for the quilt auction are due by Sept 1. Registration forms are online or call Helen Glick 330-763-4980.

**The Window is gearing up** for their 2nd Annual 5k Run/Walk and Family Fun Mile event at Shanklin Park, and hope you will join. The event is Sat, Sept 2 beginning at 8am. Registration starting at 730am. Pre-register at The Window or online at [thewindowofgoshen.com](http://thewindowofgoshen.com) More info contact Scarlett Garrison at The Window 533.9680

**Music on the Lawn:** Bethany Christian High School's band, orchestra, and choir will perform their annual Music on the Lawn concert on Fri, Sept 15. A fundraiser dinner will be served prior to the concert (5pm dinner, 6:15 concert). BBQ pulled pork sandwiches (vegetarian/gluten free option available), chips, veggies/dip, fruit, and Rise'n Roll pie—all for \$7! Funds raised will help defray expenses for music festivals and trips. Ask any Bethany musician or contact Stacey Farran for tickets ([safarran@bethanycs.net](mailto:safarran@bethanycs.net)) by Sun, Sept 3. Meal and concert

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will be held in the Friendship Garden (weather permitting), so bring your lawn chair and come ready to enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and music!

**You are warmly invited** to participate in the 18th Believers' Church Conference, Sept 14-16 at Goshen College ("Word, Spirit, and the Renewal of the Church"), as we explore the ecumenical and global dimensions of the Believers' Church tradition during this 500th year commemoration of the Protestant Reformation. Keynote addresses by Miroslav Volf, Nancy Bedford, Joel Carpenter and Frank Thomas - along with a host of other speakers and panels - will explore themes of Biblical authority, the movement of the Spirit, church renewal, and many other topics. The event begins with a hymn sing on Thur evening and concludes with worship on Sat night. Registration and more info: [goshen.edu/believers-church](http://goshen.edu/believers-church).

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Schools** is among 45 schools nationwide honored this summer as a 2017 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School. Bethany will hold a public celebration at 4:30 p.m. Fri, Aug 25, where those interested can learn more about Bethany's recognition from the U.S Department of Ed for its "innovative efforts to reduce environmental impact and utility costs, improve health and wellness, and ensure effective sustainability education."

(repeat) **LaCasa and the city of Goshen** are hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Maple City Multicultural Festival on Aug 26 from 12-6pm at Rogers Park. Sample the cuisine of Goshen's diverse cultures: El Salvadorian, Ethiopian, Guatemalan, Indian, Mexican, Palestinian, Tanzanian, Ukrainian, and more. Enjoy the music of our talented performers: Dos Hermanos Band, Esclavitud Nortena, Nayo Ulloa, Nicole Williams Drum Circle, Burgundy - Abraham Medellin, Idris Busar, Kevin Illusionz, and GHS music students. Participate in the skills clinics led by the GHS basketball team: 2-3pm Kindergarten - 4th grade, 3-4pm 5th -8th grade, 4-5pm 9th grade - adult.

(repeat) **We invite you to consider** incorporating a regular pattern of personal retreat into your schedule this school year. Contact Linda (574-333-1822, [lindalehmanthomas@gmail.com](mailto:lindalehmanthomas@gmail.com)) or Julie (574-202-2864, [juliestegelmann@gmail.com](mailto:juliestegelmann@gmail.com)) to schedule your monthly or quarterly day away for rest, reflection and renewal.

Suggested donation for individual retreats: Half-day: \$15-20, Full-day: \$25-40, All are welcome. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

(repeat) **Mennonite Relief Sale:** Don't forget the kids! A variety of entertaining & educational children's activities will be scheduled throughout the sale - including the Children's Auction Friday evening, a bounce house, comforter knotting, barrel train rides, crafts, games, stories and more! Call Tillie Yoder at [614-778-6609](tel:614-778-6609) for volunteer information.

(repeat) **Fall Retreats for Adults** at Camp Friedenswald are coming up! Information can be found in your mailboxes and on the lit table.

(repeat) **Help displaced people in the DR Congo:** Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global and Canada- and U.S.-based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at [mcc.org/congo-relief](http://mcc.org/congo-relief) or by phone, [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676); mail checks to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a full time Network Systems Administrator located in the Elkhart, IN office. This position will ensure the stable operation of the entire organizations Local Area Network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), Internet systems and software applications. The ability to analyze and resolve end user hardware and software computer problems in a timely and accurate fashion is essential. View the complete position description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). Submit to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net)

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