

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

<p>September 24 Worship leader: <i>Deanna Risser</i> Sermon: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Cardinal & Cantaloupe</i> Communion Scripture: <i>Matthew 26:17-29</i></p>	<p>October 1 Fall Retreat <i>Service at Friedenswald begins at 10:30 am</i> No service at the meetinghouse</p>
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CALENDAR

TODAY	Sept 24	12pm Students in our homes for lunch
Tue	Sept 26	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Fri-Sun	Sept 29-Oct 1	Fall Retreat at Camp Friedenswald
Wed	Oct 4	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch Greencroft Community Center
Weds	Oct 4,11,18	6-9pm Fall Work Days

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY is the last week of our Fall Worship series "Jesus as our companion" focusing on how Jesus builds relationships and trust. Today's theme is 'Jesus eats with us' which will include communion.

2nd hour today will include a discussion of AMC's current practice of communion led by Mary Lehman Yoder. What's the difference between feasting and communion? What is the difference between an ordinance/ sacrament and a ritual? How does our practice line up with or differ from Christians in other denominations and traditions? How do we consider scripture, tradition, and our own experience as we determine our congregational patterns and practices?

Today food is provided during the fellowship break between first and second hour as a way of celebrating the wedding of Jon Zirkle and Adrienne Laws Landis. Provided by Small Group B and friends.

Our prayers are with Bertha Beachy and her family as they mourn the loss of Alvin Beachy, brother of Bertha. Alvin died peacefully, Sept 19 at two o'clock. The memorial service is planned for Sept 30 at 11:00 at the Hudson Lake Mennonite Church near New Carlisle, Indiana. Donation in lieu of flowers to MCC.

We extend love and sympathy to the Beyeler family as they mourn the loss of Lowell Beyeler (brother of Eunice Brenneman and great uncle of Ben and Rachel Beyeler). Lowell's memorial service was held Thur, Sept 14 in OH.

Fall Work Days 2018 will be Wed evenings of Oct 4, 11, and 18! Cleaning assignments for small groups have been emailed to and placed in the mailboxes of each small group rep. If you are not currently in a small group and would like to help with some Fall cleaning, email the office or show up ready to join any small group Oct 4, 11, or 18.

A reminder that next Sun, Oct 1, we are worshipping at Camp Friedenswald. Service begins at 10:30am.

Char Yutzy and Leon Bauman are going to be married during the worship service at Camp Friedenswald as part of our Assembly Retreat on Oct 1. All are invited to share in the joy and blessing of this new relationship. No gifts please, your presence is your gift. After Oct. 1, Leon's address will change to 505 S. 6th St.

YOU ARE TALENTED! Share your talent with us at Retreat next weekend. Adam Graber Roth is organizing a fabulous show on Saturday evening. Come see!!

2% Fund Fall 2017 distribution proposal: World: MCC \$4000, Christian Peacemaker Teams \$1000, Mennonite Disaster Service \$1000. Local: LaCasa \$750, Goshen Ministerial Association \$1000, Walnut Hill Day Care Center \$500, Elkhart County Clubhouse \$500, The Window \$500, Center for Healing and Hope \$500, Elkhart County HOPE ID project \$1000, ADEC \$500. Please speak to anyone on the 2% Committee if you have questions or proposals: Sandy Fribley, Matt Lind, Sarah Horst, Jim Lehman, Dave Ostergren, Phil Good-Elliott (chair).

Come watch the documentary, The Deportation of Innocence, followed by a discussion with a panel of experts at the Goshen Theatre on Sept 28 from 6-8pm. This event is free, but space is limited. Reserve a seat at <https://goo.gl/Xy9eFO>. Consider attending as a small group or with your mentor/mentee!

Men's Retreat at Camp Friedenswald is Oct 13-15. Mennonite men (MM) have been organized for many years in some congregations. Richard Hirschler remembers his father being active and eventually joining him. This year at the annual Central District Conference (CDC) meeting there was a push to start more groups. This retreat is supported by CDC and MM. Young men can register for free and boys are invited at reduced price. Please consider going for part or all of weekend if you can. Our local MM leader, Steve Thomas, will be speaking. More info [here](#).

Safety Networks (which connects volunteers with local immigrants in need) has had a successful launch. The Transportation Network continues to be the busiest, providing rides for immigrants to legal proceedings and other appointments. The Family to Family Network has matched a number of volunteers, and we're hearing heart-warming stories about the relationships being formed. The Interpreters Network has provided valuable support to the other Networks when a volunteer needs some language support. The remaining Networks, while in place with volunteers ready to help, have not yet been called upon. In addition to referrals from NIJC, we have also invited referrals from the social workers at Goshen High School. We are open to other organizations who encounter immigrants in need to talk with us about joining our referral base. We have added volunteers from Eight Street and North Goshen churches, and continue to collaborate with the Sanctuary Churches movement and Elkhart County HOPE. We again invite Assembly folks to consider helping us support the vulnerable in our community by signing up at <http://bit.ly/sn-vol-info>.

Lydia Dyck is looking for transportation to Canada for the weekend of Oct 14th, and then coming back to Goshen the next weekend, the 21st. If you or someone you know will be making either or both of those trips please contact Lydia at lydiad@goshen.edu. Many thanks!

Central District Conference's Sept issue of the Reporter newsletter can be read [here](#).

(repeat) **It's time to sign up** for next year's Hospitality and Child Care tasks (previously known as volunteer tasks)! Did you know that Assembly relies on 40+ active participants each Sunday? We ask everyone to complete a form and sign up for at least two hospitality and/or child care tasks. The form can be accessed [on our website](#), and pink paper copies are available on the lit table. Please fill out form by Oct 22.

(repeat) **A reminder to return your coin-stackers** to church this Sunday. Thanks

(repeat) **Congratulations** to Rebecca Yoder and Levi Smucker on their marriage on Sunday, Sept 3! They are living at 819 S 14th St (note that last week's Assemblyline was incorrect). Becca continues to work at clubhouse and Levi is in medical school. Remember them in your thoughts as they journey together and explore residency options over the next year.

(repeat) **Mailboxes have been shuffled** into alphabetical order! A reminder for families with more than one last name: the mailbox falls under the last name that comes first in the alphabet.

(repeat) **In order to provide** room on the bike rack by the North door for bikes with trailers, please park your bike-sans-trailer between the rack and the building, or hang your bike on one of the hooks on the north or west walls.

(repeat) **The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** is committed to reducing trash to the landfill by supporting recycling and composting. More volunteers are needed Sept 22-23 to encourage separating and to move bags to dumpsters. Shifts of two hours or ninety minutes are available on both days. Check with Lois Nafziger, at lhnafziger@gmail.com, for more info or to volunteer.

(repeat) **Online Auction** of the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale: This auction was begun by Assembly folk and continues to have significant Assembly help. At least 15 Assembly people have offered items for the auction, so please take a look! www.BiddingForGood.com/MCCSale. From an accountant caricature to Zero Balancing, from toys to animal training, from modern art to vintage pieces, the ONLINE AUCTION has it all! (We also need

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volunteers: To greet, to help with computers, to invite people to learn about water projects and to be the welcoming face of the auction.) Tell your friends! Tell your relatives! Even your enemies will find something to love at the online auction.

(repeat) **Women's Lunch Bunch** will be at 11:30 on Wed, Oct 4, at the Greencroft Community Center. Char Yutzky will be sharing with us and we will celebrate her 10/1 marriage to Leon. Sign up today or call Joyce Hostetler at 537-3762 before Thur, Sept 28. Please let us know if you sign up and cannot attend as we pay for all lunches on 9/28.

community connections

Goshen College's fall Explore Goshen Day takes place Friday, Sept. 29. Join other students considering attending GC to check out the housing options, taste the food, take a campus tour and talk to current students and professors. Special tracks are available for education, Sign Language, environmental & marine science and sustainability. Learn more at goshen.edu/visit.

On Tue, Oct 3 at 7pm, Goshen College will host a Hispanic Heritage Month Townhall Meeting in Newcomer Center, Room 19 to discuss issues related to immigration and the Goshen community. All are welcome.

Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) is excited to invite you to the annual Circles of Love Fundraising Banquet on Oct 13. The evening features a delicious fall meal, stories of four congregations nurturing inclusive faith communities, and the opportunity to help build ADN's network and vital advocacy for the full inclusion of people touched by disability. Dinner begins at 6pm and will be hosted at Prairie Street Mennonite Church (1316 Prairie Street, Elkhart IN, 46516). Tickets are complementary, but reservations required. A free will offering will be collected to support Anabaptist Disabilities Network. Please RSVP no later than Oct 5. Email adnet@ADNetOnline.org, or leave a message at 574-343-1362, or register on our Facebook event page (search for Circles of Love Banquet). Your support is important to ADN. Hope to see you there!

Training Opportunity: You are invited to attend the one-day workshop Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches on Oct 21 in Indianapolis, IN. This workshop will focus on the Biblical basis for conflict transformation, styles of

responding to conflict, communication skills necessary to resolve conflict peacefully, strategies to prevent destructive conflict in churches, and a model for working at congregational decision-making in a win-win manner. Preregistration fee of \$79 and group discounts are available until October 6, 2017. For more information, visit the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center website at <https://www.lmpeacecenter.org/workshops/cts/>.

Understanding Anabaptist Approach to Scripture. Join Loren Johns, Ph.D., professor of New Testament at AMBS, for this interactive 6-week short course. What, exactly, is Anabaptism? Where did it come from? Why did the early Anabaptists' method of reading of Scripture challenge, and often frighten, their contemporaries? And why does it still matter today? Oct 25-Dec 12. Cost: \$200 before Oct 4; \$250 after. Noncredit. CEUs available.

John McCutcheon Concert: Internationally-renowned folksinger John McCutcheon will be in concert at Bethany Christian Schools at 6pm Sun, Nov. 5. Reserved-seat tickets are \$18 (\$20 at the door). Student price is \$10. To reserve seats online see bethanycs.net/mccutcheon_171105.

(repeat) **Subscribe to Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology!** *Vision*, published semiannually by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Canadian Mennonite University, seeks to encourage theological reflection by church leaders on the identity, mission and practices of the church from an Anabaptist-Mennonite perspective. The Fall 2017 issue, on the theme "Proclaiming Christ in a Pluralistic Context," is the final one to be edited by Mary H. Schertz, AMBS professor of New Testament, who retired in June. (Andy Brubacher Kaethler, AMBS professor, is taking on the role of AMBS editor.) Upcoming issue topics include "The Church and Young Adults" (Spring 2018) and "Gifts of a Global Church" (Fall 2018). To get a copy of the Fall 2017 issue, subscribe by Sept 22. A one-year subscription is \$15; subscribe for three years for \$40. Send your check (made out to AMBS) to IMS, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517, or pay by credit card by calling AMBS receptionist at [574-295-3726](tel:574-295-3726).

(repeat) **Alumni Nights at Bethany:** Bethany Christian Schools alumni and their family will receive free admission to the following home games: volleyball (11am vs. Lakeland) and girls soccer (7pm vs. Westview) on Sat,

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Sept 23, in conjunction with Alumni Weekend events; boys soccer on Tue, Sept 26, at 7pm (varsity vs. Elkhart Chr).

(repeat) **On Sat, Sept 23, The Goshen Theater** will be hosting the Eugene Alexander Couture Runway Show to honor Goshen College Alumnus and fellow Mennonite Eugene Stutzman '73 and celebrate his life work and fashion label, Eugene Alexander. Eugene grew up in Holmes County, Ohio and later attended Goshen College for Art Education. His mom, who made all of her own clothing, taught Eugene how to sew as a young child. Developing a love for this kind of craftsmanship led him towards a career in fashion, and he went on to become a well-known fashion designer in the '80s. For ticketing and more information, visit goshentheater.com/fashionweek

(repeat) **Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA)** will host its first event of the new program year on Thur, Sept 28, at 6:30pm at Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Middlebury. Chapter members and guests can look forward to a buffet-style dinner, followed by a presentation from Dan Sauder, executive vice president of engineering and new markets at Sauder Woodworking Co. in Archbold, Ohio. RSVP by Mon, Sept 25, to info@michianameda.org or 574-355-3607. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

(repeat) **AMBS webinar recordings available.** Recordings of past Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary webinars are available for purchase online for \$20. Topics include How We Got the Bible; Changing the Way the Church Views Racism; Planting Peace Churches; Congregational Leadership and Ministry in the Face of Sexual Abuse; Introduction to Anabaptism; Exploring Your Call to Ministry, and more. www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/webinar-recordings

(repeat) **MCC responds to Hurricane Irma** damage in Cuba and Haiti: Hurricane Irma tore roofs from houses in Cuba and dashed houses to the ground. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and caused families to escape in waist-high water. In both countries, crops, gardens and livestock were destroyed. Your gift to Mennonite Central Committee helps people in Cuba to rebuild and people in Haiti to recover. You can donate online at donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response.

Contributions can also be made by calling [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676) or sending a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

(repeat) **The Leadership Development** office of Mennonite Church USA is seeking applications for an office manager, currently a 2/3 time position. Primary responsibilities of this position includes maintaining the national database (MennoData) and technical support for the "calling system" which assists pastors, congregations and conferences in the pastoral search process. Successful candidates will be detail oriented with strong computer skills and able to work in a confidential environment. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request a copy of the job description and an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or [316-281-4257](tel:316-281-4257).

(repeat) **New donor engagement officer position open.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, is seeking a part-time (50 percent) development officer to qualify and cultivate new donors. Successful candidates will have experience in fundraising and/or higher education and an understanding of fundraising as ministry. This position is based in Elkhart and will require up to 50% travel. Bachelor's degree required; master degree preferred. Position open until filled. Visit www.ambs.edu/jobs to see a full job description and application instructions.

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