

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

October 22

Worship leader: *Kim Stuckey*

Sermon: *Mary Lehman Yoder and Kristy Shellenberger Yordy*

Welcome & tear-down: *Tumbleweed & Derailed*

Scripture: *Joshua 2*

October 29

Worship leader: *Jon Zirkle*

Sermon: *Danny Aramouni*

Welcome & tear-down: *Hygge & Rad*

Scripture: *Joshua 11:16-23*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Oct 22	12pm Support group for care givers, brown bag lunch
Sun	Oct 29	12pm Parent/Teacher meeting and pizza lunch
Mon	Oct 30	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Wed	Nov 1	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch Greencroft Community Center
Mon	Nov 6	7pm Leadership Group Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Alyda Miller Avelar (8th St Preschool) turned 4 on Oct 18! Alyda is good at making funny faces, dancing and drawing. She likes to paint and sing and play outside, and is learning to ride a bike. She likes to have her parents read to her.

TODAY, is the second week of our Fall Bible Study on the book of Joshua; today's sermon is titled "So what's going on with Rahab?". Second hour electives include: further study of Joshua, exploration of Race in America guided by the newly formed racial justice ministry team, and a contemplative creative option to feed and nourish the spirit.

TODAY several people will be covenanting with Assembly. Small Group B is pleased to recommend Ashley Fehlberg. Group Tumbleweeds is happy to welcome Duane Shank and Jose Rocha. Former group Z joyfully announces the covenanting of Erich Miller. Please take time to welcome each person and learn more about them.

This is the last week to sign up for 2018 Hospitality and Child Care Tasks! These tasks (previously known as volunteer tasks) include helping to set up coffee, set up the worship space, provide child care during 1st hour, etc. We still need A LOT of people to sign up! You can sign up via our website (by clicking [here](#)) or you can fill out a salmon colored sheet found on the round white table.

Seeking old/broken toys: I am in need of old/damaged/broken toys to use at a library program. Teens will be making Franken-toys by taking toys apart and building a

new creation with the pieces. Toys of all kinds welcome! Stuffed animals, dolls, plastic figurines, small Happy Meal-type toys, vehicles, etc. If you have toys to donate, you can place them in the box underneath the metal mailboxes. I will pick up the box on Mon, Oct 23. Call/text me at [419-261-1310](tel:419-261-1310) if you have questions. -Emily Stuckey Weber

St. Joseph Valley Camerata presents: Mass Through the Ages. In a time of particular unrest, we heed the words of Leonard Bernstein, who said, "*This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before.*" Featuring Assembly participants Scott Hochstetler, Jeff Martin, Lisa Rose Martin, Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, Becky Snider and Nate Osborn. Sun, Oct 22 at 7:30pm in Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets: sjvcamerata.org \$15 Regular \$5 Student

Barn Dance Final Date! Your minds might be whirling from the multiple changes in date of this year's barn dance. But we promise this is the final one! We have secured a caller for Oct 28. Mark your calendar and brush off your dancing shoes for this event. What: Annual Assembly Barn Dance. When: Oct 28, dance begins at 7pm. Where: Ebright Zehr's barn (63950 Old County Road 17). Musicians PLEASE contact Wendell Landis if you are free and willing to play at this event!

A new page has been added to Assembly's website containing information regarding the Bridge Support Team's ongoing work. It can be found under Minutiae, or by clicking here.

I'm happy to report that \$1,275 have been contributed for School Kits. I've been able to purchase enough supplies for 530 kits. Just think how happy the parents will be to send their child to school to be educated and to be in a more stable environment. Thank you, thank you! Also I've received enough money to buy the materials for 6 more Relief Buckets. That increases the total to 142 Buckets this year. What a joy! From Johanna Sutter (I'm never done with any project. So if you ever feel led to do any kind of kit just talk to me.)

Bertha Beachy's mailbox has been moved to the end of the alphabet (at the bottom of the metal mailboxes) so she can reach her mail without requiring assistance. If you also have an inconveniently placed mailbox, please let Naomi know at office@assemblymennonite.org or 534-4190.

Faith Mennonite Church often finds the South doors to the meetinghouse open upon arrival in the afternoon. If you are the last to leave the building, please make sure the doors are locked and that you pull them shut so they latch.

Central District Conference's October edition of their monthly newsletter Focus can be read [here](#).

(repeat) **Here are some ways** you can actively engage the biblical text during the upcoming weeks: Bring your Bibles to worship; Read through (or listen to) the entire book of Joshua; Participate in the second hour elective focused on Joshua; Delve into the Believer's Church commentary on the book of Joshua recommended by Paul Keim (3 copies are available in Assembly's library); Savor the worship visuals created by Eric Good Kaufmann; Watch this brief [less than 9 minutes] video on the book of Joshua: https://youtu.be/JqOqJIFF_eU

(repeat) **Kim Kurtz** has been AMC's rep for Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network for a long time! Susan Mark Landis has recently taken over this important role, right as GIHN transitions to a permanent site. Offer your gratitude to these fine women!

(repeat) **Sunday School Parent/Teacher meeting** and pizza lunch is scheduled for 12pm on Sun, Oct 29 after 2nd hour. Parents will have the opportunity to engage in discussion about how to talk to their kids about racism in our current times. 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 signup sheet on the round table in the gathering space.](#)

(repeat) **Fish Fry at Bethany:** Bethany High School's Senior Class Fish Fry is on Fri, Oct 27! Come between the hours of 4:30-8pm for fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are available from Simon Graber Miller or at the door. The cost is \$11- adults \$6- children in grades 1-6. Carryout is also available with adult tickets only and opens at 4:00.

(repeat) **Women's Lunch Bunch** will be at 11:30 on Wed, Nov 1, at the Greencroft Community Center. Amy Kauffman will be our speaker. Sign up today or call Joyce Hostetler at 537-3762 before Thur, Oct 26. (Please let us know if you sign up and cannot attend because we pay for all lunches ordered on 10/26.)

(repeat) **On Sun, Nov 5** we will be celebrating All Saints Day with a time of remembrance for loved ones who have died. This year there will be an opportunity for people to display photographs of loved ones in the Worship Space.

(repeat) **On Nov 19**, during the morning service we will have a special blessing for the Walnut Hill staff as they prepare to leave our building. We would like to present each staff member (there are 20 of them) with a small gift. If you would like to donate towards this gift, please bring cash, gift cards, or small gifts (chocolate, etc) to the church office M/W/F by Nov 3. Coordinate with Naomi via 534-4190 or office@assemblymennonite.org.

(repeat) **Friedenswald 2018 Save the Date.** Thanks to all who came out to the annual Retreat at Camp Friedenswald! Next year we are scheduled for Sept 28-30, 2018.

(repeat) **Have you ever wondered** how things work at Assembly? We do some things differently including pastoral care. A new document that explains how pastoral care is offered at Assembly has been shared with small groups, [is up on the web](#), and is attached to this email. Hard copies are available on the lit table. Short answer: if you have a pastoral care need, check in with your small group or a pastor.

community connections

This past July, in Orlando, the Mennonite Church passed a resolution "*Seeking Peace in Israel & Palestine*". This resolution urges congregations to become involved in

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specific steps toward peace and justice in the Middle East. A new group has formed in Goshen/Elkhart to assist us in learning more about the history and issues in Israel/Palestine. **Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace** is composed of persons who are Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Mennonite Mission Network, and others who have been on MCUSA “Come and See” tours to the region. Most of us have personal connections with Palestinian families. All are invited to [subscribe](#) to our email list to receive event information. The first event for **Michiana Voices** is **7pm Wed Oct 25 at First Presbyterian Church** on East Lincoln Ave in Goshen. **Rabbi Brant Rosen** and **CPT Director Sarah Thompson** will present on the topic: **“Costly Solidarity: Jewish and Christian Perspectives.”**

Carrie Newcomer will be performing on Sat, Oct 28, 7pm, at the Sweetwater Performance Theater! She will be joined by long-time collaborator, Gary Walters, on piano. Latin American Missions Board (LAMB) is pleased and honored to host an evening with Carrie and her powerful music with opening comments by Dr. Jane Weaver.

Are you interested in joining a Learning and Fellowship Tour to Ecuador in 2018? The Ross Richer family will be returning to the rain forest to accompany indigenous pastors and community leaders for another 6 month term in December. You are invited to join them on a two week “Learning and Fellowship Tour” in early March or a ten day “Mission Adventure Tour” during the first week of April 2018. To learn more about these opportunities, you are invited to attend an information session with the Ross Richers at Waterford Mennonite Church on Sun, Oct 29 at 7pm. If you are interested but unable to attend, please email Jerrell Ross Richer at rossrichers@gmail.com.

Five years ago, John Horsley, Oaklawn's director of addictions, rarely saw individuals come in with an addiction to heroin, now it's Oaklawn's most common addiction diagnosis. Join us for an hour-and-a-half session that will include: A brief overview of opiate use disorder; Current stats for our community; Treatment options. 1.0 CEU will be provided. Presenter: John Horsley, MBA, MSW, LCSW, LCAC. Oct 31 at the Elkhart campus. 7:40-8am: Registration; 8-9am: Presentation; 9-9:30am: Q&A. [Click here](#) to register.

AMBS Seminary Preview Evening: Thur, Nov 2, 5-9pm. At this event on Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s campus in Elkhart, Indiana, you can meet students and professors in person, sit in on a class and join us for a meal. Get first-hand information about our on-campus and distance programs, financial aid and scholarships. www.ambs.edu/admissions/visit

Calling all quilters! Gather with a community of other quilters who share your passion and interest at the MCC Quilting Retreat at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, MI, on Nov 3-5. Come alone or with a group, with skills to share or interest in learning, with a project for an MCC auction or a project of your own. More information at mcc.org/get-involved/events/quilting-retreat.

MDC Goldenrod has an urgent need for caregivers to work overnight and weekends. Work as little as one day each week or full-time with benefits. No experience necessary. For more information, call MDC Goldenrod at [574-533-9720](tel:574-533-9720) or visit us online at www.MDCGoldenrod.org.

Prayer request: MDC Goldenrod staff is stretched thin during this time of low unemployment. Please pray for strength and health for staff who are working many extra shifts to provide the care that community members need and deserve. Pray that overworked staff will not become more discouraged and that caring individuals will join MDC Goldenrod.

(repeat) **Let your voice resonate!** Join a regional hymn sing at 2pm Sun, Oct 22, at College Mennonite Church, for a glimpse into the work of the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee. The new hymnal is projected for release in 2020. Adam Tice will lead the singing of your heartsongs, as well as introduce new music being considered for the collection. Tice is the text editor for the Mennonite Worship and Song Collection. An offering will be received to support the production phase of the new collection. An opportunity to honor a loved one with a line in the hymnal will be presented. For more info: Steve Carpenter at (540) 908-3933 or SteveC@MennoMedia.org

(repeat) **Bruised Reeds and Smoldering Wicks:** A study of trauma-informed ministry and compassionate care for children from hard places and situations. Sponsored by Oaklawn Faith and Mental Health Advisory Council. Thur,

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Oct 26, 8am-12pm at St Mark Missionary Church. For more info and to register: oaklawn.org/reed

(repeat) **Eboo Patel**, an author and former a member of President Obama's inaugural Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships, will present a Yoder Public Affairs lecture titled "Interfaith Leadership: Engaging Faith and Philosophical Diversity in the 21st Century" on Thur, Oct 26, at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Church-Chapel. Patel will also speak to campus on "Building a Healthy Religiously Diverse Democracy: Notes for Interfaith Leaders" on Fri, Oct 27 at 10am. These events are free and open to the public.

(repeat) **High Schoolers:** Plan your visit to Goshen College on Oct 27 for Explore Goshen Day! Tour campus, talk with professors, learn about scholarships and financial aid, hear from current students, eat lunch in the dining hall and ask all of your questions. Sign up today at goshen.edu/visit.

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat Bird Walk** Sun, Oct 29, 3pm. Come join us for a bird walk guided by Annie Aguirre. Annie works for the Elkhart County Parks and is an avid birder who has a special passion for identifying birds by their calls. Meet some of the 80+ species of birds that call the Pathways woods home. See www.pathwaysretreat.org for more info and a special interview with Annie on finding Spiritual Renewal through Birding.

(repeat) A **program for All Saints' Day** will be presented at Eighth Street Mennonite Church on Sun, Oct 29 at 3pm. The program of music for organ, violin, cello and voices features Brent Weaver's organ work, *Singing at the Fire: Voices of Anabaptist Martyrs*, inspired by stories from the *Martyrs Mirror*. Commissioned by Shirley Sprunger King for the C. Henry Smith 22nd Annual Peace Lectureship in 1997, the three-movement work includes poetry by Winnipeg poet, Sarah Klassen. Musicians include soloists, Brian Wiebe, Ben Wiebe and Carol Welty; a vocal ensemble and congregational singing. The public is invited to attend.

(repeat) **Goshen College is calling** for applications from high school students to participate in the Study-Service Theology Term (SSTT), a two-week study tour in Guatemala in June 2018. Thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., the cost for SSTT is only \$100 per participant. The deadline to apply is Oct 31. Participants

are selected through a competitive application process and will be drawn from students from any Christian denominational group in the United States who have completed their sophomore, junior or senior year by June 2017, with priority given to Latino and African-American students and seniors. For more info or to apply, visit goshen.edu/SSTT.

(repeat) **Goshen College has an international student** who needs a host family close to campus. This fine young man from Poland eats most of his meals on campus so feeding him would not be an issue. He is quiet, polite and cheerful. I know you'd like him! If you have a space in your house or if you know of anyone near campus who does, please contact Skip Barnett (carleb@goshen.edu).

(repeat) **MDC Goldenrod** is currently developing additional programs to further our efforts to empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and teach responsibility, reliability, teamwork, time management, problem solving and communication. Please take 3 minutes to [answer some questions](#) that will help us focus and prioritize as we plan. It is an anonymous survey.

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network**, along with Mennonite Education Agency, partner with *Academia Menonita Betania*, a Mennonite school in Puerto Rico that was badly damaged by Hurricane Maria. Click this link for the story [Betania School Rebuilding Fund](#), or contribute to their recovery efforts by texting Betania to 71777.

(repeat) **The Peace and Justice Support Network**, www.pjsn.org, offers resources to encourage people and communities to practice peacemaking.

(repeat) **Church Community Services** is in need of volunteers who can work in the following areas: A weekly shift in the food pantry Mon, Wed or Thur, Manage The Soup of Success (SOS) Store for 3-4 daytime hours weekly or help at holiday craft fairs and bazaars where we sell SOS merchandise, Groups of 6-25 to help with Soup of Success food or textile production, Oct thru Dec: persons who could take a shift in the Soup of Success Store, Nov and Dec: delivery people for Soup of Success products, March thru May: assisting in the Seed to Feed greenhouse. For more info, please contact Gwen at [574-295-3673 x112](tel:574-295-3673) or volunteer@churchcommunityservices.org

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(repeat) **Goshen Community Schools (GCS)** is in need of substitute teachers. GCS partners with PCMI and willSub to fill our substitute teacher and substitute paraprofessional positions. The pay is competitive and varies depending on experience and degree. If you are interested in working as a substitute, please visit www.pcmiservices.com and select the “Apply Now” link.

(repeat) **Camp Friedenswald** is hiring a Facilities Assistant to join our team. The ideal candidate will have skills in building maintenance, equipment operation, and land management. Eagerness to learn new skills, love of the outdoors, and a desire to create a hospitable environment for guests is a must. Benefits include competitive pay, free housing, utilities, meals, and an amazing work environment! For more information, [email our Facilities Director Jonathan](#) or [Apply today!](#)

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