

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## W O R S H I P

### October 8

*Resonate The Great Day of Singing*

Worship leader: Jonathon Schramm

Sermon: Sarah Kathleen Johnson

Welcome & tear-down: *Hug & Well Seasoned*

**Widow Offering**

**Fellowship Meal**

Scripture: *Psalm 96*

### October 15

Worship leader: Anna Yoder Schlabach

Sermon: Paul Keim

Welcome & tear-down: *Cantaloupe & Espanol*

Scripture: *Joshua 24:1-15*

## C A L E N D A R

Weds	Oct 11,18	6-9pm Fall Work Days
Sun	Oct 8	12pm Fellowship Meal
Sun	Oct 15	7pm Congregational Meeting
Sun	Oct 22	12pm Support group for care givers, brown bag lunch

## A N N O U N C E M E N T S

### assembly life and people

#### Arthur Beyeler (K, Chandler) turns 6 on Oct 12!

Arthur's favorite things to do at school are gym, blocks and dressing up. He likes to play with Lego and swim. He also enjoys playing with his cousins at the playground and going out to eat with his parents. He is a good runner and is learning how to play baseball.

**This fall we will** bookend our fall Bible study with special services and potlucks! **TODAY**, we will learn about and sing from the new Hymnal, *Resonate*, that is being created, and will hear from guest speaker Sarah Kathleen Johnson, the Worship Resources Editor for *Resonate*. At the end of the series on Nov 26, we will celebrate the ordination of Lora Nafziger. Our fall Bible study series will explore the book of Joshua with first hour sermons and reflections and second hour electives that 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 your spirit.

**Update or add your photo** in Assembly's photo directory! Lucas Landis will be taking pictures this Sun, Oct 8. If you would rather send a digital copy of a recent photo to the office, you may do so: [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

**Lora Nafziger will be traveling** Oct 7-11 for Canadian Thanksgiving. Contact Karl Shelly or Tom Kauffman for pastoral needs during this time.

**Pledge forms** are in your mailboxes! The actual amount of the Spending Plan is determined by the dollars you pledge to give in 2018. Please put completed forms in John Nafziger's mailbox.

**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.

**The annual Assembly talent show** at Camp Friedenswald showcases the varied gifts present in the congregation. However, there are times when something is shared which may have unintended effects on the gathered body. A selection of poetry was read which included the N-word. While it was a historically correct rendition of a saying heard generations ago, it is no longer appropriate, particularly for white people, to say in any setting. Several people engaged in reflection afterward, some expressing their extreme offense that this happened. A pastoral visit was made to the poet, who understands that this was offensive to many and that even when we don't intend harm, our words can wound. Leadership Group wants to affirm that, as a community that seeks to undo rather than replicate hateful speech, we believe there is no place for such injurious words. We are grateful to be a part of a

community that gives and receives counsel and works for justice within ourselves and the world.

**Kara Shields** is a Theology and Christian Ethics doctoral student at Notre Dame who is friends with friends of Assembly. Her doctoral studies focus on how Christians in local communities discern their common call and live into that call, and she thinks Assembly would be an ideal case study (our story may be instructive to others!). She (and sometimes her family) would like to participate/attend our congregation and its various structures as “both researcher and as an earnest Christian still being disciplined and growing in faith.” Members of Leadership Group have met with Kara and think her request is worthy of our consideration. She will introduce herself at an upcoming worship service, and more info about her project will be distributed in the coming weeks. There will also be opportunity to hear from her at the Oct 15 congregational meeting and to discuss her request. Please attend if you have any questions or concerns!

**Want to learn** about sorghum syrup making? Come to Merry Lea on Fri, Oct 13 10am-5pm for sorghum pressing, boiling and tasting. Families welcome. Contact Jon Zirkle at [jjzirkle@goshen.edu](mailto:jjzirkle@goshen.edu) with questions.

**The meetinghouse east side** got a facelift, thanks to the work of groups Maple and Here & There on Wed. evening. They distributed the first load of mulch and made it into a party. However, more needs to be done before cold weather, both on the north side and at the Sunday school house. We need about a half dozen strong-backed volunteers to finish the job. Please let me know if you can help for 1-2 hours on Sat morning, Oct 14, starting around 9:30, when the rest of the mulch will be delivered. This would be a good mentor-mentee activity, way to earn MYF service hours, or a way to contribute to the life of the congregation. Call or e-mail me to reserve your spot(s). Thanks, Mary Gilbert, for the landscaping crew.

**Participate in local anti-racism work** through the Elkhart County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) by: 1) attending the annual NAACP banquet at the Crystal Ballroom in the Lerner theater at 7pm on Oct 20 or purchase a ticket for someone else to attend (\$40 which includes a contribution to local NAACP initiatives) and 2) becoming a member (\$30)

which includes a subscription to *Crisis* magazine. This month's meeting included organization to encourage city council members to continue budget for the Tolson Center in Elkhart and for school crossing guards--both on the table for cuts even though funds are not tight this year. In addition there was lively discussion of increased local police profiling and arrests of Spanish-speaking drivers as well as desire to address the growing opioid problem in our county. Contact Gayle Gerber Koontz: [361-5267](tel:361-5267); [ggkoontz@ambs.edu](mailto:ggkoontz@ambs.edu). I am glad to find people to use banquet tickets you purchase by Oct 15 for others to use. I will bring tickets to Assembly Oct 8 and 15.

**The National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund** will present a program on Sat, Oct 21 at 2pm at Assembly Mennonite Church. Malachy Kilbride of NCPTF will present the history of the NCPTF and the current work to pass this bill to expand conscientious objection to income tax payment. See Karl Shelly for more info.

**Ellen Kennel** has neighbors in need of a kitchen table, a twin sized mattress and a full sized mattress. Please contact her at [elenalorena33@gmail.com](mailto:elenalorena33@gmail.com) or 202-607-8613 this weekend if you are able to help.

**Thank you to Assembly** for being a wonderful church family. We have appreciated your support, prayers, cards, meals, gifts during the birth and short life of our daughter Alice Rose. We are truly blessed by community on this journey. Thank you, Anne, Rod, Clara & Martha Hanby

**Faith Mennonite** thanks Assembly for our interest in the Hope House. They received \$5,543 from Assembly which was a huge help!

(repeat) **Small Group Reps met** Sept 26 and were given 1) additional information about the Pastor Emeritus proposal; 2) a description of how pastoral care is done at Assembly; 3) initial information about a request to study Assembly; 4) latest decisions about solar panels; 5) sharing from an Assembly participant about some important life changes; and 6) a status update about the Shuffle. Ask your rep for more information.

(repeat) **Thank you** to all the amazing children and adults at Assembly Mennonite for your energy and enthusiasm in collecting \$1,063.89 (\$579.77 of this is from the coin stackers!) for My Coins Count this year. Your collection,

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along with the special 50th Anniversary push for matches from local businesses helped raise over \$210,000 to support water and other projects through My Coins Count, Your funds help build hand-washing stations to allow girls to attend school in Uganda, irrigate crops for farmers in India, provide water catchment systems to water vegetable gardens in Honduras and Guatemala, and pipe water into poor people's homes in Egypt. -Les Gustafson-Zook, MyCC Coordinator, Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale.

(repeat) **The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Board** would like to send a huge thank you to all the volunteers, donors and patrons of the sale this year. We had a great time celebrating the 50th anniversary with a record topping \$600,000! Thank you again for your participation and generous donations!

(repeat) **Due to Fall Work Days**, small group child care is canceled for the month of October.

(repeat) **Mennonite Men's retreat.** Men, here's an opportunity to do something special with your son, grandson, nephew or mentee. While men will be present who won't bring a young man, this retreat will engage boys (ages 10+) in activities. The retreat will focus on Making Peace with Conflict at Camp Friedenswald Oct 13-15. Men and boys will engage in fun, interactive exercises while learning how to transform interpersonal conflicts. This will be led by Steve Thomas, U.S. Coordinator for Mennonite Men. Steve has worked with conflict for over 30 years as a Mennonite pastor, martial arts instructor, peace educator and adjunct professor at GC. More info [friedenswald.org/retreats](http://friedenswald.org/retreats).

(repeat) **The search committee** for Mennonite Church USA's next executive director invites denomination-wide participation in a [Survey Monkey questionnaire](#) to discern essential qualities and top priorities for the job description, and to nominate potential candidates for the role. The survey is available at [mennoniteusa.org](http://mennoniteusa.org) in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and will be available for completion through Oct 16.

## community connections

**The Window list of needs:** Food Pantry: Shampoo, Deodorant, Baby Wipes, Diapers sizes: 4,5,6, Canned Beans: Kidney, Pork, Chili & Refried, Canned Tuna, Pasta,

Canned Corn, Tomato & Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Products; Katie's Kitchen: Salad Dressings: French, Italian & Ranch, #10 cans of Fruit & Vegetables, Butter, Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Paper Napkins, Laundry Soap, Egg Noodles, Elbow Macaroni, Sugar, Flour, Juice, Recyclable Plastic Containers

**St. Francis Animal Blessing, Today, Oct 8, 3pm** at Pathways Retreat ([309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen](#)). Each October, near the Feast Day of St. Francis (Oct 4) you are invited to bring your pets to Pathways for an annual blessing and walk through the woods. St. Francis of Assisi had the marvelous talent of seeing the entire world – every living thing – as a beautiful gift from God. He called the sun, the moon, and all the creatures of the earth his brothers and sisters. In honor of his feast day, we bless our beloved and faithful friends. All are welcome!

**Goshen TAIZE Worship:** Once again, Goshen College students will host a monthly TAIZE Worship Service. This Sun, Oct 8, marks the first of these gatherings for this academic year. Join with GC students, faculty, staff and community members for an hour of contemplative and meditative worship, inviting us to find our center in Divine Love even while so much in our world feels like it is spinning out of control. 8pm in Newcomer 19 (on the Goshen College Campus). All are welcome.

**As alumni or interested friends** of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 6pm on Fri, Oct 13, at Waterford Mennonite Church, 65975 State Road 15, in Goshen. Special guest speaker will be Cesar Flores, current MCC Area Director for Central America and Haiti. Please RSVP at 574-534-4133 or to [lmg@mcc.org](mailto:lmg@mcc.org).

**Join in an evening of music** that feeds the soul of the peace and justice minded folk: Friends of the Weather will be teaming up with Seth Bernard for a concert at Ignition Fri, Oct. 13, at 7:30. More info online at <https://www.facebook.com/events/294703161000285/>

**Comforter Bash:** Make plans to join us on Oct 20 and 21 for the MCC Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 CR 23). For more info, see the poster in the gathering space, or check [mcc.org/comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/comforter-bash),

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This is a festive event, with all ages and participants from the entire Anabaptist spectrum. Come and bring your friends. The current refugee crisis makes this an urgent and relevant activity.

**ADEC presents an evening** with Rachel Simon, author of "Riding the Bus with My Sister" on Oct 26 at the Crystal Ballroom. Tickets must be purchased by Oct 16. More info can be found online at [adecinc.com/celebrate](http://adecinc.com/celebrate).

**Pathways Retreat's** October 2017 Rhythms newsletter can be read [here](#).

**Elkhart General Hospital Spiritual Care** team is seeking professional chaplains with a minimum of one unit of basic Clinical Pastoral Education from an accredited [www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu) training site to cover weeknights 5pm-7am the next morning and weekends. Please point anyone with potential interest to <https://beaconhealth.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en> and enter keyword "chaplain". This is a part-time, on-call role carrying a pager and responding from home. Must be within 20 minutes of the hospital.

**Elkhart General Hospital** has an acute shortage of volunteers able to assist with patient transport (taking discharged patients from their rooms to the valet area via wheelchair). Please contact Volunteer Services at 523-2761 or email [eghvol@beaconhealthsystem.org](mailto:eghvol@beaconhealthsystem.org) Encourage your members see a full range of volunteer possibilities at [www.BeaconHealthSystem.org/EGH-Volunteer](http://www.BeaconHealthSystem.org/EGH-Volunteer)

**Anabaptist Disabilities Network**, a small non-profit that links congregations, families, and persons touched by disabilities with resources and support services within the community of faith, seeks a part-time Volunteer Bookkeeper for 1-4 hours per week to assist with accounts payable, payroll for two employees, financial recordkeeping and reporting. QuickBooks required. Contact Kathleen Nofziger Yeakey, executive director, for additional information. Anabaptist Disabilities Network, 3145 Benham Ave, Elkhart, IN 46517. [574-343-1362](tel:574-343-1362) or [kathyny@adnetonline.org](mailto:kathyny@adnetonline.org).

(repeat) **The Window: October First Friday meal** will be Oct 6, from 4:30-7pm. Chili, chicken noodle soup, and assorted desserts will be served. Suggested donation is \$9.

(repeat) **The 2017 MDC Goldenrod Auction** will be Oct 6 at the Shippshewana Auction Barn. The fun begins at 4pm with an Amish haystack meal, a bake sale and the silent auction. The live auction begins at 4:30. Items for sale include comforters and quilts, handcrafted furniture, and more. For more info, go to [MDCGoldenrod.org/auction](http://MDCGoldenrod.org/auction), visit the MDC Goldenrod Facebook page or call 533-9720.

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Middle School** instrumental groups will present a fall concert on Fri, Oct 6, at 7pm. The concert is free and open to the public.

(repeat) **The UB Bruin Club** is an opportunity for students in grades 3-5 who are planning to attend Bethany Christian Schools or wanting to explore that option. Children can make friends with future classmates and begin to have their own fun experiences at Bethany. The next meeting is Fri, Oct 6, 6:30-8 p.m. This month's activity is creative technology. For more info or to register, see [bethanycs.net/UB\\_Bruin\\_Club](http://bethanycs.net/UB_Bruin_Club).

(repeat) **Ted & Company Theaterworks** return to Goshen to present "Discovery: A Comic Lament" at Goshen College on Fri, Oct 6 at 8pm and Sat, Oct 7 at 4pm in the Goshen College Umble Center. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets). Starring Ted Swartz and 1994 GC graduate Michelle Milne, this latest production weaves through time and geography, from Europeans "discovering" the New World to the Kansas wheat fields and pipelines of the present, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of our oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. This play is written by 2011 GC alumna Alison Brookins, and directed by 2012 GC graduate Phil Weaver-Stoesz.

(repeat) **Pastor and author Ryan Ahlgrim** will be sharing a presentation entitled, "Healthy Faith: Core Characteristics for Attracting Young Adults and Building the Church", on Sunday evening Oct 8, 6:30pm at Waterford Mennonite Church, 65975 State Road 15, Goshen. Ahlgrim will identify some key reasons why young adults are leaving the church, as well as suggest some core characteristics of a healthy, persuasive Christian faith and church. His recent book, *Sick Religion or Healthy Faith: Beliefs and Practices for a Healing Christian Community*, will be on sale.

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Formerly pastoring in Indianapolis, Ahlgrim is currently pastor at First Mennonite Church in Richmond, VA.

(repeat) **Building Resiliency in Youth:** Oct 10 Oaklawn Elkhart campus. Now that we know what trauma is and how it can affect a child's life into adulthood, what do we do about it? Join us for the morning to talk RESILIENCE. We know that protective factors can mitigate the impact of trauma, and that resilience is the counter-balance to adversity. In this workshop learn: The neurobiology of resilience, Five areas of focus for resilience, and Specific strategies to help youth build resilience in each area of focus. 1.0 CEU will be provided. Presenters: Amy Rosen, MA, MSA, LMHC, LCAC, & Dory Lawrence, MA [Click here to register](#)

(repeat) **On Tue, Oct 10,** hear local women's choirs during "Treble Fest," Women's Choral Festival Concert, in the GC Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Concert begins at 7:30pm and tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors/students. The concert will feature the Goshen College Women's World Music Choir and women's choral ensembles from Northfield High School, Manchester HS and Goshen HS.

(repeat) **Tuesday, Oct 17, Noon:** Church-Chapel Fellowship Hall International Luncheon. Traditional and Modern Morocco, Unique Among Muslim Nations. Dean Rhodes, retired professor of Spanish and tour leader. Following a traditional Moroccan meal, discover how friendly and picturesque Morocco has been able to avoid the chaos plaguing other North African countries. Dean will trace Morocco's past as well as explore the varied peoples and cultures of this one-of-a-kind Muslim nation. Cost: \$22, \$5 late fee after Oct 6. Please call 535-7564 for reservations.

(repeat) **The E3 Survival Skills for Life** program that is a partnership between Amigo Centre and Goshen Middle School is in need of male mentors. To learn more about how you can become a mentor check out the link to the E3 program on the Amigo website.

(repeat) **Home for an Exchange Student:** Bethany Christian Schools is looking for a host family for an exchange student during the second semester of 2017-18 (January-May). A 10th grader from Concordia School in Paraguay, Kiara Dyck speaks fluent English, Spanish, and

German. She plays the flute and piano and enjoys volleyball, soccer, softball, and ping-pong. Hosting includes a stipend for her room and board. Please contact SaeJin Lee at [574 534-2567](tel:5745342567) or [saejinlee@bethanycs.net](mailto:saejinlee@bethanycs.net) if you have questions about hosting or want to learn more.

(repeat) **Temporary lodging needed:** The parents of Chinese international students at Bethany Christian Schools are looking for a furnished home for rent in the Goshen/Elkhart area between mid-December and mid-January this winter. They hope to be in the area for about a month and will pay rent and utilities. If you are gone during the winter months and would like to make your home available, please contact SaeJin Lee at [574 534-2567](tel:5745342567) or [saejinlee@bethanycs.net](mailto:saejinlee@bethanycs.net).

(repeat) **La Casa job opening:** Front Desk Administrative Assistant, a highly engaged position that's constantly in touch with all areas of LaCasa, working as an integral part of all client services related activities, and as such is required to have a good understanding of LaCasa's mission and vision, speak knowledgeably about all LaCasa programs and communicate respectfully with clients, donors and visitors. More info [here](#).

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