

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1  
Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

## 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

### November 12

Worship leader: *Susan Nelson*

Sermon: *Karl Shelly*

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

*Scripture: Joshua 20*

### November 19

Worship leader: *Danny Aramouni*

Sermon: *Tom Kauffman*

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

*Scripture: Joshua 24:1, 14-15*

## C A L E N D A R

TODAY	Nov 12	12:15pm Racial Justice Ministry Team brown bag lunch
Sun	Nov 26	Lora's ordination during 1 <sup>st</sup> hour followed by Fellowship Meal
Sun	Nov 26	7pm Congregational Meeting

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

### assembly life and people

**TODAY** is the fifth week of our Fall Bible Study of the book of Joshua; today's theme is "Cities of Refuge: Yet another way Joshua stretches the paradigm of acceptable violence". Sermon title "The Justice of Joshua"

**Second hour electives** during the Fall Bible Study include: further study of Joshua (Worship Space), exploration of Race in America guided by the newly formed racial justice ministry team (Northeast divider), a contemplative art to feed and nourish the spirit with Julie Keim (Northwest divider), and an outdoor contemplative walking session led by Jon Zirkle.

**Our prayers extend** to the Good Kaufmann family as they mourn the loss of Eric's mother, Ruth Kaufmann. Ruth passed away during the early morning hours on Tue, Nov 7. Visitation will be Sat, Nov. 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Gathering Room at College Mennonite Church prior to the 11:30 a.m. funeral service in the sanctuary.

**If you have not yet** turned in your pledge for 2018, please do so soon. You can put your pledge form in John Nafziger's mailbox or you can email your pledge to [treasurer@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:treasurer@assemblymennonite.org). Remember, we rely on pledges to help us draft the budget for next year.

**Congregational meeting:** Our congregational meetings are typically held on the third Sunday of the month. This month due to the Goshen community Chorale performance on the third Sunday, we will have our meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. More details to come.

**If you are still thinking about installing** solar panels at your home and would like to take advantage of 2017 prices for solar panels, consider attending an information workshop Thursday Nov. 16 at 6pm at the Assembly Meetinghouse. Installation won't happen until 2018, but signing a contract prior to Dec. 31 could be an important savings. Go to <http://solarizeni.org/goshen.htm> To learn more and register. Contact Glenn Gilbert with questions.

**The Goshen Community Chorale**, under the direction of Bill Mateer, will be presenting its fall concert at 7pm on Sun evening, Nov 19. This performance will take place at the First United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Jefferson and 5th Street in Goshen. This program will feature Durante's *Magnificat* and the *Messe de Minuit pour Noel* by Charpentier, which is based on French folk carols of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. A number of Assemblyites will be involved, both in the choir and the orchestra.

**Art Lovers of Assembly**, Starting Sun Nov 19, a number of my newest watercolor paintings and drawings will be part of an exhibit featuring the works of current and retired Goshen College Art faculty. The show opens Sun Nov 19 and runs through Sun Jan 21, 2018. We'd love to see you at the reception, 2-3:30pm Sun Nov 19, but failing that, you are welcome to peruse the show over the next couple of months. It will be located in the Hersberger Gallery of the Goshen College Music Center. Sign in, say hello and **ENJOY!!** ~ Thanks! ~ John Blosser

**Save the date for Advent activities!** Candle dipping for K-5 with Steve Shantz and the Advent Spiral for families will happen in early December. Candle dipping: Wed, Dec 6. Advent Spiral: Sat. Dec 9. More details to come.

**Occasionally people ask** about using direct deposit for their regular offerings. The easiest way to do this is for you to use bill payer at your bank or credit union. About 2/3 of you use Interra Credit Union which offers free bill payer. I know other financial institutions offer it free as well. Another option is for AMC to setup for ACH transactions (Automatic Clearing House). This would require some setup on our part and a small fee per transaction plus a monthly fee. If you are interested in the ACH option let me know. If enough people would use it, we will look into it more. John Nafziger- Treasurer

**Thanks to everyone from Assembly** who attended my mom's visitation and memorial, sent cards, brought soup, told me they were praying for me & my family and many other such expressions of love. They helped make it more obvious that God was with me. I was comforted. Thanks again. Anne Birky

**One last thank you** from the Relief Sale Board to everyone who volunteered, donated, purchased and prayed for the sale this year. We are excited to announce that our final numbers are in and we raised a record \$626,567.12!! We couldn't have done this without each one of you. Thank you again for such a successful year!

(repeat) **Marcay Dickens passed quietly** around 3:30am on Fri, Nov 3. Her final participation at Assembly was Easter service 2016, playing her horn and enjoying the fellowship meal. As much as this was expected, it still ultimately comes as a surprise. Michael, Jeanne, Conrad, and her extended family are grateful for the many kindnesses Assembly embodied and persistently expressed to Marcay and to us. Her memorial service is being planned for the evening of Tue, Nov 21. More details to come.

(repeat) **Karl Shelly (one of our pastors)** and Michelle are on vacation, meeting their first grandchild. Karl returns to work Nov 12.

(repeat) **Over 60 adults plus children** gathered for the fall parent/teacher meeting and discussed how to talk to kids about racism. A resource list including a family ritual for responding to painful world events is attached at the top of this email for anyone interested.

(repeat) **Small group reps** met on Oct 30 and were asked to solicit feedback from their group about a) how we

should do Sunday morning announcements, b) what new 3-year goal the congregation might commit to, and c) how we feel about five areas of congregational life the Bridge Support Team is examining. Ask your rep for details.

(repeat) **The annual fundraising dinner** for Tanzania Education Aid will be held Sat, Nov 11. Come enjoy a hearty and delicious meal full of traditional Tanzanian flavors, and get an update on the work TEA is doing. Sat, Nov 11, 5-7pm at the Assembly meetinghouse. See Tobias Magatti, Andre Hirschler, Richard Hirschler or Michael Miller for tickets.

(repeat) **Still looking for** a Thanksgiving turkey that was raised in a way you feel good about? Merry Lea Sustainable Farm has several turkeys for sale that were recently butchered and frozen. Weights range between 12-17 lbs. These birds were raised on organic grain and were pastured outdoors. Cost is \$4/lb. E-mail Ruth Mischler ([ramischler@goshen.edu](mailto:ramischler@goshen.edu)) and Jon Zirkle ([jzirkle@goshen.edu](mailto:jzirkle@goshen.edu)) to request a bird. Deliveries can be made in the coming week or two, ideally on Tuesday afternoons for pick up at GC.

## community connections

**Goshen TAIZE Worship Sunday Evening:** Once again, Goshen College students will host a monthly TAIZE Worship Service. This Sun, Nov 11, all are invited to 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. Come be restored. 8pm in Newcomer 19 (on the Goshen College Campus). All are welcome.

**Brooklyn-based chamber orchestra** The Knights will be joined by trailblazing Israeli mandolin virtuoso Avi Avital and soulful Syrian clarinetist and composer Kinan Azmeh for a dynamic and extraordinary Performing Arts Series Concert on Tue, Nov 14 at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Learn more or buy tickets at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets).

**Church, Conflict and Organizing** Against White Supremacy: Wednesday, Nov 15, 12-1pm at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS). Join us for a conversation with Maren Tyedmers Hange and Roy Hange,

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pastors of Charlottesville (Virginia) Mennonite Church, about their congregation's experiences in the lead up to and aftermath of the Aug. 12 white nationalist rally. This conversation is free and open to the public; it is offered as part of AMBS's weekly Witness Colloquium course. Location: AMBS Lambright Center, Room H.

[www.ambs.edu/witnesscourse](http://www.ambs.edu/witnesscourse)

**Community Worship Service** at Faith Lutheran Church (406 S. 5th Street) Mon, Nov 20 at 7pm. Pumpkin Pie Fellowship will follow. Offering will be collected to support the Goshen Ministerial Association Emergency Assistance Fund. Come join us for worship as we celebrate and give thanks as a community.

**Point Foundation's scholarship** for LGBTQ undergraduate and graduate students is now open! The application period for our 2018-2019 higher education scholarships opened Nov 1 and remains open until Jan 29. Please share this opportunity widely.

**Anabaptist Witness 4.2, "Mission and Suffering,"** is now available online and in print. Articles, poems, and artwork address missionary suffering, mission that responds to suffering, and mission that causes suffering. Specific topics include *Ausbund* hymns, Sufi Islam, health crisis during ministry, marginalized Indigenous communities in southern Mexico, and Mennonite participation in the Canadian Residential Schools program. [www.anabaptistwitness.org](http://www.anabaptistwitness.org)

**Winter Family Camp** February 16-18 at Camp Friedenswald. After the busy holiday season and in the middle of winter blues - this camp is a great break for the whole family. We have sledding, rides on the tube run, and broomball for the kids (and kids-at-heart), while for those wanting rest we have relaxing fireplaces and provided childcare. Family-focused worships will be led by Daniel and Talashia Keim Yoder focusing on the theme "Messy Families." Bring your friends and family to reconnect with a fun and relaxing weekend together. Adults: \$120; Kids: \$40; Family Max: \$300. Go to [Friedenswald.org](http://Friedenswald.org) for more information and to sign up today!

(repeat) **Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace** is hosting Dr. Marc Ellis, Founding Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at Baylor University, on Fri, Nov 10 at 7pm in The Chapel of The Sermon on the Mount on the AMBS campus. Dr. Ellis is a highly respected theologian who

describes himself as "a Jew in exile". He says that "speaking truth to power is an essential contribution that Judaism has made to Western civilization, but that modern-day Judaism has been penetrated to its core by imperialism." Because of the injustices perpetrated by a colonial Israel, we are "at the end of Jewish history" and prophetic Judaism has been replaced by "Empire Jewishness" or "Constantinian Judaism". Dr. Ellis will speak on: Jewish Liberation Theology: Peace with Justice for All. Admission is free and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

(repeat) **The Goshen College Theater Department** will present Suzan Zeder's play "Mother Hicks" on Nov 10, 11 and 18 at 8pm, and Nov 12 & 19 at 3pm in Goshen College's Umble Center. Set in and around Ware, IL, in the late spring of 1935 during the Great Depression, "Mother Hicks" is told using poetry and sign language, and chronicles the journeys of three outsiders to find themselves, and each other, in a troubled time.

(repeat) **Visit Bethany on Nov 13 or 15:** Students in grades 5-10 are invited to shadow a Bethany middle or high school student on Mon, Nov 13; and on Wed, Nov 15, students K-4 are invited to visit grade 4 and 5 classrooms with a parent for the morning. This is a great way for prospective students and families to discover Bethany! For more info, to register, or to schedule a visit on another date see [www.bethanycs.net](http://www.bethanycs.net).

(repeat) **High Schoolers:** Goshen College's priority application deadline is Nov 15. Students who apply by the Nov 15 deadline will then be eligible to apply for the college's achievement scholarships, worth up to full tuition. The deadline to apply for achievement scholarships is Dec 1.

(repeat) **Children's Choir opportunity!** Mennonite Youth Choir Festival would like to invite children in grades 3-9 to join in a weekend of singing, March 10-11, 2018, in Goshen. The church has a long and deep tradition of praising God through singing. In order for this to continue it is up to parents and the faith community around them to encourage their children with opportunities that develop a love for music in worship. 2018 Festival Dates: Practice on Sat, Mar 10; concert performance on Sun, Mar 11, at 2pm (free and open to the public). Cost per Child: \$40.

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Registration Deadline Nov 15 (Music will be sent in the mail.). Location: The Goshen College Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall. Guest Director: Ardis Faber. More: [www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com](http://www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com), [mychoirfest@gmail.com](mailto:mychoirfest@gmail.com)

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Schools** is excited to invite you to our fall play, *The Star on My Heart*. It follows the story of a holocaust survivor still alive today- Inge Auerbacher- as she moved through a concentration camp, to a New York hospital, and into adulthood. This unusual play offers incredible learning opportunities for our students, and we hope you will share in the experience with them. Performances are Nov 17, 18, 19; 7:30pm Fri and Sat, and 3pm on Sun. Tickets available on their website.

(repeat) **Greetings from the Summer** Peacebuilding Institute. Our [2018 list of courses](#) as well as an [online application](#) are now available.

(repeat) **Professor of Biblical Studies position open.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is hiring a full-time professor of Biblical Studies to start July 1, 2018. Preferred qualifications: Ph.D. or equivalent; expertise in Old Testament or New Testament studies and competence to teach in the other testament; intercultural competency; and the ability to inspire students in face-to-face and online learning environments. See a full job description at [www.ambs.edu/jobs](http://www.ambs.edu/jobs).

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