

AssemblyLine

July 19, 2015

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Lectionary Texts: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22;
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

July 19

Worship leader: *Jena Kennedy*

Storytelling: *Gretchen Krause*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Esther & GMS*

Sunday School: *Growing the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:13-26)*

July 26

Worship leader: *Michael Miller*

Storytelling: *Carmen Horst*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Seven & Maple*

Communion

Sunday School: *The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18; Psalm 23)*

CALENDAR

TODAY July 19 11am-1pm Open Table Menn. Fellowship worship & meal at Faith House, opentablemennonite.org
Sun Aug 2 10am Worship at Camp Friedenswald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Joseph McKeage (rising 6th, GMS) turned 11 on June 10! Joseph is excited to attend a number of different camps this summer. He also enjoys swimming, playing video games, and reading on his vacation. He spent his birthday at his lake house and enjoyed swimming and a food fight! Joseph likes to play Scrabble and play violin in the school orchestra.

Jack Oscar Wade Lanctot turned 3 on July 16! Jack is enjoying his new role as a big brother to Henry. He is looking forward to starting pre-school this fall. He loves trucks, dancing, superheroes, singing, sports, and playing pretend.

Leah Hochstetler (rising 3rd, Rock Run Co-op) turns 8 on July 20! Leah loves to dress up, dance, and run around her yard. She also likes to pick flowers, doodle, and go to the beach with her family.

We extend love and sympathy to Linda Schlabach Miller and her family as they mourn the death of Linda's mother, Doris Mary Schlabach. She passed away in Sarasota, FL on July 15, just five days short of her 92nd birthday.

We extend heartfelt sympathies to Kent Palmer upon the death of his father, Richard Palmer, on July 12 in Jacksonville, IL. Kent, a former Assemblyite, moved to Illinois last year to care for his father. If you would like to send condolences, Kent's address is PO Box 1514, Jacksonville, IL, 62651.

Extra fruit? Extra produce? Bring any extra produce or fruit to Assembly this Sun, July 19 and participate in a fun exchange! After worship, enter the multi-purpose space for

coffee and bartering. Please bring your items cleaned and ready or prepackaged for an even trade of your choice. We will have tables set up where you can set up your "produce station" and then we can get started! Don't have a garden or extra produce yet? Bring a freshly baked loaf of bread or a pie to exchange! Disclaimer: all exchanges are based upon the agreement of the exchanger and exchangee. See you Sunday!

You are invited to a community meeting at Assembly Mennonite Church this Sun, July 19 at 7pm to hear from city council member Jeremy Stutzman and others about a proposed Civil Rights Ordinance Amendment. This meeting is an informational and strategy session for all those who want to see it passed. Ice cream will be served (until we run out)! The amendment adds sexual orientation and gender identity to Goshen's list of classes that are protected from discrimination in employment and housing. The amendment was last introduced in 2009 and failed to pass by one vote. It will likely be re-introduced at the Goshen city council meeting on Tues, Aug 4.

Camp Friedenswald lost funding this summer when one congregation pulled their youth from camp after learning that Friedenswald had hired a gay staff member. One way we can support Friedenswald for doing the right thing is to help them make up this financial loss. If you are able to make a contribution above your Assembly tithe, please write a check to "Camp Friedenswald" and put it in the offering this Sunday. We will forward the checks along with a letter of gratitude. You can direct questions to Karl Shelly or Phoebe Graber (Phoebe serves on the Friedenswald board).

Staff Time Away: Dawn Yoder Harms is attending Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg, PA July 19-27. Emily Stuckey Weber is on vacation July 19-26. Please contact Karl with any pastoral needs during this time.

Camp Friedenswald Service: On Aug 2, worship will be held at Camp Friedenswald at 10am in the chapel/beach area. Following the service there will be a carry-in picnic lunch, and we ask that you bring your own eating utensils, plates, cups, and food to share that *does not need to be heated* (finger foods, salads, sandwiches, etc.). Drinks will be provided. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on during the service and picnic. Weather permitting, we are free to enjoy the grounds of Camp Friedenswald until 2pm; don't forget your swimsuit, frisbee, or hiking shoes! If you wish to carpool, meet at the church parking lot at 8:50am. Directions to Camp Friedenswald are available on the camp's website, www.friedenswald.org.

No Window offering in August: Since we will be meeting for worship at Camp Friedenswald on Aug 2, we will not have an offering of food for the Window. Our next Window offering will be Sun, Sept 6.

The congregation is invited to a graduation party for Leah Gundy on Aug 9, 1-5pm at Camp Friedenswald's main beach. Bring a swimsuit & enjoy the lake!

Peace with Iran: President Obama recently negotiated a historic peace deal with Iran, but it still has to be approved by Congress. Mennonite Central Committee's Washington Office and other peace organizations are calling on us to contact our members of Congress and urge their support. Please see the flyer on the lit table for more info. -AMC Peace & Justice Ministry Team

(repeat) **An article about Johanna Sutter's work** with the MCC Material Resource Center at the Depot is on MCC's website at <http://mcc.org/stories/life-touched-gift-material-resources>. There is also a paper copy of the article on the bulletin board over the lit table.

(repeat) **Has Lora disappeared?** Lora and Mitch (and the boys) are traveling with Mennonite Mission Network as Youth Venture leaders for a group going to Japan July 8-30. To read more about their travels, visit their blog: <http://japanyouthventure2015.blogspot.com/>.

(repeat) **Shared living potluck:** Interested in connecting with others to talk and learn about shared living situations and intentional community? We'll gather over a potluck dinner on July 18. Contact Ben or Jodi Beyeler for details. 535-9199

(repeat) **Spiritual Direction opportunities:** Sally Weaver Glick offers a variety of spiritual discovery groups as well as one-with-one sessions. For more info and the schedule for Wayfarer, Inklings, and Windwatcher groups starting in September, check out swglick.com.

(repeat) **The first printing of Broken and Blessed,** a collection of writings by Heidi Siemens-Rhodes, sold out in one day! To order a copy from the upcoming second printing, please send an email with your name, address, phone number, and the number of copies you would like to english@goshen.edu. Books are \$12 and can be picked up at Goshen College or Assembly, or mailed for approximately \$3 per book.

(repeat) **On Friday, June 26, Sharon Kauffmann** had a cancerous tumor surgically removed from the right side of her face. Follow-up treatment includes radiation of the site. We will welcome your prayers and concerns for healing. -Norm & Sharon

(repeat) **Peace Booth at Elkhart 4-H Fair, July 24 - Aug 1.** Donations and volunteers are needed to staff the booth. See flyer in gathering space. For more info, contact Al Shelly.

(repeat) **Save the date for Assembly's annual fall retreat** at Camp Friedenswald! This year's retreat is scheduled for October 9-11, 2015. Mark your calendars now!

(repeat) **Phoebe Graber's** new email address is pwgraber@gmail.com. Please update your records.

community connections

All are invited to an ecumenical time of weekly hymn singing Thursday evenings at 6:30 at the Plymouth United Church of Christ (corner of Plymouth and Main St. in Goshen). Please park in the back. All are welcome, regardless of musical ability. The singing will last an hour with a short fellowship time over snacks and beverages immediately following the singing.

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A Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect training will be held Fri, Aug 7, 12-1pm at the CAPS Joy Rose Center (1000 W. Hively Ave, Elkhart). Attendees of this training will walk away with the knowledge of how to recognize signs of abuse and neglect as well as the pertinent information on how to report abuse and details on the legal responsibility citizens have to do so. There is no cost for this one-hour training and a light lunch will be provided from 11:45am-12pm. Click [here](#) to register. Contact Andrew Hershberger in the Marketing and Development Dept. at ahershberger@capselkhart.org or at [574-295-2277](tel:574-295-2277) with any questions.

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale fundraising banquet will be held Thurs, Aug 13 at the Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center. The evening will begin with a meet & greet at 6pm, followed by dinner at 6:30pm and a program at 7:15pm. Consider sponsoring a table for \$185; individual tickets are \$25 each. Send RSVP and payment to Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, P.O. Box 243, Goshen, IN 46527 by Aug 1.

Mennonite Mission Network has opportunities for employment as Development Associate, Church Relations Associate, and Human Resources Assistant. Read the full position descriptions at www.MennoniteMission.net. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and résumé to staffrecruitment@Mennonitemission.net or to Linda Krueger, Human Resource Coordinator, Mennonite Mission Network, Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515.

(repeat) **You are cordially invited to participate** in an ecumenical vespers service that will commemorate St. Mary Magdalene, the “Apostle to the Apostles,” at 7pm on Tues, July 21, at the Goshen College Cabin. The service will consist of Scripture readings, a brief presentation about Mary Magdalene, prayers and music, with emphasis on women in the leadership of the early Church. For more info, please call Judith Davis at 533-2948 or email her at docjdocb@bnin.net.

(repeat) **The 14th annual Bridgefolk (Mennonite-Catholic) conference** will be held Aug 20-23 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN, on the theme “Ecumenical Healing and the Mystery of the Communion of Saints.” The keynote speakers will be Nozomu Yamada and Fr. Alfonso Fausone SVD, both from Nanzan

University in Japan. They will reflect on the amazing story of the miraculous healing of Jun Yamada from leukemia in 1987 through the intercessory prayers of both Catholics and Mennonites. This event led to the canonization of Josef Freinademetz in 2003 by Pope John Paul II and has fostered friendship between Mennonites and Catholics in Japan for more than a quarter century. Bridgefolk is a grassroots ecumenical movement of Mennonites and Catholics who “proceed through friendship.” Single-day registration options, financial assistance, and child care are available. For conference schedule and online registration, go to www.bridgefolk.net.

(repeat) **Business Manager opening** at Bethany Christian Schools: Currently a 50% job-share position (full-time may be considered). For more info see bethanycs.net/jobs or contact tclehman@bethanycs.net.

(repeat) **LaCasa Inc. is seeking a carpenter** for housing rehab projects. Professional experience in carpentry, plumbing, electrical and knowledge of building codes required. Successful applicant will demonstrate an ability to work with volunteer groups. Full job description and necessary qualifications are available at office. Apply in person at LaCasa Inc. (202 N. Cottage Ave. Goshen) or email resume to Brad Hunsberger at Bradh@Lacasainc.net.

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