**Assembly**Line
**August 2, 2015**
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**Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church**1201 S 11th St, Goshen, Indiana 46526
574-534-4190 / office@assemblymennonite.org
Worship at 9:30am, Sunday school at 10:45am

**Lectionary Texts:** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16;

 John 6:24-35

W O R S H I P

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| **August 2****10am Worship at Camp Friedenswald**Worship leader: *Gretchen Krause*Storytelling: *Kim Kurtz****2% Offering (no Window offering)******Picnic potluck following worship***Scripture: Ruth 2 | **August 9**Worship leader: *Patricia Ebersole Zwier*Storytelling: *Moriah Hurst*Welcoming & tear-down: *Gravel Road & Hedgehog****Intergenerational Worship******No Sunday School***Scripture: Leviticus 25: 8-55 |

####  C A L E N D A R

TODAY Aug 2 **10am** Worship at Camp Friedenswald; picnic potluck following worship
 11am-1pm Open Table Menn. Fellowship worship & meal at Faith House, [opentablemennonite.org](http://opentablemennonite.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)
Sun Aug 9 Intergenerational worship; no Sunday School

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

**assembly life and people**

**Camp Friedenswald Service:**This Sun, 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 at [www.friedenswald.org](http://www.friedenswald.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

**Emily Stuckey Weber will be leaving her position** as Administrative Assistant in the Assembly office. We are deeply grateful for her service to Assembly over the past two years. We will be accepting resumes and a letter of interest for this 20-25 hour a week position. Please express your interest to Lora Nafziger in person or at loracn@assemblymennonite.org. We will begin interviewing mid August to fill the position as soon as possible. A complete job description is available on the Assembly website.

**Staff Time Away:** Dawn Yoder Harms is on vacation July 31-Aug 8. Emily Stuckey Weber is on vacation July 30-Aug 3. Please contact Lora or Karl with any pastoral needs during this time.

**Support for Friedenswald**: In response to the financial loss Camp Friedenswald suffered after standing by its LGBTQ staff, 32 contributions from Assembly-ites, totaling $3,745.00, came in and were delivered to camp.  What wonderful support!

**All are invited to a faith-based vigil** in support of adding the sexual orientation and gender identity amendment to Goshen’s civil rights ordinance. The vigil will be Mon, Aug 3 at 7pm on the sidewalk outside the courthouse. We expect it to last 30-45 minutes. This will be a time of prayer, singing, confessing, lament, and commitment. Please invite any that you think would be interested.

(repeat) **A memorial service for Ivan Kauffman** will be held on Aug 2 at 1:30pm at College Mennonite Church. Ivan died on July 15 from a serious stroke earlier in the month. His family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Catholic Relief Services ([crs.org](http://crs.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)) or Mennonite Central Committee ([mcc.org](http://mcc.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)). You may send blessings to his wife, Lois, at 323 Crest Park Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19119. Ivan was Anne Birky's uncle and Sarah Phend Horst's great-uncle. Anne & Sarah will miss him. He preached at Assembly some years ago. He was one of the leaders of the *Bridgefolk*  group that fostered dialogue between Catholics and Mennonites.

(repeat) **Walnut Hill update**: Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center recently purchased a building in southeast Goshen.  They are beginning to raise funds for renovation and hope to transfer from the Assembly meetinghouse to their new facility by August 2016.

(repeat) **Based upon on-going discussions** and mutual discernment with IN-MI Mennonite Conference, and at the invitation of conference’s Missional Leadership Team, this past week Assembly’s Leadership Group requested that IN-MI Mennonite Conference release our pastors’ credentials back to the congregation for the following 12 months, and that the Ministry Credentialing Team hold off on processing ordination requests by Assembly pastors. The pastors all consented to this action. The Missional Leadership Team has accepted this request, expressing appreciation to Assembly leaders for the tone of the meetings and our willingness to help maintain the integrity of the conference process. Our pastors’ credentials will continue to be held by Central District Conference during this time. For a full explanation of this request, please see the attachment included with the July 26 Assemblyline (copies also available on the lit table). If you have any questions about this decision, please talk with Jeanne Liechty, Keith Graber Miller or one of the pastors.

(repeat) **It is time to think about school kits.**These are the most needed items for children in places where their lives have been upset by war or disasters. Mennonite Central Committee distributes thousands each year. We have been a part of that and now is when your contributions are needed so that Johanna can buy the supplies at a good price. Make checks out to Assembly Mennonite Church with school kits on the memo line or place cash in an envelope designated to school kits. Thanks so much!

(repeat) **Assembly will host Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network** guests during the week of Aug 16-23 and Nov 8-15 at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church. Immediate hosting opportunities include overnight on Tues, Aug 18, a meal on Thurs, Aug 20, and a meal and overnight on Fri, Aug 21. If you would like to host but are not available in Aug, please consider signing up for opportunities in Nov. See the sign up sheet in the foyer or speak to Kim Kurtz for more details. Phone-534-3564 e-mail-kim.m.kurtz@gmail.com

(repeat) **The Goshen City Council will consider** an ordinance to protect gender & sexual minorities from job, housing, educational, and other discrimination on Tues, Aug 4, 7pm. Supporters are encouraged to contact council members before Aug 4 (visit [http://www.goshenindiana.org/content/elected-officials](http://www.goshenindiana.org/content/elected-officials%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) for contact info for city council members) and to attend the meeting.

(repeat) **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 her92nd birthday.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **The congregation is invited to** a graduation party for Leah Gundy on Aug 9, 1-5pm at Camp Friedenswald’s main beach. Drop the Dawg will play, there will be an open mic time, and you are welcome to bring a swimsuit & enjoy the lake. Enjoy a summer celebration!

(repeat) **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

**community connections**

**The Window Benefit Meal** will be held during August First Friday, Aug 7, beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, & brownies with ice cream will be served. All proceeds support The Window; suggested donation of $8. Call 533-9680 for more info.

**The Michiana Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale Choirs** invites all singers to join the Women's or Men's Choirs. Rehearsals start Aug 23 and will be held at College Mennonite Church each Sun from 4-5:30pm, except for Labor Day weekend, Sept 6. The dress rehearsal is Thurs, Sept 24 at College Mennonite and the program is Sat, Sept 26 at 7pm at College Mennonite Church. The Men’s Choir is directed by Bill Mateer, and the Women’s Choir director will be Jenni Sears. If you have questions call Dan Steiner at 574-312-1888.

(repeat) **Wrap the world in warmth!** MCC needs precision sewers to piece and sew comfort tops for the Comforter Bash Pleasant View Mennonite Church, Oct 23-24. Call Nadine at 574-534-4071 to find out how to pick up free fabric. Completed tops need to be returned by Oct 1.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eb6ts7yed94e5b12&c=81aef5b0-8473-11e4-9a3a-d4ae5292c40b&ch=81dd58b0-8473-11e4-9a58-d4ae5292c40b) to register. Contact Andrew Hershberger in the Marketing and Development Dept. at ahershberger@capselkhart.org or at 574-295-2277 with any questions.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](http://www.mennonitemission.net/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).  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.