

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

August 9

Worship leader: *Lora Nafziger*

Storytelling: *Moriah Hurst*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Gravel Road & Hedgehog*

Intergenerational Worship

No Sunday School

Scripture: Leviticus 25: 8-55

August 16

Worship leader: *Patricia Ebersole Zwier*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Ad Lib & Net*

Intergenerational Worship

No Sunday School

Scripture: Leviticus 23:33-43; Deuteronomy 16:13-15

CALENDAR

TODAY Aug 9 8:15am Peace & Justice Ministry Team meeting
Intergenerational worship; no Sunday School
11am-1pm Open Table Menn. Fellowship worship & meal at Faith House, opentablemennonite.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Magdalena Bridger-Ulloa (3rd, Parkside) turned 9 on July 30! Magdalena loves to do origami and can make a frog, boat, dog, and balloon. She loves to swim and can do tricks in the water. She has three dogs. She enjoys roller skating with her mom and watching funny videos with her dad.

Teo Kingsley (5th, Rock Run Homeschool) turned 11 on Aug 5! He enjoys reading (especially Percy Jackson and 39 Clues), swimming, and biking. He participated in the kids' triathlon for the 5th time this year. Summer highlights include: Indiana Dunes state park and Mennonite World Conference.

Thank you note from Camp Friedenswald: "Dear friends at Assembly, Thank you for your gifts of money, affirmation, encouragement, and support. During a season when others have withdrawn support, I'm so grateful to know & feel that many others stand with us. Thank you for your work in the church, advocating for & insisting that there must be a place for our LGBTQ brothers & sisters in the church. I'm humbled by your outpouring of generous support. With much gratitude, Jenna Martin"

Staff Time Away: Karl Shelly is on vacation this week and will return on Aug 16. Dawn Yoder Harms is on vacation July 31-Aug 8. Please contact Lora with any pastoral needs during this time.

New AMC Website: Visit www.assemblymennonite.org to see our new & improved website! The user name & password for members content remains the same; you will

log in once when you get to content that is "locked," which will open all password-protected content. Many thanks to the website committee of Jodi Beyeler, Michael Dickens, Merritt Gardner, Karl Shelly, Emily Stuckey Weber, James Stuckey Weber, & Lucas Swartzendruber-Landis that made this change possible!

We are looking for a twin size mattress and small desk for a young adult niece who is moving in with us. Please let us know if you have something we could borrow for a few months. -Bethany Swope and Marshall King.

Join the Theory Expats for their final concert in Goshen! Goshen College will host the concert at the Umble Center on Aug 23, 7:30pm. Tickets are \$10 for the public and free for GC students with a student ID. Sadie Gustafson-Zook, Andrew Pauls, and Ethan Setiewan make up the musical group, which combines folkly swing, bluegrass, jazz and pop into an engaging acoustic performance. The Theory Expats have performed across the country and are looking forward to being on the line up for the 2015 Walnut Vally Festival in Winfield, Kansas in September (where Ethan won the National Mandolin Competition in 2014).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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!

(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](mailto:email-kim.m.kurtz@gmail.com)

(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

An exhibit of paintings by Ray Dirks entitled "Women in the Mennonite Exodus from Ukraine" is showing in the Goshen College Good Library's gallery Aug 10-Oct 16. A public reception will be held Sun, Aug 30, 3-5pm. The exhibit focuses on women who left Ukraine with their children to begin new lives in western Canada from 1914-1945. A film about this flight from Ukraine will be shown at College Mennonite Church on Wed, Sept 9 at 6:30pm.

The youth choirs at the Goshen College Community School of the Arts will be holding auditions this August at the GC Music Center. Students from grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the open auditions for Rejoice Choir (grades 3-5), Shout for Joy (grades 6-8), and Sommo Voci (grades 9-12). Auditions for *Rejoice Choir* and *Shout for Joy*: Thurs, Aug 20, 6-7:30pm and Mon, Aug 24 from 6-7:30pm. Auditions for *Sommo Voci*: Thurs, Aug 13, 6-8pm and Tues, Aug 18, 6-8pm.

Donations are needed for the Michiana Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale Silent Auction. Donate collectibles, memorabilia, handmade art pieces, handcrafted furniture & toys, home décor, lawn/garden equipment, unique skills

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& experiences, gift certificates for area businesses, restaurants, services, etc. Items must be new (with the exception of collectibles & antiques in good condition). Each item must have a minimum value of \$40. You can also donate themed gift baskets. Please contact the Silent Auction Committee first for details (see contact info below). All donations must be received by Fri, Sept 11. To donate or volunteer, please contact Anne Horst Hanby at 1-888-503-8559 or annehorst@gmail.com.

You are invited to join Chicago Community Mennonite Church in saying farewell to pastor Megan Ramer. A celebration will be held Sat, Aug 15, 5pm at CCMC (425 S. Central Park Blvd, Chicago). Share a reflection, blessing, or performance, celebrate the last ten years of congregational life, and enjoy a light supper following the service. Join CCMC for worship on Sun, Aug 16, 9am; worship will include communion and a blessing for Megan as she moves to her new home in Seattle. More details at <http://www.ccmcil.org/beloved-megans-farewell-events.html>.

Swiss Mennonite 175: It has been 175 years since the first Mennonite church was built in the Pandora/Bluffton area. Many churches have grown from that beginning. The congregations of St. John, Ebenezer, Grace, and First Mennonite invite you to join them on Sun, Aug 30 from 3-8pm for celebration and worship with lectures, displays, hymns, children's activities, and a traditional Swiss meal under a tent on the historic site of the first church. Bluffton University professors Perry Bush and Gerald Mast are writing a historical essay for the program booklet. Myron Augsburg will be the featured speaker. The location of the site is in a field on road 4-M between Ebenezer and St John Mennonite Churches (see [map](#)). If it rains we will gather at Ebenezer Mennonite Church. The schedule is as follows: 3-5 pm Displays, Lectures, Music, Rare book sales; 3:30-5:30 Children's Activities; 5:30-6:30 Swiss Meal (suggested donation \$7 for tickets); 7-8 pm Worship service with preacher Myron Augsburg. A driving tour of local church history sites is available in the program booklet. Free parking is available on site, and golf carts will be used to aid elderly or handicapped accessibility.

Job Opening: 16 paraprofessional positions available working with students who are moderately to severely

challenged. Positions are as Life Skills Coaches. If interested, apply online at Goshen Community Schools website. Then, call 574-533-3151 to request an interview. This need is urgent!

MDC Goldenrod is now hiring Direct Support staff, Groundskeeper, and a Receptionist. For more info, visit www.mdcgoldenrod.org. Applications available on-line.

The Michiana MEDA chapter is seeking a part-time staff person for administrative support for approximately 10 hours per month. Duties include membership and contributions database management, registration and check-in for five events per year, producing email newsletters, and updating the chapter website. Most of the work can be done from home. Interested candidates please contact Board Chair Jonathan Geiser, jgeiser@goshen.edu.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](tel:574-534-4071) to find out how to pick up free fabric. Completed tops need to be returned by Oct 1.

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