

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

January 21

Worship leader: *Michael Miller*

Sermon: *Lora Nafziger*

Welcome & tear-down: *Shine & Teatime*

Scripture: *Galatians. 3: 28, Revelations 7: 9; Psalm 62: 5-12*

January 28

Worship leader: *Bethany Swope*

Storytelling: *Helen Glick, SG Auklets*

Welcome & tear-down: *Nameless & Cardinal*

Scripture: *Psalm 84: 5-12, Luke 2:22-40*

CALENDAR

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| Sun | Jan 21 | 12pm Fellowship meal 7pm Congregational meeting |
| Tue | Jan 23 | 7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting |
| Sat | Jan 27 | 8:30am-3:30pm Children in Worship Sunday school training |
| Tue | Feb 6 | 7pm Leadership Group Meeting |
| Wed | Feb 7 | 11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Ian Jimenez (6th GMS) turned 11 on Jan 9! Ian plays trumpet and is looking forward to playing drums. He enjoys reading and recently read *War and Peace*. Ian enjoys playing soccer in warm weather and snowboarding, sledding and skating in winter. He likes to play with his brother Owen and bug his sister Penelope.

TODAY is the 2nd week in our stewardship series: "Gates and Gardens: Tending our Spaces and Letting Others In". This week's theme is "tending the gates and gardens of our church". 2nd hour will include a building update. The introduction to this Gates and Gardens series is attached to the top of this email; hard copies are on the lit table.

Doris Ebersole (95yr.) wife of Bob Ebersole and mother of Patricia Ebersole Zwier, passed peacefully early Sat morning Jan 13. Prayers to the entire Ebersole Zwier family. A memorial service will be held at 12pm Sat, Jan 20 at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home with a meal to follow.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: A new wall in the Multipurpose space and a moved West exit. What is planned for the next week: moving the storage area in the multipurpose space and finishing up rooms.

Construction volunteer needs this upcoming week: Show up Fri 2-4 pm for hauling to the dumpster & basic cleaning.

Naomi will be traveling with her family from Jan 19-Feb 5. Please contact Lora for any office needs during this time.

2 Percent Fund End of 2017 distribution proposal. Local: Chain Reaction Bicycle Project \$500, Church Community Service - Seed to Feed \$701.86, Center for Community Justice \$750, Jail Ministry of Elkhart County \$750, Ryan's Place \$1000, El Sistema \$500. World: MCC \$1201.86, MDS \$1000, Tanzanian Mennonite Church \$1000, Ankur Kala \$1000. Please contact members of the 2 Percent Committee if you have any questions.

Last Sun, Jan 14, Marlette Gomez Wenger presented during 2nd hour on the ICE detention center being proposed in Elkhart County, and presented 2 handouts with facts/data people can use to write letters to the Elkhart County Commissioners. They are attached at the top of this email.

Join us for a Baby Celebration! Rebecca and Levi Yoder Smucker. Feb 4, 2-4pm at the meetinghouse. All are invited to drop in for food, drinks and socializing. For details, see invitation posted on the bulletin board above the lit table.

Please join the Assembly Women for our Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Wed, Feb 7 at the Greencroft Community Center. Heather Bridger-Ulloa will help us explore "Information and Action: saying NO to an immigrant prison in Elkhart". Lunch will be soup, cheese and crackers. Sign up in the gathering space by Jan 28 or call Joyce at 537-3762 before Thur, Feb 1.

To the Congregation at Assembly: I wanted to thank each and every one of you that helped with the transition of Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center. We were honored by the wonderful gifts, blessing and physical help that went

into moving and cleaning. I know that many hours were poured into the hard work and mess of moving and we are all forever grateful for all of your support. As those of you who have moved before know, sometimes things don't go according to plan. Our timeline got adjusted with some permitting approvals and our plan to open on January 8th came down to the wire. This move meant we didn't have the teacher's time we had hoped and planned for to thoroughly clean out the previous classrooms and storage. The staff spent most of their Christmas breaks rushing to prepare the new rooms and ensure the space was safe and ready for young children. Your understanding and assistance was not overlooked by all and we couldn't have done it without you! We look forward to continuing to have many friends at Assembly and hope you will watch for a date in the upcoming weeks to tour the new facility.

Blessings, Erin Syslo, director Walnut Hill

Merv, Rose, and Elena Stutzman will be SOOP volunteers in Aibonito, Puerto Rico for a month beginning Feb. 17. We hope to help out at Academia Menonita Betania where Hurricane Maria left a lot of damage. If you have connections in Aibonito and want us to take greetings, let us know.

(repeat) **Throughout the renovation**, the building will have more dust than usual. We have cleaning crews coming in every Saturday afternoon at 3pm (let Naomi know if you would like to join future crews:

office@assemblymennonite.org). However, it will be impossible to remove all dust from the entire building until the renovation is complete. If you have dust allergies, please consider bringing a mask.

(repeat) **The AMC kitchen** is without a toaster and we need one more electric kettle! If you happen to have an extra one of those that you're not using, please consider donating it. You can let Naomi know at office@assemblymennonite.org

(repeat) **We took some before pictures** of the meetinghouse, but are missing a couple of crucial shots: the North entrance (from the inside) and the North part of the gathering space (where the quilt used to hang and the children's picture board is set). If you happen to have those pictures in your archives, please send them to office@assemblymennonite.org

(repeat) **Welcome and take down** schedule for small groups for 2018 has been made and is attached at the top of this email. It's actually attached this time. I promise.

(repeat) **I have arrived back** in warm Luanda last week. Thank you to all for your kindness during the death of my father and while I waited for a visa to return to Angola. May you all stay warm. Mary Yoder Holsopple

community connections

Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace event at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church Thur, Jan 25 at 7pm. "The Fig Leave Falls: How Trump's Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's Capital Might Ultimately Benefit the Palestinians. Dr. Michael Spath of the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace will speak. Admission is free. For more info see their [Facebook page](#).

Goshen Community Schools will again be offering United Way Reading Camps to 20 children at Chandler, Parkside, Model, Waterford, and West Goshen. Our Reading Camps connect 2nd grade students with an attentive, adult volunteer to practice their reading skills. Every Tue & Thur for 8 weeks (Jan 30 -Mar 22) from 3-4pm. All volunteers will be given a limited background check and will participate in a training session to be held the last week of Jan. For more info or if you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Michelle Kercher (Coordinator of Volunteers) at mkercher@goshenschools.org or (574)-535-3086.

(repeat) **Spirited Movement Prayer**, facilitated by Sara Klassen (yoga instructor and Gestalt Pastoral Care trainee) will be offered Mon evenings beginning Jan 15, 5-6pm at Pathways Retreat. Through a series of yoga poses, we will grow in us the fruits of the Spirit by being present to ourselves and God with us. Adaptations can be made so the poses are suitable for all body types; ALL are welcome. Visit www.pathwaysretreat.org for more information and to register.

(repeat) **College Mennonite Church** invites you to a family concert with Bryan Moyer Suderman on Sun, Jan 21, at 4pm in the College Mennonite sanctuary. Admission is free, and there will be a freewill offering to benefit the family of Caleb Gunawan, a 5-year-old in our congregation who is battling neuroblastoma. Bryan's music is interactive, singable, and deeply theological. He aims to

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write and perform music that is good for all ages - small and tall. Learn more about him on his website (<http://www.smallallministries.com>).

(repeat) **Rieth Chamber Series:** Glenn Miller, organ / basso profundo & the GC Chamber Choir Fri, Jan 26, 7:30pm. Rieth Recital Hall. Tickets \$15, available at www.goshen.edu/tickets, or in person at the Goshen College Box Office. Returning to Goshen College after his magnificent 2016 collaboration with the St. Joseph Valley Camerata, Glenn Miller maintains a very active career as an organist and basso profundo singer specializing in Russian liturgical choral repertoire. He is presently in his 20th season as director of music and organist of Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills (Michigan). For this unique concert, Glenn Miller will present solo works for organ, and also sing traditional hymns and the basso profundo solo in the Chesnokov work with the Goshen College Chamber Choir and director Dr. Scott Hochstetler.

(repeat) **An Opening to Grace Group** is forming at Pathways Retreat, providing an opportunity to experience Gestalt Pastoral Care (GPC), a synthesis of Gestalt theory, spiritual direction and prayer. GPC is an awareness-based and spiritually integrated approach to inner growth and wholeness. Facilitated by Linda Lehman Thomas, GPC minister and trainer. Feb. 15, 22, Mar 1, 15, 22, 4:30-6:30pm. Please visit www.pathwaysretreat.org or contact Linda (linda@pathwaysretreat.org or [574-333-1822](tel:574-333-1822)) if you have interest and questions.

(repeat) **Leadership Clinics** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Leadership clinics are day-long workshops for anyone interested in leadership topics, taking place on Monday, February 26, 2018, before our annual Pastors and Leaders conference begins. Three clinics are being offered, more info [here](#). \$65 if registered before Feb 6.

(repeat) **MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP)** program is seeking volunteer groups and summer staff in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments.

For more info about bringing a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or [606-633-5065](tel:606-633-5065).

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