

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

March 4 Lent 3 Fellowship Meal	March 11 Lent 4
Worship leader: <i>Becky Smuts</i> Preacher: <i>Tom Kauffman</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Rad & Derailed</i>	Worship leader: <i>Gretchen Krause</i> Preacher: <i>Regina Shands Stoltzfus</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Hygge</i>
Scripture: <i>Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinth 1:18-25; John 2:13-22</i>	Scripture: <i>Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21</i>

CALENDAR

TODAY	Mar 4	12pm Fellowship Meal
Tue	Mar 6	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Mar 7	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center
Wed	Mar 14	6:30-8:30pm Small group childcare at meetinghouse
Sat	Mar 17	7-9pm JYF gathering at meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Spencer Glick Miller (K Parkside) turned 6 on Feb 27! Spencer pretty much loves chocolate! He likes gym at school and ninja classes. He also likes playing outside, riding his bike and playing in the sandbox. He enjoys cooking with mom, playing hot wheels with Landon and listening to his dad read Fox in Socks.

TODAY is the second Sunday of Lent. This Lenten season we will remember what God has done before (Old Testament) as we look at what God was doing during the time of Jesus. Just exactly *how* is the Kingdom drawing near? For more info, see the introduction attached at the top of this email, hard copies are on the lit table. 2nd hour during Lent will focus on resting in God's love and will include Taize singing, reflection and centering prayer.

TODAY we will share in a fellowship meal after 2nd hour. Please bring a dish to share along with plates and utensils for your household.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: A newly installed fire wall door in the Multipurpose space that Dana quickly covered with drywall because it was just that ugly. Doors and cabinetry installed in many of the classrooms! What is planned for the next week: More finishing work on the North end of the building. Construction volunteer needs this upcoming week: We have two weeks to finish painting the rest of the classrooms

before the new flooring goes in. Please consider coming in this week or the next. See Naomi for details

TODAY Paul Meyer Reimer will be taking pictures for the Assembly Photo Directory (on our website [here](#)). Please find him after 1st hour if you'd like to add or update your picture, or you can email a digital copy to office@assemblymennonite.org. Please also see the round white table to view our current phone/address/email directories and use the clipboards to make any changes to your information, or to add any new information.

Lora will be traveling for a Spiritual Care and Creative therapy conference, Wed-Sat, Mar 7-10. Please see Karl or Tom for pastoral needs.

2 Percent Committee is responsible for distributing money in the newly formed public school fund. If you know of current funding needs for projects within the public school system, please let anyone on the 2% committee (Phil Good-Elliott, Sarah Phend Horst, Sandy Fibley, Jim Lehman, Matt Lind, Dave Ostergren) know before their next meeting on Mar 11.

Small group Rad is happy to announce that Regina Shands Stoltzfus will be covenanting with the congregation during first hour on Sun, Mar 18. We hope you can join us in celebrating with Regina!

We at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), along with our partners around the world, are blessed by your

continuing support for the work of MCC. Thank you Assembly Mennonite, for the many ways you contribute to the work of MCC. In addition to the donations, energy and time you give at relief sales, thrift shops, meat canning and with material resources, your congregation contributed \$17,985.54 in 2017. We are especially grateful for your prayer support for MCC's work. Thank you! Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC Great Lakes

Central District Conference's February issue of Focus can now be read online [here](#).

(repeat) **Congratulations** to the Yoder Smucker family! Ada Yoder Smucker was born Sat, Feb 17 at 12:21pm, 7lbs 1/2oz. Named after Rebecca's grandma Ada Yoder. Rebecca and Levi would welcome some meals from now through March. You can sign up at taketheameal.com & search for last name "Smucker" with password "Ada2018", or use [this direct link](#).

(repeat) **Assembly has a new trash disposal** system! The dumpster we have always used along with Walnut Hill is larger and more expensive than we need. We are going to use Borden's smaller waste bin(s). We currently have one (gray and black) sitting next to the recycling bin (gray and blue) just outside the North entrance. Please dispose all garbage there and discontinue use of the larger dumpster.

(repeat) **Leadership Selection** worksheets are due tomorrow, Mar 5! Please discern within small groups both who you would like to recommend and who in your group would be willing to volunteer for various jobs. The link to the worksheet can be found [here](#) and below the link to the worksheet you will find a link to the committees and positions that need to be filled this fall. At the top of this email you can find that document along with a phone list that indicates members with an astrich.

(repeat) **Safety Networks**, an Assembly based immigrant support structure, is responding to the financial need of young immigrants wanting to refile DACA applications (to shield them from deportation) during what is expected to be a brief window of opportunity, as shared by Lisa Koop at our last Congregational meeting. Because Assembly's process requires 2 meetings to make a decision, we weren't able to allocate any of the 2017 surplus for this need, but Safety Networks has already assisted 3 immigrants and made funds available for more. We're not sure if there will

be enough funds to meet the need, so if you're inclined, place a check for Safety Networks in Assembly's offering. All funds in the Safety Network account are earmarked to assist local immigrants, and are managed by the team of Safety Network Coordinators in conjunction with Karl, the pastoral liaison. More information is on the literature table.

community connections

Back by popular demand, The Window's, Millie Hernandez and her daughters are our March First Friday host (this Fri, Mar 2 4:30-7pm), and you will not want to miss this meal! An authentic Puerto Rican dish of succulent roasted chicken, Puerto Rican white rice, stewed beans, salad and brownies for dessert will be served for a suggested donation of \$9. Come support our programs and experience a delicious Puerto Rican meal.

Sun, Mar 11 7:30pm at Saint Mary's college the South Bend Chamber Singers will present Gioachino Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle. Tickets at 284-4626

Community School of the Arts String Academy Director Rosalyn Troiano will present a free Afternoon Sabbatical titled "Jubilate Deo: Sacred Music for Viola, Voice and Instruments" on Tues, Mar 13 at 1pm in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall.

Publisher and science fiction writer Bill Campbell will deliver the 2018 S.A. Yoder lecture at Goshen College Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall on Tue, Mar 13 at 7:30pm, speaking on "Social Justice and Publishing." This event is free and open to the public.

Amigo Scrapbook, Crafting and Sewing retreats are March 16-18 or April 6-8. Call or register online. 269-651-2811 or mandy@amigocentre.org or amigocentre.org

The annual Goshen College International Coffeehouse is coming on Sat, Mar 24. This student-run event features a dinner at 5:15 pm in the College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall and a family-friendly international variety show at 7:30pm in Sauder Hall (Music Center). For tickets: (535-7566) or (www.goshen.edu/tickets). Adults: \$20 (dinner & show), \$14 show only; students & children: \$14 (dinner & show), \$6 show only. This event will be raising money for the local DACA-Dreamer support fund. Thank you for your support! Skip Barnett – carleb@goshen.edu

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Little Eden Youth Camps: Sign up today for summer youth camps! Located in beautiful NW Michigan, Jr Youth Camp is June 10-15 and Boys and Girls Camp and High School Camp is June 17-22. Brochures can be downloaded at littleeden.org.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a Donor Relations Representative to strengthen relationships with Mennonite Church USA constituents and cultivate and solicit charitable support for Mission Network purposes. Duties may include some responsibilities in communication. Candidates should bring a passion to connect with God's reconciling mission to the world, the ability to relate well to people, listen perceptively, and elicit participation. Ability and willingness to travel is a must. Experience in fundraising is an asset. Location near Elkhart, IN is preferred but flexible for the ideal candidate. Position available May 2018. You can read the position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. If you have interest in learning more about this position please email Linda Krueger, Human Resources Coordinator, at LindaK@MennoniteMission.net.

(repeat) **Join us for the Goshen College Men's Chorus** spring break tour home concert on Sun, Mar 4 at 7:30pm in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students and can be purchased at the Music Center Box Office or at goshen.edu/tickets.

(repeat) **Open House at Bethany:** Bethany Christian Schools will host a drop-in open house 12-2:30pm Sun, Mar 4, for anyone considering enrolling for fall 2018. Bring your family and invite others from your church or neighborhood who may have interest in Bethany. Stop by after church for a light lunch, and faculty and staff will be available to answer questions and give tours. So we know to expect you for the meal, please register online (bethanycs.net/admissions/visit) or RSVP to SaeJin Lee in admissions office [534-2657](tel:534-2657) or admissions@bethanycs.net

(repeat) **The annual Religion and Science Conference** will take place at Goshen College Mar 9-11 and will feature lectures and conversations with Dr. Muzaffar Iqbal, founder and president of the Center for Islamic Sciences. Free public lectures will happen Fri, Mar 9 at 7:30pm: "Understanding the Islam and Science Nexus: A Discourse on Method," and Sat, Mar 10 at 10:30am: "God, Life, and

the Cosmos in an Islamic Mirror." A third lecture and further discussion is open to conference registrants. Learn more or register at goshen.edu/religionscience.

(repeat) **Please join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA)** for our March Business Tour of Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC) in Nappanee on Sat, Mar 17, at 8:30am. Our morning will begin with a hearty buffet breakfast at Mullet's Dining in Nappanee. Then we will travel just a few miles down the road to tour Aluminum Trailer Company's new 100,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, LEAN manufacturing facility. RSVP by Tue, Mar 13, to info@michianameda.org or [355-3607](tel:355-3607). \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door (cash or check only).

(repeat) **You're invited** to join Camp Friedenswald staff on Thur, Mar 15, 6:30pm, in Silverwood Mennonite Church's fellowship hall, for an update on what's been happening over the past year and what's in store in the months ahead. Come learn how your congregation's support has helped to Renew Friedenswald!

(repeat) **Citizenship class for immigrants** began Wed, Feb 21 at La Casa. Jose Elizalde the Community Engagement Specialist is looking for English-speaking volunteers to practice the applicant's interview for citizenship. The class is every Wed, 6:30-8:30pm at La Casa for 10 weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jose 533-4450, ext 19 or jose.elizalde@lacasainc.net.

(repeat) **The Depot MCC Thrift Shop** has wrapped up a record-breaking year and is looking to widen its volunteer base to keep up with the incredible growth. The Depot is currently in need of additional volunteers to cashier, sort, price, stock and assist in our warehouse. If you are available and willing, we will train you! If interested, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Jodi Miller, at [574-349-4774](tel:574-349-4774). Become a volunteer, make a difference.

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