

# AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, 14-17;  
Mark 7:24-37

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

September 6	September 13
Worship leader: <i>Susan Nelson</i> Sermon: <i>Dawn Yoder Harms</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Cardinal &amp; Here&amp;There</i> <b>Window &amp; 2% Offerings</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Hymn Sing followed by Fellowship Meal</b>	Worship leader: <i>Sara Klassen</i> Sermon: <i>Regina Shands Stoltzfus</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Z &amp; Espanol</i> <b>Students in our home for lunch</b>

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Sept 6	First week of Fall worship series; Fall Sunday School begins 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour hymn sing & fellowship meal
Sun	Sept 13	12pm Students in our homes for lunch 7pm Selma 1965 talk at the meetinghouse
Mon	Sept 14	7pm Leadership group meeting
Sun	Sept 20	7pm Congregational meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Saya Noemi Quintana** turned 1 on Aug 15! Saya enjoys getting out and seeing the world, especially from Mom's arms. Favorite pastimes include: touching eyeballs, imitating what she's pretty sure a pterodactyl sounded like, and creating chaos where there was organization. She also enjoys smiling and has the best laugh of the family.

**Our fall worship series will focus on hospitality** and will begin THIS Sunday, Sept 6 with a hymn sing during 2<sup>nd</sup> hour and a fellowship meal. Please bring a dish to share, as well as your own table service. This is the first Sunday that college students may join us for worship, so please be generous in the amounts of food you bring! For more info about this worship series, see the document attached to last week's Assemblyline (also available on the lit table and on the AMC website).

**Meal for Goshen College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary students.** Sign up today to be a host or guest for lunch on Sept 13, when GC and AMBS students will be invited home with Assembly households. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering space.

**College students and young adults:** here's a 2nd hour class just for you, "Reading the Bible as a progressive Christian;" begins Sept. 13. Come for the content and the community. See Karl Shelly for more information.

**Photo Directory Update:** Paul Meyer Reimer will be available this Sunday during the potluck to update your photo. He will also be taking photos on Sun, Sept 13 and Sun, Sept 27. Now that we have a photo directory (on our website- ask someone for username and password) we want to keep it updated! You can see a copy of the current photo directory on the table in the gathering space to see if your photo is up-to-date.

**Pastoral Time Off:** Your pastors, Karl Shelly, Dawn Yoder Harms, and Lora Nafziger have discerned and come to consensus that they will take Monday as a Sabbath day. This means that they will attempt not to do regular church business or check email that day. They will be available for emergencies.

**Leadership group is pleased to announce** that we have hired Naomi Roots as a new administrative assistant. She replaces Emily Stuckey Weber. Welcome, Naomi!

**Dream. Think. Be. Do is an excellent** youth Sunday school curriculum on DVD. Our church copy has been borrowed from the library without being signed out. If you have it, or have an idea of where it might be, please talk with Lora Nafziger.

**Selma 1965:** Assembly and Faith Mennonite churches are hosting Vic Stoltzfus and Myrna Burkholder to share experiences of the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches on Sun, Sept 13 at 7pm at the meetinghouse. These marches were decisive moments in the work of African

Americans to secure their right to vote. They also created an opportunity for whites to learn from, and be in solidarity with, blacks in the civil rights movement. For more information, call Dan Shenk at 534-9673.

(repeat) **Sunday School volunteers needed:** Sunday School assistants are needed for the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, 4<sup>th</sup> grade class, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. An assistant is needed to work one-on-one with a child as well. Contact Cynthia Good Kaufmann if you are interested.

(repeat) **Bill Mateer is putting together the song leaders schedule** for the fall. If you would like to be one of our song leaders, but did not receive an email invitation from Bill because you are a newer member or an incoming student, please let him know of your interest ([mateers@aol.com](mailto:mateers@aol.com)).

(repeat) **Psalms Resources:** Our fall Bible study this year will focus on the Psalms. There are Psalms resources in the AMC library for you to check out. These items are for a one week check-out only, so that all may use them.

(repeat) **As you make financial decisions**, remember the great resource that is Everence. This includes a \$50 grant for completing your will. More info is on the bulletin board ... or by talking with your church rep, Eric Yordy.

(repeat) **The annual Small Group Shuffle** is coming up in September. It's the best time of year to join a new group. If you're interested or have questions, see the flyer on the lit table and contact Karl Shelly.

(repeat) **Last year MCC sent out 89,958 school kits.** They were sent to 10 different countries. Many went to refugee camps in Jordan and Syria. Many also went to Haiti and Honduras. You can still contribute to this program. Make checks out to Assembly Mennonite Church with school kits on the memo line or place cash in an envelope designated to school kits. Thank you for helping.

## community connections

**Window Needs:** Food Pantry: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, body wash, deodorant, diapers sizes 3-5, canned or dried beans, canned tuna & chicken, pasta, macaroni & cheese, soup, canned fruit & vegetables. Katie's Kitchen: instant mashed potatoes, soy sauce, salad dressing, egg or elbow noodles, white rice, stuffing mix. Clothes Closet: sweatshirts, sweatpants, hoodies, men's pants, socks.

**New Perspectives on Faith** begins its 11<sup>th</sup> season of stimulating guest speaker events. Our next meeting is Sun, Sept 13, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall of College Mennonite Church. This month our guest speaker is Dr. Michael Spath, founding executive director of the Indiana Center for Middle-East Peace. In a presentation titled "Zion's Christian Soldiers: God, Israel, and America," Spath focuses on the mix of politics and religion in justice movements, Kairos Palestine (2009) and Kairos USA "Call to Action." More info at [www.newperspectivesgoshen.org](http://www.newperspectivesgoshen.org).

**Necessary Conversations between Adult Children and their Aging Parents**, presented by Gerald and Marlene Kaufman (authors of a book by the same title), will be held at Benton Mennonite Church (15350 CR 44 Goshen) on Thurs, Sept 17, 7pm. Why wait until a crisis to make critical decisions? Team up with your family members now to talk about finances, housing, medical issues, safety (including driving), and end of life decisions for aging parents, or those aging without children. Gerald and Marlene will take us through the hows and whys of those conversations.

**Bridging racial divides:** You are invited to participate in Oneness Day from 9am-3pm Sat, Sept 19 at Island Park in Elkhart. Subtitle of the event is: "Celebration of one race, the human race: A family reunion." The family-friendly festivities, which are free and open to the public, will include ethnic food, attire, music and dance; performances by local artists; a "Living Library" for storytelling and conversation; etc. For more info, visit [www.facebook.com/groups/OnenessDay/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/OnenessDay/)

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** hosts the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rooted and Grounded conference, Oct 1-3, on the campus in Elkhart. Careful weaving of theology, worship, biblical study and praxis will again be the focus. Visit the [Rooted and Grounded page](#) for details and to register.

**The 2015 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale silent auction** offers many high quality fun and unique items, services, experiences and gift certificates. All proceeds benefit Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world. Bidding starts online on Fri, Sept 18 at 8am at [biddingforgood.com/MCCAuction](http://biddingforgood.com/MCCAuction). Bidding continues during the Relief Sale. Computers will be provided for bidding. All bidding closes Sat, Sept 26 at 11am.

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**Church Community Services** invites you to explore the causes and effects of poverty at [Common Ground](#), an interactive, intensive workshop on Sat, Oct 3 from 8:30am to 3:30pm (with lunch included) at 907 Oakland Ave, Elkhart. CCS offers this one-day training to promote understanding and build relationships among people from all economic backgrounds so that we can work together for a stronger community. For more info or to register, contact Vonda at [574-295-3673 x106](tel:574-295-3673) or [vondah@churchcommunityservices.org](mailto:vondah@churchcommunityservices.org).

(repeat) **The Goshen Community Chorale**, which is under the direction of Bill Mateer, began rehearsals for its fall season at 7pm on Tues evening, Sept 1, at College Mennonite Church. The Chorale's fall program will include a Bach cantata and a selection of Slavic and Orthodox choral music. The Chorale welcomes new members. Interested persons should contact Bill.

(repeat) **The Crafts & More building** at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale is looking for volunteers! Please contact Christa Janzen ([christa.janzen@gmail.com](mailto:christa.janzen@gmail.com)) if you would be willing to cover any of the following positions: setting up and pricing items on Fri morning/afternoon, Sept 25; a 2-hour time slot working a table on Fri evening or Sat morning, Sept 26, which does NOT include handling money this year; working at the Payment Table in 2-hour shifts; tearing down and cleaning up after the sale on Sat, at approx 3pm. Please also let Christa Janzen know if you have any crafts or art pieces that you would like to donate!

(repeat) **The Window Benefit Meal** will be held during September First Friday, Sept 4, beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of chili & chicken noodle soup and assorted desserts will be served. All proceeds support The Window; suggested donation of \$8. Call 533-9680 for more info.

(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** is pleased to host an exhibit of 20 prints from the Saint John's Bible, illuminated to present the Word of God in a contemporary, engaging and inspirational way. The exhibit is available weekdays from Sept 1-18 in the gallery and library, and Sun, Sept 13 from 2-6pm. Come discover afresh the power of the Word of God.

Visit [www.ambs.edu/news-events](http://www.ambs.edu/news-events) for more information.

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Alumni** will receive free admission to HS soccer on Sat, Sept 5, (5pm JV start) and to tennis and volleyball matches on Thurs, Sept 17 (5:30pm starts for varsity tennis and JV volleyball). Alumni reunions will be on Sat, Sept 26 for the following classes: 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2005, and 2010. Visit [www.bethanycs.net/reunions](http://www.bethanycs.net/reunions) to register.

(repeat) **Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical**: Sept 8, 1pm in Sauder Concert Hall. "Historic Downtown Goshen, a New Direction for a Neighborhood," with Eric Kanagy, president and CEO, Redpost and Gina Leichty, Co-owner, Eyedart Creative Studio. In 1983, the National Register of Historic Places added Goshen's Historic district to their register. Since that time, the district has undergone significant revitalization with more exciting changes to come. Both Eric and Gina serve on Downtown Goshen, Inc., Eric as board president and Gina with management by Eyedart Creative Studio. Come hear the latest updates on the feasibility of developing the second stories of downtown buildings, railroad overpass, the Hawks Building, millrace canal development and Goshen Theater plans. This event is free and open to the public. Call [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565) or email [aftsabb@goshen.edu](mailto:aftsabb@goshen.edu) for info.

(repeat) **Join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates** for a dinner and program on Thurs, Sept 17, 2 at 6:30pm at Belmont Mennonite Church in Elkhart. Pastors Ray Bair and Russell Jensen will present on "Defeating the Cycle of Poverty among the Youth of the Belmont Neighborhood," sharing about the Youth Stewards ministry. Dinner will be provided by Belmont Mennonite Church. Please RSVP by Fri, Sept 11 to [info@michianameda.org](mailto:info@michianameda.org) or [574-355-3607](tel:574-355-3607). Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

(repeat) **Job and the Mystery of Suffering**, a Bible short course, will be held on six Mon evenings in Sept and Oct on the campus of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Safwat Marzouk, PhD, assistant professor of Old Testament, will teach the course, which meets Mon evenings, Sept 21-Oct 26. To register, visit [www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter](http://www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter).

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(repeat) **Central District Conference Mennonite Women** will host the annual women's retreat at Camp Friedenswald Sept 25-27. This year's guest speaker is Biblical scholar, Laura Brenneman and the retreat is entitled "Women Rising: Naming, claiming, Transforming." Enjoy worship, fellowship, free time, workshops, recreation, time on the water and in the woods. We invite all women to come - with your brokenness, your strength, your laughter. The retreat begins Fri evening and closes Sun after brunch. The cost is \$150; women 25 and under may attend for free. Register online at [www.friedenswald.org](http://www.friedenswald.org). Contact Marcia E. Nelson at [217-359-0034](tel:217-359-0034) or [sunboat@soltec.net](mailto:sunboat@soltec.net) for further info.

(repeat) **Bethany Christian High School** seeks varsity coaches for softball (spring 2016) and girls soccer (fall 2016). Both positions would begin in January 2016 to begin working with athletes for their upcoming seasons. For more info or to apply, contact athletic director Gary Chupp at [glchupp@bethanycs.net](mailto:glchupp@bethanycs.net) or [574 534-2567](tel:574-534-2567).

(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** offers an online, non-credit Corinthians course "Creating a Scene in Corinth: Conflict in 1 Corinthians," Sept 2–Oct 13. The course explores how Paul addresses conflicts and speaks to the church today. Instructor: Reta Halteman Finger. Visit [www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/bible-short-courses.cfm](http://www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/bible-short-courses.cfm) to register.

(repeat) **Your regular shopping can support Christian education** when you buy gift cards/certificates to over 75 national and Goshen-area businesses restaurants, which donate a percentage of your purchases to benefit a student through the Bethany Association for Reducing Tuition. The benefit can go support a specific student, to Bethany's general fund, or to a congregation's partnership plan. For more info, see [www.bethanycs.net/BART](http://www.bethanycs.net/BART) or contact Lisa Weaver at [bart@bethanycs.net](mailto:bart@bethanycs.net) or [574 361-1587](tel:574-361-1587).

(repeat) **Volunteer staff are needed** at The International Guest House in Washington, D.C. (3 months or full year) for the ministry of Christian hospitality. The Guest House (a ministry of Allegheny Conference) serves both international and US travelers. Volunteers are provided full room and board in the Guest House. Monthly stipend of \$140. Health insurance paid for full year volunteers if

needed. Hospitality duties include cleaning, laundry, maintenance, baking, hosting breakfast & tea, and welcoming guests. Great location for sightseeing and exploring the many facets of the National City. For info and an application contact Judy Nord by emailing [judymarknord@verizon.net](mailto:judymarknord@verizon.net) or calling [301-985-6858](tel:301-985-6858) or contact the International Guest House at [-202-726-5808](tel:202-726-5808) or [igh.dc.us@gmail.com](mailto:igh.dc.us@gmail.com).

(repeat) **The Depot MCC Thrift Shops** is seeking a full time Assistant Warehouse Manager. Applicants must have commitment to personal Christian faith and discipleship, active church membership, good organization, supervisory and communication skills with ability to work with volunteers. Responsibilities include working with staff, general oversight of incoming donations and processing for retail areas, maintain stocking warehouse and recycling. Must be able to operate forklift and truck. Applicants may send resume to: The Depot MCC Thrift Shops at 1013 Division St., Goshen, IN 46528 (Attention Doug Hernley). Or email [depotmccthriftshops@gmail.com](mailto:depotmccthriftshops@gmail.com)

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