

AssemblyLine

January 10, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

January 10

Worship leader: *Small Group Hugs*

Sermon: *Jep Hostetler*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Net and B*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Sunday School: *Jesus in the desert (Luke 4:1-13)*

January 17

Worship leader: *Small Group Three*

Sermon: *Dawn Yoder Harms*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Well Seasoned & Here and There*

Scripture: Luke 4:16-29

Sunday School: *Jesus brings good news (Luke 4:14-30)*

CALENDAR

Tues	Jan 5	7pm Leadership group meeting
Sun	Jan 17	7pm Congregational meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Sadie Elena Janzen turned one year old on Jan 1! She says "uh oh" when she drops things, which is often, and blows kisses. She also loves pulling hair and dancing to music, laughing with her big sister and crawling on anything she can reach.

Ian Jimenez (4th Chandler) turned 10 on Jan 9! Ian enjoys skateboarding, snowboarding and swimming! He likes to read and really likes the series "The Land of Stories". He enjoys playing games like "Ticket to ride" and creating puns and being sarcastic. His favorite colors are neon green, yellow and purple!

Preparing for a Second Hour TODAY: We begin this New Year by pausing to remember the year we have just come through together. What memories come to mind? What have been the joys, questions, and challenges in your life and/or the life of our congregation? Where have you sensed God's presence among us? Please bring a memory, a thought, a scripture verse, a song, or a poem to help us reflect together during 2nd Hour!

Young adult 2nd hour class resumes today. All those in that age demographic interested in exploring the path of "progressive Christianity" are welcome!

Assembly Photo directory needs updated pictures! Click [here](#) to see the current directory. If your picture is outdated or not there, please find Paul Meyer Reimer and his camera during the upcoming three Sundays, Jan 10, 17, 24.

Dawn will be at the Laurelville Music and Worship Leaders' Weekend Jan 8-10. If you need pastoral

assistance during this time, please be in touch with Lora or Karl.

As we begin this New Year at Assembly, our worship invites us to "Listen with God." To read more about this worship series, see the attached document at the top of the page or pick up a blue sheet on the lit table during worship.

Assembly mentors and mentees are invited to a Sat ski outing to Bittersweet Michigan on Jan 16. Travel time is around 90 minutes each way and we would plan to leave the meetinghouse around 10am and return by 7pm. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Mitch Rhodes. Cost of ski rental + a lift pass for the day is around \$70. Helmet rental is \$10.

Our next congregational meeting is next Sun, Jan 17 at 7pm. We will hear about Assembly's spending plan for 2016, a child care plan for small groups, and other congregational life updates. Child care will be provided.

A note from Steve Shantz: I am always looking for more wax for the children's candle dipping party in December. Stubs, jar candles, dud candles, any color, sorted or mixed up. I'll take it all! But white is best! There is a tub under my mail box. Just throw them in.

Small Group One is interested in meeting on a weekday afternoon. If this is a small group time that is attractive to you, talk to Edgar Metzler.

Our next fellowship meal is coming up on Sun, Jan 24. Please bring your own table service & a dish to share!

(repeat) **Brooke Rothshank is now home** with daughter Bryn after 3.5 weeks in the NICU in South Bend. They are

overwhelmingly grateful for the support they have received thus far. Unfortunately, per doctor's orders, Bryn is not allowed to have visitors until the end of Jan. If you would like to take the family a meal, please sign up [here](#).

(repeat) **Tanzania Education Aid** would like to thank Assembly Mennonite Church for its generous donation. This will go a long way toward helping children in the Shirati, Tanzania area obtain a better education!

community connections

Jan 2016 Pathways Retreat Rhythms newsletter with an invitation to an open house, can be viewed [here](#).

Everence is accepting applications for college scholarships for the 2016-17 academic year through the end of Feb. Recipients are chosen based on academics, leadership, community involvement and responses to an essay question. For more info, click [here](#).

Join Goshen College students and College Mennonite Church for the Jan Taize Worship this Sun, Jan 10 at 8pm. This reflective service of music, prayer, reflection, silence will take place in Newcomer 19. All are welcome on the campus of Goshen College

On Wed, Jan 13, 6:30pm College Mennonite Church invites you to hear Lawrence Matthews, Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) coordinator for Detroit, will report at on the continuing MDS work in response to the disastrous flood in Detroit in 2014. College Mennonite is planning to coordinate teams of volunteers from our area to join in this MDS project in Feb 22-26 and Apr 4-8.

MLK weekend at AMBS: During the weekend of Jan 16-18, the seminary will host a series of public and campus community events to honor and continue the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. The featured presenter is Ewuare Xola Osayande, educator, activist and antiracism coordinator. Click [here](#) for more info.

MLK Day at Goshen College: You are invited to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. at Goshen College as we explore the theme "Trouble I've Seen: Naming the Nightmare; Re-imagining the Dream" Jan 16-18. Speakers include Sofia Samatar, a 1994 GC graduate and award-winning fantasy author, and Drew Hart, an author, activist and Black Anabaptist theologian. Events include musical performances, lectures, workshops and

a community breakfast on Mon, Jan 18. Tickets are required for the community breakfast and can be purchased online at goshen.edu/tickets or by calling [535-7566](tel:535-7566). Visit goshen.edu/MLK for a full schedule and more information.

Mental Health First Aid course with Oaklawn to be held in Goshen on Wed, Jan 20. For more info, click [here](#).

Community classes in American Sign Language sponsored by the Deaf Christian Fellowship of College Mennonite Church will be offered Tuesday evenings, Feb 2 through April 12. Beginning class 6:30-7:30pm. Intermediate class 8-9pm. Location: College Mennonite Cost: \$100 which includes the textbook. Preregistration is required. Deadline for registration is Jan 27. Contact Sheila Yoder at the church for more information. Sheila@collegemennonite.org or 535-7228.

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers scholarship funding for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for 2016-2017 academic year is May 15. For details and application form, see <http://mennohealth.org/SET>, email info@mennohealth.org or call [1.888.406.3643](tel:1.888.406.3643).

(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** is hosting Pastors Week and Leadership Clinics toward the end of Jan. Sign up [here](#).

(repeat) **Join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)** for dinner and a program on Thurs, Jan 21 at 6:30pm at First Mennonite Church of Middlebury. Brian Wiebe, Executive Director of Horizon Education Alliance, will be presenting a program "Transforming Elkhart County into a world-class place!" . Please RSVP by Mon, Jan 18, to info@michianameda.org or [355-3607](tel:355-3607). Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

(repeat) **Financial ministry opportunity:** MDC Goldenrod is looking for an accountant to provide oversight to our financial operations. If you are willing to volunteer 4-8 hours per month, please contact Tammy Friesen at [574\) 533-9720](tel:574.533.9720) or tammyf@mdcgoldenrod.org

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(repeat) **Night at the Ballpark with Erik Kratz:** Spend your Martin Luther King Holiday with professional baseball catcher Erik Kratz who will speak at a dinner and host a baseball camp. The dinner will be held at Waterford Mennonite Church at 5:30pm. Tickets for dinner are \$25 for adults \$200 per table of 10 and may be reserved at Waterford Mennonite Church at 533-5642 or office@waterfordchurch.org. The Erik Kratz Baseball Camp, held at Goshen College, is open to any youth high school age or under. Cost of camp only is \$50. To register for the baseball camp, contact Alex Childers at alexbc@goshen.edu or 535-7748. The events are sponsored by Goshen College and Waterford Mennonite Church youth as a fundraiser for their summer service trip.

(repeat) **Volunteer your time with MCC** here in Goshen to fill, weigh, wash and label cans of turkey, beef, chicken and pork to be sent around the world. Mon, Jan 11 - Thurs, Jan 14. For more information click [here](#) or contact Stanley Pletcher at 831-2726.

(repeat) **Internationally-renowned folksinger** John McCutcheon will be in concert at Bethany Christian Schools at 6 p.m. Sunday, January 31, 2016. Reserved-seat tickets are now available to purchase. Tickets are \$20 for reserved seating; \$22 at the door. See bethanycs.net/mccutcheon_160131.

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