

# AssemblyLine

January 24, 2016

Volume XXXVI, Number 4

**Lectionary Texts:** Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19;  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

1201 S 11<sup>th</sup> St, Goshen, Indiana 46526

574-534-4190 / [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

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

## WORSHIP

January 24	January 31
Worship leader: <i>Small Group Cheers</i> Sermon: <i>Susan Nelson</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Cardinal &amp; Three Fellowship Meal</i>	Worship leader: <i>Small Group Scoops</i> Sermon: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Endive &amp; Potentially Attractive</i>
Scripture: Romans 12:1-6a Sunday School: <i>Circle of Grace- safe church</i>	Scripture: Romans 12:1-6a Sunday School: <i>Mustard seed and yeast (Luke 13:18-21)</i>

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Jan 24	12pm Fellowship meal
Tue	Jan 26	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Tue	Feb 2	7pm Leadership group meeting
Wed	Feb 3	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Isaya Magatti** (1<sup>st</sup> Parkside) turned 7 on Jan 7! Isaya likes to play on his computer and play with Lego. He is good at solving problems and is a fast runner! He likes gym at school and writing stories. He likes to listen to his mom read stories and play with his brothers.

**Stefan Magatti** (CCYC) turned 3 on Jan 12! He loves to go places and do everything his older brothers do. His favorite activity is swimming, but he loves all kinds of games and sports. He is always excited to go to preschool and see his teachers and friends there. He wrestles and chases his brothers, plays soccer (in the living room!), and builds legos. You can ask him about his 'happy dance'!

**Naomi Klassen** (7<sup>th</sup> Bethany) turned 13 on Jan 12! Naomi loves all sports especially basketball and soccer. She plays cello in orchestra and is looking forward to participating in the middle school play. She enjoys being on the speech and debate team and likes to play games and go out to eat with her family.

**Our next fellowship meal** is TODAY. Please bring table service & a dish to share!

**AMC Email & Address Updates:** Please visit the table in the gathering space to make sure your email, phone number and address are current. If you would like to add/update your contact info, or request an AMC mailbox, please fill out the form on the table.

**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 today, Jan 24.

**During Sunday School today**, the children will be using the Circle of Grace safe church curriculum. Parents received info in an email from Lora this week. Ask your child for the take-home paper they will receive today.

**A reminder about weather-related cancellations:** Since many Assembly participants are within walking distance of the meetinghouse, AMC rarely chooses to cancel Sunday worship due to inclement weather. We will plan to gather to sing and pray with whoever is able to come, and assume that you will use caution when deciding if you are able to make it to church safely. If we did cancel our service, cancellation info would be posted to our website, sent out via the AMC list serve, 3<sup>rd</sup> hour Facebook page, and posted on WNDU.

**Women's Lunch Bunch:** Wed Feb 3, at 11:30 at Greencroft Community Center. Come hear Bethany Swope share reflections on vocation. (She has called her journey a twisty-turns career path!) Please sign up in the gathering place by Jan 29 or call Marna Mateer at 533-2562. Lunch will be a bowl of soup, \$4.00. (If you sign up for food and don't show, please be responsible and pay for the meal, as we are charged for the number of lunches ordered.)

**Small Group One** is moving ahead with the experiment of a day time meeting. The group's interests are sharing and mutual support, plus some intellectual stimulation through discussions of a book or articles selected by group members, meeting every other week. The first meeting will

be Thur, Feb 4, 3-4:30pm, at Ethel and Ed's home, Apt 409, Waterford Crossing Residence, 1212 Waterford Circle. Visitors welcome. For more information, contact Ed Metzler, 534 -2245 or 323-9019

**You are invited to Assembly surprise luncheons** on Sun, Feb 7. This is an excellent way to learn to know newer people at AMC and fellowship with old friends. Host and guest sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering space. Please sign up by Jan 31 to participate.

**The Goshen Community Chorale** will begin rehearsals for its upcoming spring season on Tues evening, Feb 9, at College Mennonite Church, beginning at 7pm. The Chorale will be preparing for a "Mostly Mozart" performance on May 8, with the featured work to be Mozart's "Coronation Mass," to be accompanied by a full orchestra. The Chorale is directed by Bill Mateer and a number of other persons from Assembly are also involved. If you are interested in participating please contact Bill.

**Small Group Childcare** will be provided the first Wed of month, starting in Feb, from 6:30-8:30pm at meeting house so that small groups have an opportunity for adult conversation. Please RSVP to office@assemblymennonite.org if you plan to utilize this service.

**Assembly offers financial aid grants** to students attending Mennonite colleges/universities, seminaries and Bethany HS. Some restrictions do apply. Grant information and application forms are on the foyer table and need to be returned to Phoebe Graber's mailbox by Sun, Feb 28.

**The Constituency Leaders Council (CLC)** of Mennonite Church USA will be meeting at Silverwood Mennonite Church on March 7-9. We are looking for a few people willing to host CLC members. Your guests would arrive on Sun, March 6 and depart on Wed, March 9. If you are interested in hosting someone please contact Scott Hartman ([scotth@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:scotth@mennoniteusa.org) or [574-596-5453](tel:574-596-5453)). He can provide more information.

**The Window thanks Assembly** for the continued interest and support. The last two years have brought: kitchen renovation, health clinic 1x/month through Center for Healing and Hope, case manager 2x/week through Oaklawn, financial counseling through Woodforest Bank,

commodities 1x/month from South Bend Food bank, and Amnesty program Nov 1-March 31 through Faith Mission. Anyone with questions or interest in a tour of The Window's facilities should call 533-9680.

(repeat) **Dawn will be out of town** Jan 18-25. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Lora or Karl.

(repeat) **Regina Shands Stoltzfus** traveled to Indianapolis to receive the Indiana Civil Rights Commission's highest honor, The 2016 Spirit of Justice Award. This award recognizes individuals who, inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's dream, have devoted their personal and professional efforts to creating social justice in the State of Indiana; has made significant contributions to the advancement of all people, with a focus on achieving equality; promotes peace within their community, understands and improves communication, and facilitates cooperation between diverse populations; has shown visible and continued leadership in education, civil rights or the provision of significant social services in honor of Dr. King. You can read more about Regina and her work at <https://www.goshen.edu/news/2016/01/11/shands-stoltzfus-receives-indianas-highest-civil-rights-award/>. *Congratulations, Regina! We are grateful for your work among us!*

(repeat) **Letting Go**, a guided retreat led by Patricia Ebersole Zwier and Susan Berends Medendorp, March 4-6 at Amigo Centre, provides structure for corporate worship, space and format for individual Scripture study, and guides for deep receptive listening to God together with sisters. These elements of the retreat are crafted to allow for the LETTING GO that each participant is being called by God to do in her life. Perhaps it may be letting go of what keeps us stuck, stressed, angry, hurt, separated from God or others, then allowing in the gifts of grace, genuine connection, joy. More information at [www.sojournersyperegrinas.com](http://www.sojournersyperegrinas.com)

(repeat) **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.

Please email announcements to [assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org) by 8 AM local time Friday for inclusion in the following Sunday's *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

**Assembly Mennonite Church**

**Pastoral Team**

Dawn Yoder Harms [dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org) 574-214-5610  
Lora Nafziger [loracn@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:loracn@assemblymennonite.org) 574-312-0732  
Karl Shelly [karlss@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:karlss@assemblymennonite.org) 574-621-1037

**Elders:** Jeannie Brunk, Eric Good Kaufmann, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Jeanne Liechty (chair), Justin Rothshank, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Joel Zwier  
**Apprentice Elder:** Anika Roth  
**Youth Coordinators:** Deanna Risser, Jon Zirkle

**Administrative Assistant:** Naomi Roots (weekday mornings) [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) 574-534-4190

**Assembly Mennonite Church** seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999

(repeat) **Lois Johns Kaufmann**, conference minister for Central District Conference (CDC), has announced her plans to retire late next summer. Lois shared this news with the Board of Directors and all CDC pastors in December. The Board is in the process of forming a search committee to call a new conference minister, with Carrie Mast, board secretary, as chair. CDC will recognize Lois' retirement and say farewell during the Annual Meeting at Columbus Mennonite, June 23-25 2016. Read her letter to CDC family [here](#).

(repeat) **Young adult 2nd hour class** resumed Jan 10. All those in that age demographic interested in exploring the path of "progressive Christianity" are welcome!

(repeat) **As we begin this New Year at Assembly**, our worship invites us to "Listen with God." To read more about this worship series, pick up a blue sheet on the lit table during worship.

### community connections

**Bethany Christian High School's** performing arts troupe, *Emmaus*, will deliver singing valentines on Friday, Feb 12. The cost is \$10 and includes two songs and a card with the option of including a message on a card. Recipients need to be within 1 mile of Goshen, and the Valentines will be "delivered" between 8am and 12:30pm. Registration forms are available in the school office or may be downloaded [online](#). The troupe can only do a limited number of Valentines, so get your orders in early! Orders accepted through Wed, Feb 3, or until the schedule is full.

**Please join Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** for a public lecture as AMBS Peace Studies Guest Daryl Byler presents Peacebuilding in an Age of Violent Extremism at 7pm, Thur, Feb 11. David Cortright, director of policy studies at the Kroc Institute will be the respondent. This event is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow. Daryl Byler is the executive director at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University. This event will be held in the Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount at AMBS, 3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart, Indiana. Please call [800.964.2627](tel:800.964.2627) for more info.

**Center for Community Justice** is offering two support circles for those involved in crime, one for victims, every

Mon from 12-1pm, and one for those convicted of a crime, every Tues from 7-8pm, both led by Victim Offender Reconciliation Program staff. For more info, call 295-6149 or email [alehman@centerforcommunityjustice.org](mailto:alehman@centerforcommunityjustice.org).

**Bring your family for a weekend** of fun together without the demands of home. Enjoy planned activities for all ages, Sat child care for young children, family-centered, and child friendly worship. Camp Friedenswald's Family Winter Retreat Feb 12-14 will feature David Moser, pastor at Southside Mennonite Fellowship, speaking about *My Immigration Story; My Neighbor's Immigration Story*. For more info or to register visit [friedenswald.org](http://friedenswald.org).

**Attention Healthcare Workers!** Registration is now open for Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship's Annual Gathering, June 17-19 in Estes Park, CO. Plan now for this weekend of workshops, worship, networking, and sharing together with other healthcare professionals. Visit [www.mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2016](http://www.mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2016).

**Center for Community Justice** is looking for volunteer mediators. If you are interested in attending their training, please call 295-6149.

**Bethany Christian Schools invites applications** for the position of groundskeeper, to begin in March. This is a seasonal position, part-time from mid-March through mid-Nov each year. For information about the position and an application form, visit [www.bethanycs.net/jobs](http://www.bethanycs.net/jobs) or contact Head of School Tim Lehman at [574 534-2567](tel:574.534.2567) or [tlehman@bethanycs.net](mailto:tlehman@bethanycs.net).

(repeat) **All are welcome to join** Mennonite singer/songwriter Bryan Moyer Suderman for an all-ages concert at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship on Tues, Jan 26, at 6pm. Bryan has been described as an Anabaptist Pete Seeger, with a gift for writing and leading songs that are simple, profound, singable, and fun for all ages. A pizza supper is available with advance registration. Please RSVP for supper, at 534-2398 or [office@berkeyavenue.org](mailto:office@berkeyavenue.org). Pizza will be served at 5pm. Please make your supper reservations by Sun, Jan 24.

(repeat) **All are invited to Pathways Retreat**, Goshen, for an Open House to celebrate the newly expanded retreat house on Sun, Jan 31. Tours and refreshments are from 3-

Please email announcements to [assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org) by 8 AM local time Friday for inclusion in the following Sunday's *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

#### Assembly Mennonite Church

##### Pastoral Team

Dawn Yoder Harms [dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org) 574-214-5610  
Lora Nafziger [loracn@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:loracn@assemblymennonite.org) 574-312-0732  
Karl Shelly [karlss@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:karlss@assemblymennonite.org) 574-621-1037

**Elders:** Jeannie Brunk, Eric Good Kaufmann, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Jeanne Liechty (chair), Justin Rothshank, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Joel Zwier  
**Apprentice Elder:** Anika Roth  
**Youth Coordinators:** Deanna Risser, Jon Zirkle

**Administrative Assistant:** Naomi Roots (weekday mornings) [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) 574-534-4190

**Assembly Mennonite Church** seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999

5:30 with a liturgy of blessing at 4. See [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org) or call or text [333.1822](tel:333.1822) for more info and directions.

(repeat) **John McCutcheon Concert Cancelled:** The Jan 31 John McCutcheon concert at Bethany Christian Schools has been cancelled. Anyone who has purchased tickets will be reimbursed; if you have questions, contact Kevin Miller at [jkmillier@bethanycs.net](mailto:jkmillier@bethanycs.net)

(repeat) **Mennonite Arts Weekend 2016** takes place in Cincinnati, OH, Feb 5-7. Theme is Transormation: Reseeing, Reshaping, Renewing. Click [here](#) or contact Jep Hostetler at 537-3762 for more info.

(repeat) **Eighth Street Preschool** has several spaces available in the 3's and 4's classes for anyone that would be interested in signing their child up to attend preschool from now until the end of May. Eighth Street Preschool emphasizes discovery learning and social interactions developmentally appropriate for 3-5 year olds, and believes that all children can learn and grow in a safe and inclusive environment. All Lead Teachers have education degrees and Spanish Translation is available. Call 533-6720 for more information or to schedule a school visit

(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** has available full tuition scholarship awards intended to encourage and support outstanding Mennonite students with gifts for ministry as they prepare to serve the church and are available to individuals who are in good standing of a congregation in Mennonite Church Canada, a congregation in Mennonite Church USA, or a related Mennonite group. Click [here](#) for more information.

(repeat) **Goshen College is hiring** a part-time admin assistant. This position is 24 hours/wk over 10 months (the academic year) and is shared between the Dept of Sociology, Social Work & Anthropology, and the Art Dept. If you're interested, please look at the posting on GC's website [here](#). The position is currently open and ready to be filled.

(repeat) **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](#).

(repeat) **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](mailto:Sheila@collegemennonite.org) or 535-7228.

(repeat) **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](mailto: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](#).

Please email announcements to [assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org) by 8 AM local time Friday for inclusion in the following Sunday's *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

**Assembly Mennonite Church**

**Pastoral Team**

Dawn Yoder Harms [dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org) 574-214-5610  
Lora Nafziger [loracn@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:loracn@assemblymennonite.org) 574-312-0732  
Karl Shelly [karlss@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:karlss@assemblymennonite.org) 574-621-1037

**Elders:** Jeannie Brunk, Eric Good Kaufmann, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Jeanne Liechty (chair), Justin Rothshank, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Joel Zwier  
**Apprentice Elder:** Anika Roth  
**Youth Coordinators:** Deanna Risser, Jon Zirkle

**Administrative Assistant:** Naomi Roots (weekday mornings) [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) 574-534-4190

**Assembly Mennonite Church** seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999