

# AssemblyLine

January 3, 2016

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## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

### WORSHIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 3</b> Worship leader: <i>Sarah Lind</i> Sermon: <i>Saulo Padilla</i> Welcoming &amp; tear-down: <i>Hygge and Maple</i> <b>Window &amp; 2% Offerings</b> <b>Communion</b> Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6, 26; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12 Sunday School: <i>Studying at the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 10</b> Worship leader: <i>Small Group Hugs</i> Sermon: <i>Jep Hostetler</i> Welcoming &amp; tear-down: <i>Net and B</i>  Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Sunday School: <i>Jesus in the desert (Luke 4:1-13)</i></p>
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### CALENDAR

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### assembly life and people

**Jared Martin** (1st, Chamberlin) turned 7 on Dec 30! Jared enjoys math and reading best at school. He likes playing superheroes at recess and is learning to ride a two wheeler. Jared likes to play with his sister and mom. He likes to play angry birds ultimate frisbee with his dad!

**Preparing for a Second Hour** "Retrospective" on Jan 10: 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 on Jan 10 during 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour!

**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](#).

**Come Dancing!** You are invited to a Family Contra Dance this Sat, Jan 2 at 6pm. Sponsored by Goshen Community Contra Dance (preceding the monthly regular Contra Dance at 7pm) at the First United Methodist Church in Goshen. Admission: \$5/adult, kids 12 and under are free. Band O Goshen (including our own Ethan Setiawan) will be playing. For more info call Jill at 533-7625.

**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!

**Women's Lunch Bunch** will be at the Greencroft Community Center at 11:30 this Wed, Jan 6. If you plan to attend and have not signed up, please call Joyce Hostetler (537-3762) before 9am Mon, Jan 4.

(repeat) **Lora will be out of the office** Sat, Dec 19-Jan 2.

(repeat) **2% Committee update:** In addition to the previously announced fall distributions, we propose these additional fall distributions: Local 1.Goshen Ministerial Association \$500 2.The Window \$500 3.Leon Bauman has asked for \$250 for a family at Chandler needing help with citizenship costs 4.MiriamMiller Avelar has identified two school families needing financial assistance due to sudden unforeseen circumstances. \$500 (\*2) 5.Lisa Koop and start-up funding for NIJC needs in the Goshen area. \$1000 World 1.Rachel Yoder Penner and Luke Penner: The direct idea is to support a scholarship for the early childhood center that our partner organization runs. [Programavelasco.org](http://Programavelasco.org) \$800, and an additional \$200 to help a family with significant debt. 4.MCC a.Syria/Iraq \$750 b.Gaza/Isreal/Palestine \$750 c.South Sudan \$750. Please bring any concerns regarding these distributions to one of the committee members by Dec 29. Also, please let any committee member know of future recommendations and suggestions for 2% funding. You can reach me at [sdschrock@hotmail.com](mailto:sdschrock@hotmail.com)

(repeat) **We share our prayers** with Heather Bridger-Ulloa, Magdalena and Nayo as they grieve the death of Heather's father, Gene Bridger, Jr. Diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer in January of 2015, Gene died on December 15, in his home. He was 68 years old. A master craftsman, Gene designed and renovated many homes in the Michiana area. Funeral services are pending in South Bend.

(repeat) **Small Group "Food Group"** is pleased to recommend Sarah Phend Horst for covenanting with Assembly Sun, Jan 3. Please share your words of affirmation and counsel with Sarah.

(repeat) **We extend love and sympathy** to Linda Schlabach Miller and her family as they mourn the death of Linda's father, Alva "Curly" Schlabach. He died suddenly on Wed, Dec 9 in Sarasota, FL at age 94. Linda and her brother Jay Schlabach (former Assemblyite) also lost their mother, Doris, this past July.

(repeat) **The 2% Committee** proposes the following Fall distribution plans: Local 1.LaCasa of Goshen \$1000 2.Center for Community Justice \$1000 3.Center for Healing and Hope \$1000 4.ADEC \$1000 5.Goshen Day Care Board \$1000 6.Goshen Ministerial Association \$1000 7.The Window \$1000 8.Ryan's Place \$500 9.MDC Goldenrod \$500 10.Clubhouse of Goshen \$1000 World 1.Tanzania Education Aid \$2000 2.Saba International – for the Nest \$500 3.Resource Center - \$500 4.MCC a.Syria/Iraq \$2000 b.Gaza/Isreal/Palestine \$2000 c.South Sudan \$2000. Please bring any concerns regarding these distributions to one of the committee members by 12/20. Also, please let any committee member know of future recommendations and suggestions for 2% funding.

You can reach Steve Schrock at [sdschrock@hotmail.com](mailto:sdschrock@hotmail.com)

## community connections

**Window Needs:** Food Pantry: Plastic Grocery Bags, Soap, Shampoo, Tooth Paste, Body Wash, Deodorant, Diapers sizes 3,4 & 5, Canned & Bag Beans, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Pastas, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Canned Fruit, Cereal. Katie's Kitchen: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Salad Dressings, Salsa, #10 cans or Frozen Fruit and Vegetables, Egg, Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, White Rice, Stuffing Mix, Jiffy Cornbread Mix,

Coffee Creamer, Butter, Olive oil, Paper Napkins. Clothes Closet: Sweatshirts, Sweatpants & Hoodies, Men's Jeans, Men's T-Shirts, Children Winter, Socks.

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** is hosting Pastors Week and Leadership Clinics toward the end of Jan. Sign up [here](#) for early bird discounts through Jan 7.

**AMBS Intercultural Competence** and Undoing Racism team invites you to save the dates of Jan 16-18. During that weekend, the seminary will host a series of public and campus community. Read more [here](#).

**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!" Horizon Education Alliance (HEA) believes that Elkhart County can be a world-class place to learn, live, work, and play. Please RSVP by Mon, Jan 18, to [info@michianameda.org](mailto: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.

**Financial ministry opportunity:** MDC Goldenrod is looking for an accountant to provide oversight to our financial operations. If you are an accountant and 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](mailto:tammyf@mdcgoldenrod.org)

(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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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(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 4 - Fri, Jan 8; 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](http://bethanycs.net/mccutcheon_160131).

(repeat) **Imago Couples Workshop** Feb. 12-14, 2016 will be held in Iowa. Jill Fein Baker from Chicago will be the weekend presenter. For more information visit their [website](#).

(repeat) **Laurelville**, a Christian retreat center outside Pittsburg, PA, has three positions available: Program Director, Maintenance Director, and Part time Food Service. For more information, visit their [website](#).

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