

AssemblyLine

January 31, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

January 31

Worship leader: *Small Group Scoops*

Sermon: *Karl Shelly*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Endive & Potentially Attractive*

Scripture: Romans 12:1-6a

Sunday School: *Mustard seed and yeast (Luke 13:18-21)*

February 7

Worship leader: *Carmen Horst*

Sermon: *Various Storytellers*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Tupelo & Tumbleweed*

The Window & 2% Offerings

Carnival Sunday

"You can't get there from here!"

No Sunday School

CALENDAR

Tue	Feb 2	7pm Leadership group meeting
Wed	Feb 3	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch
Sun	Feb 7	Carnival Sunday; no Sunday School 12pm Surprise luncheons
Wed	Feb 10	7pm Ash Wednesday Service at meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Penelope Jimenez (1st Chandler) turns 7 on Feb 2nd! Penelope likes to listen to and read stories. She also enjoys writing and illustrating her own stories. She likes gym and running fast! She loves to swim in the summer and play outside all the time. She likes to play with her cousin Arthur and go to his house.

Name tags are back after a short hiatus. Anyone who does not currently have a name tag is encouraged to make one!

Carnival next Sunday! Among Assembly's usual and unusual practices is the celebration of Carnival, a centuries-old tradition of feasting and frolic before the season of Lent. Carnival will be held next Sun, Feb 7. On Carnival we sing with more abandon and eat doughnuts with our Fair Trade coffee. On Carnival some of us appear in some sort of costume (or at least we accessorize). On Carnival, during 2nd hour, instead of Sunday School, we create intergenerational Bible charades with great creativity and lots of laughter. On Carnival the dance group helps us remember that sometimes it's OK to play, and that playing may actually help us begin our Lenten work. On Carnival balloons and clowns come to worship. Completely confused? Read the Carnival handouts on the literature table and attached to this Aline.

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 TODAY to participate.

Occasionally people ask about using direct deposit for their regular offerings. The easiest way to do this is for you to use bill payer at your bank or credit union. About 2/3 of attendees use Interra Credit Union which offers free bill payer. Other financial institutions offer it free as well. Another option is for AMC to setup for Automatic Clearing House (ACH) transactions. The ACH requires some setup and a small fee per transaction plus a monthly fee for the church. If you are interested in the ACH option, talk to John Nafziger.

Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical Feb 9, 1pm. Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall. *All About that Bass (and Tenor)* Dr. Scott Hochstetler associate professor of music and director of the Goshen college Men's Chorus, and Steve Snyder, director of the Goshen High School Crimson Men's Choir. Come spend an afternoon featuring choral music of the lower registers as the Goshen College Men's Chorus and the Goshen High School Crimson Men's Choir join forces. Be enveloped in rich sonorities as conductors, Scott Hochstetler and Steve Snyder lead their award-winning ensembles in solo and joint selections. This event is free and open to the public. For information or questions call [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565) or email aftsabb@goshen.edu.

As we move into Lent, consider beginning the season by participating in the Ash Wednesday service with your small group on Feb 10, 7pm, at the meetinghouse. Through song and prayer and ashes, this will be a time to reflect on our finitude and need for God.

(repeat) **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, 3rd hour Facebook page, and posted on WNDU.

(repeat) **Women's Lunch Bunch:** Wed Feb 3, at 11:30 at Greencroft Community Center. Come hear Bethany Swope share reflections on her work at Goshen Center for Cancer Care and the twisty-turny path that got her there. Please sign up in the gathering place by Jan 29 or call Marna Mateer at 533-2562. Lunch will be soup/cheese/crackers \$4. If you want to attend and did not sign up last Sunday, please call Joyce at [537-3762](tel:537-3762) before 10am Monday.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 can have adult conversation. RSVP to office@assemblymennonite.org if you plan to utilize this service.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 or [574-596-5453](tel:574-596-5453)). He can provide more information.

(repeat) **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) **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/>.

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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

community connections

The Window Benefit Meal will be held during February First Friday, Feb 5 beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of chili with cornbread and dessert will be served. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$8. Call 533-9680 for more info.

From Fencerows to Foodsheds: Potluck and Film Showing. Fri, Feb 12, 5-7pm. Goshen College, Newcomer Center, room 17. This documentary features stories from two Indiana communities, one of which is Elkhart County. What do faith and food have to do with each other? How can a congregation address food insecurity with a plot of ground out back? Bring a dish to share and your curiosity about the local food movement in our region. This gathering is sponsored by Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College. Sample our homegrown organic pork!

Parkside and Waterford need reading camp volunteers! Program runs Feb 2-March 24, Tues and/or Thurs afternoon; 3:10-4:00pm. Contact Michelle Kercher at: mkercher@goshenschools.org

Applications now being accepted for Mennonite Disaster Service's Summer Youth Program. Project locations will be in TX, MI, and British Colombia. Applications are due by Feb 12. For questions or scheduling, call Alicia Hurst, (800) 241-8111 or e-mail ahurst@mds.mennonite.net

Little Eden Youth Camps in NW Michigan: brochures on summer camps for grade 3 all the way through High School

can be found on the lit table or downloaded at www.littleeden.org

MCC's SWAP program (Sharing With Appalachian People) is looking for summer meals coordinators and job site coordinators. These 3-month assignments include a level of interaction with youth and adult groups, youth sponsors, and local residents that provides opportunity to explore new cultures and stretch one's faith and understanding of Christ's commands. A stipend, room and board, and transportation to and from assignment are provided. For more information, visit mcc.org/SWAP.

Mennonite Disaster Service will begin scheduling weekly and long-term volunteers for the months of April, May, and June on Mar 7. If you are interested in serving with us, please call. We would love to have you serve with us!

Bethany Seeks Softball Coach: Bethany Christian High School (Goshen) seeks a varsity softball coach for spring 2016. For more information or to apply, contact athletic director Gary Chupp at glchupp@bethanycs.net or 574-534-2567.

MDC Goldenrod is looking for a part-time Groundskeeper/Maintenance Assistant to oversee upkeep and maintenance of MDC Goldenrod grounds in Goshen and Middlebury. This position will also provide back-up to the Maintenance Director when needed. Requirements: at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or GED, be able to pass a thorough background check, have 3 business or professional references, have a reliable vehicle available, along with a valid driver's license and current vehicle insurance. Go to mdcgoldenrod.org or call 533-9720 for more information or to apply.

(repeat) **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.

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(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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. Please call 295-6149 or email alehman@centerforcommunityjustice.org.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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

(repeat) **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 or contact Head of School Tim Lehman at [574 534-2567](tel:574.534.2567) or tclehman@bethanycs.net.

(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 3-5:30 with a liturgy of blessing at 4. See 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 jkmiller@bethanycs.net

(repeat) **Mennonite Arts Weekend 2016** takes place in Cincinnati, OH, Feb 5-7. Theme is Transformation: Reseeking, 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.

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