

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26;
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

October 2

Worship leader: *Regina Shands Stoltzfus*
Sermon: *Rachel and Luke Yoder Penner*
Welcoming & take-down: *Cardinal & Three*
Communion
Window and 2% Offerings
Fellowship Meal
Sunday School: *Job Suffers (The book of Job)*

October 7

Fall Retreat

Service at Friedenswald begins at 10:30 am

No service at the meetinghouse

CALENDAR

TODAY	Oct 2	12pm Fellowship Meal
	Oct 2	6pm Support Group for caregivers of aging parents
Wed	Oct 5	11:30am Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center
Wed	Oct 5	7pm Leadership Group Meeting
Fri-Sun	Oct 7-9	Fall Retreat at Camp Friedenswald

ANNOUNCEMENT

assembly life and people

The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: *3. To give answers during children's time without being laughed at.* Children are not a show for adults' humor. They are earnest and giving careful answers. Sometimes it is difficult not to laugh, but we try our best.

Karl & Michelle Shelly are in Miami celebrating the wedding of their son, Jacob. They will return Oct. 2.

Fellowship Meal: Today is World Communion Sunday and we will be eating together following communion at 12pm. All are welcome!

Assembly will be at Fall Retreat, Oct 7-9 at Camp Friedenswald. The Sunday service will be at 10:30am in the chapel and the schedule is attached.

Learn how Assembly engages with our neighborhood and community at a meeting set on Sunday Oct 16 after Second Hour. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

Follow Josh Schirch and Seth Kurtz while they are in Ecuador with MMN's Journey International program by following their blogs: <https://jrjourneys.wordpress.com/> and <https://sethtravels.wordpress.com/>

(repeat) **We (Michelle and Karl) are very grateful** to Assembly for the financial gift we received after Michelle's unexpected medical expenses this summer. We've been blessed by your prayers, words of support, and those who contributed to this gift. Thank you!

(repeat) **Naomi Roots and Oscar Quintana** welcomed baby Julian Oscar Quintana at 9:41 am on Sunday Sept 11. 8lbs 3 oz. You can [sign up here](#) to bring them a meal or on Sunday morning. At takethemameal.com The Recipient name is Roots Quintana and the Password is 3180. Contact Miriam Miller Avelar at [574-538-8325](tel:574-538-8325) for more info.

(repeat) **Thank you for your rich farewell blessing** for us on Sunday morning, in word and song and presence. We leave feeling filled to the brim and overflowing as we begin our adventure in Kansas. As of Sept 28, our new address will be: 205 W. 27th St, North Newton, KS 67117. Please stop by when you're in the neighborhood! Dawn: dyharms@gmail.com Doug: dpharms3003@gmail.com.

(repeat) **Barn Dance:** Fall is almost here! Pull out your stomping shoes and dancing moves. Robin and Marcus Ebright Zehr will host the barn dance at 7:00pm on Oct 1 (63950 Old CR 17, Goshen). Rich Meyer will be calling, food & drinks provided by the MYF.

(repeat) Support group for those caring for aging parents will meet Sun, Oct 2 at 6pm, at Dennis and Susan Mark Landis" house, 820 Steury, Goshen. To be added to the email list and for more info contact Mary Roth (mary.nycer@gmail.com).

(repeat) Lunch Bunch: Wed., Oct 5, 11:30 at Greencroft Community Center. Barb Hassen will be sharing. Please sign up in the gathering place by Sunday the 25th or call Joyce Hostetler at 574-537-3762. Lunch will be a smoked turkey cobb sandwich, plus fruit and chips, \$5.00. (If you sign up for food and don't show, please pay for the meal, as we are charged for the number of lunches ordered.)

(repeat) Bertha Beachy has a new phone number: 574-537-4678.

(repeat) The painting by Jon Zirkle on display this spring in the worship space and at Lynnette Bauman's funeral is temporarily at The Hermitage, 11321 Dutch Settlement Rd, Three Rivers, MI. (www.hermitagecommunity.org) The painting is in the Hanby Center, where Jon has invited retreat guests to write down their reflections or experiences of it. You are invited to pray for discernment about next steps for the painting and to visit The Hermitage. Jon may make a day trip to The Hermitage on a weekend in the coming weeks if you'd like to join him: jzirkle@goshen.edu

community connections

Bethany Alumni Night/Volley for a Cure: BCS alumni and their family will receive free admission to the Oct. 4 volleyball match vs. Goshen. This is also the annual Volley for a Cure game in which Goshen and Bethany volleyball programs team up in the fight against breast cancer.

Flu shots at The Window, Inc. during our First Friday meal (Oct 7th). Representatives from IU Goshen Health will be offering flu shots for \$25 or less with a donation. This is a great way to prepare for the upcoming flu season and help those in need within our community! For more information, call [574.364.2496](tel:574.364.2496).

MCC Great Lakes will be holding board and staff meetings in the Goshen area Oct 13-15. Hosts are needed to provide lodging and breakfast who are coming from

around our region. If you can help with housing from Oct 12-14, please contact Roberta Miller, [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133) or rom@mcc.org.

MDC Goldenrod Auction: Shiphewana Auction Barn on Friday, Oct 14th, from 4-9pm. Join community members that we serve for a haystack dinner, bake sale, silent auction, and live auction. If interested in donating items to the live auction, gift certificates, or bake sale items, please contact Danae Miller danaem@mdcgoldenrod.org; (574) [533-9720](tel:533-9720) or Dan Steiner (574) 312-1888.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash, Friday and Saturday, Oct 21 and 22. All ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23). Drop in anytime between 9am-5pm both days. Lunch available for a donation. The comforters will be distributed by MCC around the world. See mcc.org/comforter-bash.

Women Doing Theology Conference, I've got the power: Naming and reclaiming power as a force for good, Nov 4-6 at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, Virginia. Sponsor: Women in Leadership Project of Mennonite Church USA. Full cost is \$425, including a private room, all meals and snacks. Register at: mennoniteusa.org/wlp-conference.

Camp Friedenswald is excited to announce a capital campaign to *Renew Friedenswald*, which includes renovations to three of Camp's original facilities: The Boys' Cabins, Guest House, and Chapel/Activity Center. Plans are underway to begin construction this fall. We ask for your support through prayer, financial gifts, and volunteer hours. For more info, see Friedenswald.org or contact Jenna@Friedenswald.org.

(repeat) Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical, Tues, Oct. 11 at 12:00pm at College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. After a traditional Hungarian meal, Balazs Pirot, recent Goshen College graduate and Hungarian citizen, will give an overview of the country's history, economy, culture, famous personnel and sites. Cost: \$22. Call [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565) to register, \$5 late fee after Oct. 3

(repeat) The Window's Haystack Dinner fundraiser, Oct 13 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

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(repeat) **Men & Boys Retreat at Camp Friedenswald**, Oct 14-16. Come for the fun activities, and stay for the meaningful input from Luke Gascho, Executive Director of Merry Lea Learning Center, centering us on our communities of people within the community of creation. Adults: \$150; Ages 6-12: \$25; Ages 13-18: \$50; Ages 18-25: Free. Register at: friedenswald.org/retreats

(repeat) **Tony Brown concert** on Friday, Oct. 21, 7pm at the AMBS Chapel. Tony Brown will perform songs of peace, hope and justice. A free-will offering will be received.

(repeat) **Support racial justice work in Elkhart County** by purchasing a ticket for our county NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet at the Matterhorn, Friday, Oct 28 (\$40 "donation"). Keynote speaker: Barbara Bolling-Williams, Indiana NAACP president. If you can't attend but are willing to buy a ticket, I can find people who cannot afford to go. Proceeds fund our local NAACP. See or e-mail Ted or Gayle Gerber Koontz.(tkoontz@ambs.edu)

(repeat) **We are looking for ongoing child care** for our infant (3 months old) three days per week (Mon, Tues, Thurs 8/8:30am - 4/4:30pm) starting Nov. 7th. The care could be provided in our home or in the caregiver's home. Please contact Jill Stahly at [802.999.5718](tel:802.999.5718) or jillmarielehman@gmail.com.

(repeat) **Central District Conference** September issue of the Reporter can be found attached at the top of this email, in tiny lettering.

(repeat) **Homecoming Weekend** at Goshen College is Oct. 7-9! Along with alumni, grandparents, parents and siblings of current students are invited to campus for this exciting reunion weekend! Join us for First Friday downtown, the Peace Play, alumni awards, ultimate frisbee, art gallery exhibit, hymn sing, music gala, college visit day and more! See the full schedule at goshen.edu/homecoming.

(repeat) **Partners in Peacemaking: Israel-Palestine**. Jonathan Brenneman has begun a one-year assignment with MVS in Elkhart, as Partners in Peacemaking coordinator for MC USA's Executive Board staff. The new position was created as one way of

implementing [A statement of support for our Palestinian and Israeli partners in peacemaking](#), a resolution adopted unanimously by the Delegate Assembly in July 2015. Jonathan will facilitate education, conversation, prayer and action for peace with justice in Israel-Palestine in local settings across the denomination. To learn more or to contact Jonathan, see mennoniteusa.org/news/new-mvs-position-created-to-carry-out-partners-in-peacemaking-resolution-in-local-settings/.

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