

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; John 6:25-35

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

October 16

Worship leader: *Sara Klassen*

Sermon: *Carmen Horst*

Welcoming & take-down: *Tupelo and Tumbleweeds*

Sunday School: Ezekiel and the dry bones

October 23

Worship leader: *Lois Kaufmann*

Sermon: *Jan Emswiler and Kajungu Mturi*

Welcoming & take-down: *Ad Lib and Cantaloupe*

Sunday School: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

CALENDAR

TODAY	Oct 16	7pm Congregational Meeting
Wed	Oct 19, 26	Fall work days at the meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENT

assembly life and people

Today, we begin our annual fall Bible study. A guide to *Parables* is attached and available on the lit table.

The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: 5. To be a valued person in the congregation. The congregation is made up of all participants; children are not the “church of the future.” We value and encourage children to participate in all aspects of congregational life. You might see children setting up chairs, doing dishes or participating in worship. Thank them for the ways they contribute to the rich and vibrant life of this community.

This evening at 7pm at the Congregational meeting, we will hear an update from the community engagement exploration meeting and discuss the Interim Plan and Job Descriptions. This and the Leadership Group Updates (as discussed at last month’s meeting) documents are attached and available on the lit table. Child care is provided.

The Minutes for September Leadership Group and Congregational meetings are posted on the website.

The mailboxes have been reorganized. Please check to make sure you are getting your mail.

Directories have been updated and are available on the website and by the lit table.

Lora will be out of the office, Monday, Oct 17 to Saturday, Oct 22. She is traveling to Iowa and CDC pastors’ time away.

What did you think of Retreat this year? Please give us feedback: <https://goo.gl/forms/4Ui909jPmOZD1tLd2>

After consultation with our own personal city forester (Thanks Aaron), it was determined that it was time to remove the two unhealthy maple trees in front of the Sunday School house. The city is willing to manage the removal and replacement of these trees as well as share in the expense. Hopefully this will all happen in the next few weeks.

(repeat) **Thank you to all the children and adults at Assembly Mennonite** for your energy and enthusiasm in collecting \$1,647.54 for My Coins Count this year. Your money will be used to fund water projects, including building wells for students in Chad and Mozambique, improving sanitation for students in Uganda and helping get clean water to Syrian refugee families in Iraq. Your money offers more than just life-giving water, it shows you care and offers hope to families struggling with challenging circumstances. Thank you for your generosity and creativity in sharing the love of Christ around the world through Mennonite Central Committee and My Coins

Count. - Les Gustafson-Zook, MyCC Coordinator, Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale.

(repeat) **Fall Work Days** will be Wed Oct 19 and 26, Nov 2. Small group reps will find info in their mailbox with assigned tasks to paired groups. Use this opportunity to get to know another small group!

(repeat) **Does anyone have a car we can borrow?** Our car is broken and while we are figuring out what to do, we need to borrow a car. If you have a car you can loan us for a week at a time, please contact Kristine Regehr at 218-370-9229 or kkrpha@yahoo.com.

(repeat) **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.

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

community connections

The Maple City Community Orchestra will present a FREE concert, performing musical versions of "Rumpelstilzkin" and "Goldilocks and the 3 Bears" on Sunday, Oct 16th at 3pm in the Goshen College's Sauder Hall. The public is warmly invited to this family-friendly event! Donations to support the orchestra are gladly accepted at the door.

Goshen City Church of the is looking for a part-time Office Manager at 25 hours/week. Duties include: Office manager for pastors and staff. Create bulletins, newsletters, PowerPoints; pay bills/payroll; manage calendars, edit directories, etc. Proficient with Microsoft Office, financial software. Competitive wages and benefit package. Send resume by October 19 to: office@goshencitychurch.org.

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON FAITH, Oct 23 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall of College Mennonite Church..Ben Goossen will speak on the subject *Mennonites and Nazism: A Forgotten History*. Goossen received a BA in history and a BA in German Studies from Swarthmore College. He is currently a doctoral student in the Dept of History, Harvard University. For more information see newperspectivesgoshen.org.

A link to the Pathways Newsletter is at the top of this Assemblyline.

Music and Stories for Peace, Saturday, Nov 5 from 1:00-4:00pm, Goshen College Music Center. This free event features discussions with our very own Lisa Koop, immigration lawyer, Latina voices from the local community, MCC workers in Columbia and Veterans for Peace members in Chicago.

The Pathways Retreat Newsletter is attached.

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** welcomes donations of money for its hurricane disaster response in Haiti. High winds and extensive flooding caused significant damage and increased already heightened cholera concerns in the Artibonite Valley, where MCC's long-term reforestation program operates. To donate, call [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676); visit mcc.org/hurricane-matthew; or send a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

(repeat) **Chandler Elementary School distributes food bags** to 60 students every Friday to ensure that they have enough food for the weekend (when they are no longer receiving a school breakfast and lunch). Eighth St. Mennonite Church is the main supporter of this program, but there are still 4 students in need. It costs \$140 per child for a school year. If you can sponsor a child, write you can contribute through AMC, marking the money "Food 4 Kids."

(repeat) **Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center** is having their annual dinner and auction on Friday (new day), Oct 21 at Bread & Chocolate (new location). Assembly has traditionally filled two tables. The cost is \$75 this year. Please contact Leon Bauman (Board Vice-President) if you would like to attend.

(repeat) **Camp Friedenswald Demo Days**, October 21-22. Projects will include cabin demolition, removing beds/mattresses, preparing the site for new cabins, among other projects. [Click here](#) for more information and to indicate your availability for this and other volunteer opportunities. For more info, see Friedenswald.org or contact Jenna@Friedenswald.org.

(repeat) **Mennonite publications:** Join the staff of *The Mennonite* for a free evening of coffee and conversation

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with Dr. Malinda Berry, professor of theology at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and Dr. Gerald Mast, professor of communication at Bluffton University. Berry and Mast will be talking with Hannah Heinzekehr, executive director of The Mennonite, Inc., about the legacy and future of Mennonite publications. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served on Friday Oct 21, 7:30pm at College Mennonite Church.

(repeat) **Mennonite Creation Care Network, adventure in spiritual geography**, Saturday Oct 22, 9am-12pm at Merry Lea of Goshen College, Farmstead Site. This workshop will fuse biblical study of the headwaters of Eden in Genesis 2 and experiential study of the headwaters of the Elkhart River found at Merry Lea. As we learn about the role of headwaters in our local streams, we will also discover ways to keep our rivers vibrant and healthy. \$20. Email mccn@goshen.edu to register. Presenters are Doug Kaufman, a conference pastor in the Indiana-Michigan Conference and Joel Pontius, Merry Lea faculty.

(repeat) **Fish Fry at Bethany:** Bethany Christian High School's Senior Class Fish Fry is on Friday, Oct. 28! Come between the hours of 4:30 and 8 p.m. for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are available from all Bethany seniors or at the door. Adults: \$10; Grades 1 to 6: \$5; Preschool age is free. Carryout is also available with adult tickets only.

(repeat) **Israeli and Palestinian Stories of Grief and Reconciliation** George, Najwah, and Rami are members of The Parents Circle – Families Forum, a unique organization made up of more than 600 Israeli and Palestinian bereaved families. They will share their journey of transforming their incredible loss and pain into a catalyst for reconciliation and peace in the midst of the ongoing conflict. Open to all, this event will take place at 7 pm on Friday, Oct 28 at AMBS's Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount (3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart).

(repeat) **Roofers are urgently needed in** Andrews, South Carolina for the week of Oct. 30-Nov 5. Please call Alicia Hurst at [800-241-8111](tel:800-241-8111) or email at ahurst@mds.mennonite.net.

(repeat) **Service Theology Term (SSTT) for high school students.** Goshen College is calling for applications from any U.S. high school students who have completed 10th,

11th or 12th grade by the tour date, June 2017, to participate in the new Study Service Theology Term, a two-week study tour in Guatemala. Thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., the cost only \$100 per participant. The deadline to apply is Oct 30, 2016. Priority will be given to Latino and African-American students. For more information or to apply, visit goshen.edu/SSTT.

(repeat) **ADEC's 65th annual celebration** on Thurs, Oct 29th, 5:30pm at Matterhorn Event Center, 2041 Cassopolis St., Elkhart. There will be a silent auction, live painting by Usha Pfifferling and a look back at the people served over the years. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online at www.adeinc.com/birthday.

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash**, Friday and Saturday, Oct 21 and 22. All ages are invited to knit 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.

(repeat) **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.

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