

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### 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

### October 30

Worship leader: *Susan Mark Landis*

Sermon: *Regina Shands Stoltzfus*

Welcoming & take-down: *Egg Combo and Z*

Sunday School: The Persistent Widow

## CALENDAR

Wed Oct 26, Nov 2 Fall work days at the meetinghouse

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Sawyer Beachy** (3<sup>rd</sup> Meadowview) turned 9 on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>! Sawyer loves to play soccer and plays with Middlebury Magic. He enjoys school and likes to listen to stories. He enjoys travelling and camping with his family. He enjoys riding his bike and spending time outside at his house.

**Arthur Beyeler** (CCYC) turned 5 on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>! Arthur enjoys spending time outside playing with his cousins. He also enjoys reading with his mom and playing with his dad. Arthur thinks that recess is the best part of school and he is looking forward to riding the combine with his grandpa over fall break.

**Alyda Miller Avelar** turned 3 on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>! She loves playing with baby dolls and real babies. She loves imagining; especially that she is a part of an animal family. She loves running, dancing and singing. It is sad for her when puddles dry fast after a rain because she really likes to jump in them. She continues to enjoy her afternoons with her Nana y Abuelo!

**Jordana Farran** (7<sup>th</sup> Bethany) turned 13 on Oct. 14th! is in shout for Joy choir, plays piano and viola. She loves playing volleyball and finds many ways to play even when the school team is finished. She likes theatre and is looking forward for the fall play. She would like to learn to bake. Ask her to see her clover tongue!

**Scarlett Wade** (3<sup>rd</sup> Parkside) turned 9 on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>! loves music just like her dad. oldies and music from today, especially likes Michael Jackson and Weird Al. She also enjoys making up her own songs, loves reading and doing art. She would like to use clay more often, and get better at painting and crafting in general.

**Small group Z is pleased** to recommend Scott Hochst... Rachel Hostetler and Lisa Koop for membership. They will be covenanting with us TODAY, Oct. 23. Please share your words of affirmation and counsel with them.

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

**The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: 6. *To be led to faith by the Christlike love, care, and model of each adult.*** Notice the children around you and interact with them at church. You can also share with them the things you care about. Involve yourself in their lives.

**Pledge forms are in your mailbox today!** The actual amount of the Spending Plan is determined by the dollars you pledge to give in 2017. Everyone is urged to prayerfully consider their intentions for this aspect of stewardship. You will have an opportunity to place them in the offering on Sun Nov. 6. Thank you!

**Website Fun Fact:** Did you know that part of the Assembly budget includes funding for the MYF to participate in a service trip, wilderness winds trip or convention each summer? In exchange for the funding and as a way of saying thank you for your support, the MYF provide service hours to the congregation. You can find contact information for each of the MYF and the areas they are interested in volunteering their time on the website by visiting Youth & Children page and scrolling down to the [link](#) in the MYF section at the bottom. Thank you MYF!

**Well, it's fall again.** That means raking, pumpkin spice lattes, and preferably, the Goshen Music fruit sale! Support your local band, orchestra, and choir, while enjoying fruit from Kercher's orchards! Sales sheets are on the well-marked table, just put your name, phone number, and select your fruit! Payment upon delivery, Sunday December 4th.

(repeat) **The Minutes** for September Leadership Group and Congregational meetings are posted on the website.

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

(repeat) **Directories have been updated** and are available on the website and by the lit table.

(repeat) **What did you think of Retreat** this year? Please give us feedback:

<https://goo.gl/forms/4Ui909jPmOZD1tLd2>

(repeat) **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.

## community connections

**Mennonite Youth Choir Festival** would like to invite children in grades 3-9 to join in a weekend of singing, *March 11-12, 2017*, in Goshen, Indiana. Cost per Child: \$40 open registration (music is sent to homes in December). Location: Sauder Concert Hall, Goshen College. Guest Director: Hal Hess.

**Requiem for Peace**, "Re-membering: Stories and Songs of Conflict and Peace": A free symposium and concert on Nov. 5, from 1 to 4:30 pm in the Music Center, Room 153, Goshen College, is centered a choral piece written by Mennonite composer Larry Nickel. Featured will be Latina women caught in the U.S. justice system, Veterans for Peace, an immigration lawyer and former service workers. The concert will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Center, and will feature the Goshen College combined choirs and Symphony Orchestra (GCSO), conducted by Scott Hochstetler. The GCSO, conducted by José Rocha, will also perform the final movement from Antonín Dvorák's "New World Symphony." Learn more at [goshen.edu/news](http://goshen.edu/news).

**Mennonite Mission Network seeks** a fulltime assistant for the director for Africa, coordinating North American assignments, appointment, re-appointment and end-of-employment processes and assist with prayer letters. Be a welcoming presence for returning workers, serving as host for "Welcome Back" events. Qualifications include a strong attention to detail and communication skills, the ability to organize time and work effectively, balance multiple responsibilities. Proven strong working knowledge

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of Microsoft office products and data processing is important. The ideal candidate will be organized, flexible. College degree or previous experience in an office setting is helpful. View the complete job description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). Please send resumé and cover letter to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net) or call Linda Krueger at (574) 523-3009 for more information about this position.

**Mennonite Mission Network** has launched a search for a director to provide leadership in partnership relationships, collaborative planning, direction and strategies for ministries in Asia and the Middle East. The ideal candidate will communicate passion for God's mission of reconciliation, be culturally sensitive, a collaborative leader oriented to the changing church and world context. Ability to forge effective, productive and trusting relationships, they will have a pastoral work style, available to travel multiple weeks per year. Also required are proven capabilities in budget creation, management and administration. View the complete position description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). Preferred office location is either Elkhart, IN, or Newton, KS. Please send resumé and cover letter to [StaffRecruitment@mennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@mennoniteMission.net) or call Linda Krueger at (574) 523-3009 for more information about this position.

(repeat) **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](http://newperspectivesgoshen.org).

**Job opening:** Bethany Christian Schools is looking for a Media Center Coordinator beginning second semester (Jan. 3) or mid-December if available. Apply at [bethanycs.net/jobs](http://bethanycs.net/jobs) or contact Tim Lehman at 534-2567 or find more information.

(repeat) **A link to the Pathways Newsletter** is at the top of this Assemblyline.

(repeat) **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. .

**(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](http://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) 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](mailto:ahurst@mds.mennonite.net).

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**(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 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://goshen.edu/SSTT).

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