

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Luke 6:20-31

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

November 6

Worship leader: *Jodi Beyeler*

Sermon: *Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley*

Welcoming & take-down: *Rad and Grape*

Window and 2% Offerings

Scripture: Ezra 1

Sunday School: Returning to Jerusalem

November 13

Worship leader: *Susan Nelson*

Sermon: *Karl Shelly*

Welcoming & take-down: *Hug & One & Food Group*

Scripture: Ezra 4-6

Sunday School: Rebuilding the temple

CALENDAR

TODAY

Sun	Nov 13	12:00pm, Student Luncheons
Sun	Nov 20	Following 2 nd hour, Elderly Parents Support Group
Sun	Nov 20	7:00pm, Congregational Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Ania Kingsley (2nd Rock Run) turned 8 on Nov. 5th! Ania enjoys Narnia stories and playing with Playmobil. She likes to play in the tree house and to play games with Leif. She enjoys playing piano and is excited to learn the penny whistle! She was Pippi Longstocking for Halloween!

Eliza Koop Herber (3rd Waterford) turns 9 today, Nov. 6th! Eliza enjoys acting things out and reading mysteries. She is in choir and plays piano and enjoys math and science at school! She collects Lego minifigures and enjoys setting up Lego scenes. She loves the smell of chlorine!

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

The quilt hanging in the worship space during our Parables series was stitched by Helen Glick. The blocks represent aspects of the stories of Jesus that we often don't notice. Each story is made of multiple simple components, brought together showing light and dark, variety, and consistency of form. The points remind us that the stories' sharp edges demand attention. The shape is a condensed Jewish star, hinting of the cultural background we must account for in our interpretations. And finally, the border

is unfinished; there are no limiting boundaries to the stories possibilities. Feel free to find your own parallels.

The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: *1. To be in the midst of the congregation, not on the sidelines.* Children at Assembly are a part of the congregation in their wholeness. We see and hear them as they participate during worship. In them we are reminded of and see the many faces of God.

Small group child care will be provided at the meetinghouse on the Wed, Nov 9. Please RSVP for your child to office@assemblymennonite.org.

Goshen City Church of the Brethren sends its sincerest thank you for our support, well wishes and open-armed hospitality. Read their letter on the bulletin board above the lit table.

Giving is significantly below where we normally are this time of year (69.7% of budget vs. 75.1% on average for the last 5 years.) Consider this in your giving for the next month.

Pledge forms are in your mailboxes! The actual amount of the Spending Plan is determined by the dollars you pledge to give in 2017. Please place them in the offering today!

Meal for Goshen College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary students. Sign up today to be a host or guest for lunch on Nov 13, when GC and AMBS students will be invited home with Assembly households. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering space.

Come join in an ecumenical harvest celebration of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Book of Ruth on Wed, Nov 16, 7pm, in the worship space. Kristy Shellenberger Yordy will lead us in considering how the persistent love of one human being for another can forge a way for radical justice and inclusion of the outcast or "foreigner." The evening will include storytelling, poetry, apple cider, harvest bread, and music by Mary Gilbert, Bill Mateer, and their recorder group, the Maple City Consort. The event is planned by members of Assembly, Eighth Street Mennonite Church, and St. John's Catholic Church, Goshen.

Assembly will host Goshen Interfaith Network guests Nov 27-Dec 4 at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church. We are in need of overnight hosts for Tues, Nov 29 and Fri, Dec 2 (7:00pm to 7:00/9:00am) and meal hosts for Thurs, Dec 1 and Fri, Dec. 2 (5:00pm to 7:00pm) which includes preparing and serving a meal. Please consider supporting the work of GIHN. This is a great opportunity for families and small groups. If interested, see the sign-up sheet in the foyer or speak to Kim Kurtz (kim.m.kurtz@gmail.com or 534-3564).

The Mennonite Men Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our very own Steve Thomas as their new Coordinator. Steve will begin his work with Mennonite Men Nov 1st. Mennonite Men is a constituency group dedicated to both men's ministries and service through the Join Hands program which raises funds for Mennonite churches building their first meeting places.

(repeat) **The Elderly Parents Support Group** will meet Sunday, Nov 20 following 2nd hour. Please bring a brown bag lunch. If you have any questions call Mary Roth at 312-1763.

(repeat) **Are you ever confused when you find** one shoe, or one glove, or a sippy cup in the meetinghouse with no person attached to them? All of these items can be found in the lost and found, which will be on a table in the multi-purpose space on Sun, Oct 30 and Nov 6. Make sure you

stop and check for your items; they will be taken to the Depot after church today (Nov 6).

(repeat) **Our Town:** Come and see Sam Ostergren and Clara Lind in the Bethany Christian School's performance "the great American play" *Our Town* on Nov 18-20. Tickets may be reserved online (bethanycs.net/tickets) on Mon, Oct. 31: \$9 for adults; \$7 for students. Performances are 7:30pm Friday and Saturday and 3pm Sunday.

(repeat) **Tanzanian dinner at Assembly** on Nov 19 from 5 to 7pm. All proceeds will go to support Tanzania Education Aid's work in Shirati, Tanzania. You may purchase tickets from Tobias or Lenora Hirschler Magatti, Andre Hirschler, or Michael Miller. Or call/text Lenora at [260-894-0395](tel:260-894-0395) to reserve your spot. Tell your friends and colleagues! Karibu

(repeat) **On-street parking request.** By necessity many of us park on 11th Street Sunday morning. Yet some of our neighbors find that we park too close to their cars, which are also parked on 11th Street, making it hard for them to get in and out of their parking spot on Sundays. One way to be a good neighbor to the residents around the meetinghouse is be considerate when we park. Thank you.

(repeat) **Ryan's Place:** On behalf of the staff, board of directors and the children and families that we serve I wanted to thank Assembly Mennonite Church staff and congregation for your ongoing support. A letter of thanks and how this gift will benefit the children and families we serve and our community is on the bulletin board.

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **Well, it's fall again.** And time for the Goshen Music fruit sale! Support your local band, orchestra, and choir, while enjoying fruit from Kercher's orchards! Sales

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sheets are on the well-marked table, just put your name, phone number, and select your fruit! Payment upon delivery, Sunday December 4th.

community connections

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, Nov 23 at 7:00pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 406 S. 5th St., Goshen. Worship will be led by members of the Goshen Ministerial Association. Pumpkin Pie will be served after the service. The community Choir will rehearse at 6:30pm in preparation for an anthem. And the evening offering will support the Goshen Ministerial Association Emergency Assistance Fund. Call Faith Church office at 533-5760 with any questions.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shops need your help!! Currently we are looking for volunteer truck drivers for our furniture department. This would require a standard driver's license and some heavy lifting. Several shifts need to be filled. Please contact Doug Hernley at 574.534.1828 or stop by 1013 Division St, Goshen, if interested.

Webinar: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism
Drew Hart, PhD, Thursday, Dec. 1, 2:00-3:30 EST.
Drew will be discussing his new book, "Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism."

AMBS is looking a full-time Business Office Manager to support the CFO and the Business Office in the areas of accounts payable, accounts receivable, student billing, general ledger journal entries, and year-end preparation of certain U.S. and Canadian forms for individuals' income tax reporting. www.ambs.edu/jobs

AMBS is looking for a part-time Caterer in Residence to work as needed for catered events on the Elkhart campus plus an average of two hours per week when AMBS is in session. www.ambs.edu/jobs

(repeat) **Items needed at The Window** this month include: Shampoo, deodorant, diapers (3, 4, 5), canned beans (Kidney, Chili, Refried), canned Tuna, pasta, mac and cheese, canned corn, canned mixed vegetables, soups, canned fruit, cereal, Hamburger Helper, spaghetti sauce, tomato products. Thank you for your support!

(repeat) **Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical**, El Sistema: Transforming Lives through Music, Tuesday,

Nov. 8 at 1pm, Sauder Concert Hall. Through this grassroots music education program, children of all ages and walks of life have learned to play instrument. Interspersed with a cello performance, Jose Rocha, associate professor of music, will share the history of this movement, his experience with El Sistema in his home country, Mexico, and how GC is collaborating with Longy School of Music with an emphasis on music for social change. This community program is free. If you have questions please call [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565) or email aftsabb@goshen.edu.

(repeat) **Restorative Justice Mediation Training** on November 10th and 11th from 8am-4pm Participants will learn mediation process and communication skills, focusing on engaging stakeholders in a process to identify and work toward repairing harm caused by wrongdoing, misconduct, or conflict. Fee: \$375.

(repeat) **Dallas Steiner of VenTrac Tractors** will be sharing about their new tractor being created for use in developing countries on Thursday, Nov 17, 6:30pm at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship. Dinner will be a Puerto Rican meal catered by Rolling Scones.

(repeat) **Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks artifacts**, letters, photos and documents that tell the story of conscientious objectors during World War I. To learn more, or if you have an item for donation or long-term loan, please contact museum director Annette LeZotte at alezotte@bethelks.edu or [316-283-1612](tel:316-283-1612). There is more information on "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War" at the "Traveling Exhibits" tab of the museum website, kauffman.bethelks.edu.

(repeat) **Host Family Needed in January:** Bethany Christian Schools is in need of a host family for a male student from China who will enter the 9th grade in Jan 2017. He enjoys basketball and comes from a rural background. He is coming to Bethany through a personal connection with a local professor; hosting will be arranged by Bethany's admissions director, Sarah Kraybill Lind. Host families receive monetary compensation. Call or email: admissions@bethanycs.net or 534-2567.

(repeat) **Anabaptist Disabilities Network**, a small non-profit linking congregations, families, and persons touched

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by disabilities with resources and support services within the community of faith, seeks a part-time volunteer bookkeeper for 1-2 hours per QuickBooks required. Contact Kathy Nofziger Yeakey, executive director, for additional information. [574-343-1362](tel:574-343-1362) or kathyny@adnetonline.org.

(repeat) **The Depot MCC Thrift Shops** need your help!! We are currently looking for volunteer clerks in our furniture department. There are three open shifts, four hours each, that desperately need filled. Please contact Doug Hernley at 574.534.1828 or stop in at 1013 Division St in Goshen, if you have an interest.

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

(repeat) **SPA Women's Ministry Homes** has two, part-time night shift positions needing to be filled by Godly, ministry-minded women. Employees are able to sleep much of the shift in SPA's guestroom, primarily serving as a presence in the home, ensuring women are in bed at designated sleeping times and arise at waking hours. These employees also are responsible for ensuring the women's safety and locking and securing the home before "lights out." If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please call Sandra Bontrager at [574-215-2644](tel:574-215-2644).

(repeat) **Thanks to each of you that participated** in the MCC Great Lakes Comforter Bash last weekend at Pleasant View Mennonite Church in Goshen. Over 200 people helped knot 207 comforters in just two days! Thanks to your generosity, people around the world will feel the warmth and hope that these handmade comforters bring.

(repeat) **Because of you**, the 49th Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale was again a great success, with proceeds exceeding \$455,000. My Coins Count again raised over \$108,000, and though there were 50 less quilts this year their total was \$93,450. For your generosity and the many who volunteered, the Board of Directors would like to say thank-you. It is a joy to be able the work of MCC!

(repeat) **The October issue** of Central District Conference's *Focus* is attached.

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