

AssemblyLine

Nov 13, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13;
Luke 21:5-19

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

1201 S 11th St, Goshen, Indiana 46526

574-534-4190 / office@assemblymennonite.org

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

WORSHIP

November 13

Worship leader: *Susan Nelson*

Sermon: *Karl Shelly*

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

Communion

Scripture: Ezra 4-6

Sunday School: Rebuilding the temple

November 20

Worship leader: *Emily Stuckey Weber*

Sermon: *Parables Worship Ensemble, Goshen College*

Welcoming & take-down: *Cheers & Español*

Scripture: Nehemiah 8

Sunday School: Reading God's Word Together

CALENDAR

TODAY	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

Layton Rothshank (2nd Chamberlin) turned 8 on Nov. 7th!

Layton enjoyed playing soccer with Goshen stars, and doing martial arts this fall. He is learning to play the violin and likes everything about school. He loved attending Camp Friedenswald this summer and looks forward to returning. One of his favourite things is to trap muskrats!

Naomi Roots returns to the office after her maternity leave on Monday, Nov 14. A big thank you to Janine Ostergren for filling in while Naomi was on leave.

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: 2. *To wander among us during worship being the responsibility of each of us.* As a community of faith, our care and support for each other extends into our corporate worship. All participants can help make worship a good place for children and families by caring for children and supporting parents. Invite a child to sit with you during worship, help a child find a song in the hymnal, or offer to hold a baby.

The October Congregational and Leadership Group meeting minutes have been posted on our website at: assemblymennonite.org.

Assembly is in need of volunteers for 2017 to help make Sunday morning happen: Kitchen Clean-up (4 times/year) – 8 needed; Fellowship Meal set-up (2 times/year) – 6 needed; Sunday school snack prep (1 month) – 1 needed; Worship space set-up (1 month) – 18 needed; Child Care during 1st hour (4 times/year) – 14 needed; Cash Count (after 1st hour for 1 month) – 5 needed. Please email office@assemblymennonite.org to let us know how you can help. Thanks!

The 2% committee proposes the following distributions from the 2% fund. If there are questions, concerns, or ideas for future 2% distributions, ask any of the 2% members or contact Steve Schrock at sdschrock@hotmail.com. *Local:* Goshen Ministerial Association \$700; The Window \$700;

Center for Community Justice \$700; The Elkhart County Clubhouse \$700; Ryan's Place \$700; ADEC \$900; (Walnut Hill) Goshen Day Care Board \$700. World: MCC \$3000 (Haiti \$1000, Syria \$1000, Sudan \$1000); completion of Relief Kits - MCC Great Lakes \$500; Tanzania Education Aid \$1500

Update your directory. The Schmidt family has new contact information: 1019 S. 7th St. Goshen, IN, 46526; Kris cell, [574-538-7283](tel:574-538-7283); Kathryn cell, [574-218-4086](tel:574-218-4086).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.) Please consider this in your giving for the coming 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 put completed forms in John Nafziger's mailbox.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Assembly will host Goshen Interfaith Network** guests Nov 27-Dec 4 at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church. Needed are 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).

(repeat) **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) **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.

community connections

Artists Martha Yoder and Justin Johnson will present a joint exhibit, titled "Revelation Images" and "Saints and Scarabs," respectively, with a public reception, Today, Nov. 13 at 2pm, followed by an artist talk, in the Goshen College Music Center's Hershberger Art Gallery. The exhibit will be open through Jan. 15. All are invited.

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Pastors Jane Stoltzfus Buller and Nelson Kraybill invite you to a discussion of *Blood Brothers: The Dramatic Story of a Palestinian Christian Working for Peace in Israel* by Elias Chacour. Open to all, the group will meet at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church on at 7pm Tuesday, Nov 15. Read the book in advance or come and hear a summary to join the discussion. Contact Jonathan Brenneman ([419-953-5304](tel:419-953-5304); jonathanbrenneman15@gmail.com) for more info.

New Perspectives on Faith, Nov 20 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall of College Mennonite Church. Julien Musolino will speak on the subject *The Soul Fallacy: What Science Shows We Gain from Letting Go of Our Soul Beliefs*. Musolino is a cognitive scientist, public speaker, author and associate professor at Rutgers University where he holds a dual appointment in the psychology department and the Center for Cognitive Science. For more info: newperspectivesgoshen.org

Tickets are now on sale for Goshen College's 13th annual musical celebration of Christmas, "A Festival of Carols," on Friday, Dec 2 and Saturday, Dec 3 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, Dec 4 at 4pm in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are available for \$15 by calling the Goshen College Welcome Center at ([574](tel:574-535-7566)) 535-7566 or visiting www.goshen.edu/tickets. Patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase their tickets in advance.

The November issue of Pathways Newsletter is attached.

(repeat) **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 Development of Sustainable Creative Economies: Telling Stories and Making Culture" Tuesday, Nov 29, at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall with Ellah Wakatama Allfrey, a leading London editor, critic and journalist, and Jan Bender Shetler, professor of history and a scholar on Tanzania. The presentation is sponsored by the Yoder Public Affairs Lecture series and is free and open to the public.

Registration for "Beyond Buried Treasure: Turning Hidden Resources into Assets" is open as of Oct. 17. This second joint MHS Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering takes place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. To register, visit mhaelgconference.wordpress.com. **Middle East Study Tour**, *Places, People, & Prayers*. The EMS Middle East study tour, May 4-27, 2017, is open to all travelers, with/without academic credit. Contact Dorothy Jean Weaver ASAP at weaverdj@emu.edu or ([540](tel:540-432-4276)) 432-4276 to register interest.

Shine: Living in God's Light, the Sunday school curriculum produced by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, is accepting applications for curriculum writers for children age three through grade 8. Accepted writers must attend a Writers Conference in Virginia, March 2-5, 2017. Shine pays for meals and lodging during the conference and covers reasonable travel expenses. More details are available at www.ShineCurriculum.com/writers. Application and sample session deadline is Dec. 1, 2016.

College Internship Opportunity with Mennonite Church USA: The Mennonite Church USA Communications team is looking for interns! Beginning in January and culminating in July 2017 at Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, these internships will include positions for writers, editors, photographers, social media and graphic design. Internships will be paid and prioritize students of color. Interested students should contact janiebk@mennoniteusa.org for more information.

Did you know you can study at AMBS from a distance? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Master of Divinity (MDiv) **Connect** program combines online and hybrid courses to offer you in-depth study, spiritual formation and vocational internships — wherever you're located. By taking 12–14 credit hours per year, you can complete the 80-hour program in 5 ½ years. And, if you take at least 12 credit hours per academic year, you'll be considered full-time for financial aid purposes! Learn more at www.ambs.edu/MDivConnect.

(repeat) **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

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to be filled. Please contact Doug Hernley at 574.534.1828 or stop by 1013 Division St, Goshen, if interested.

(repeat) **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."

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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) **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. 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 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) **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 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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