

AssemblyLine

Nov 20, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

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 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

November 27

Worship leader: Anna Schlabach Yoder
Sermon: Sara Klassen
Welcoming & take-down: *Scoops & Derailed*

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44
Sunday School: Walk in the light of the Lord

CALENDAR

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| TODAY | Nov 20 | Following 2 nd hour, Elderly Parents Support Group 7:00pm, Congregational Meeting |
| Tuesday | Nov 22 | 7:15pm Small Group Reps Meeting |
| Wednesday | Nov 30 | Candle dipping at Steve Shantz's house 6:30pm: grades K-2; 7:15pm: grades 3-5 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Isaac Horst (8th St) turns 4 TODAY, Nov 20! Isaac likes to build things and play on swings. His favorite food is wet broccoli. Isaac enjoys playing with his sister, Magda, and help his Papa cook. Hi proved to be a calm companion when Lora's tire exploded!

Songs for our journey now. Today 2nd hour will be a hymn sing focusing on songs that are meaningful to us in our current reality. There will be opportunity to request songs that express what you feel or long for, or give you strength. The Parables Group will join us. Song leaders willing to help lead, please sit near the front.

The Community Engagement group will meet after 2nd Hour TODAY, Sun Nov 20 in the West end of the multipurpose space. If you want to help dream about what is needed in our community and how to use our space after Walnut Hill leaves, consider coming to add your ideas.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Our theme this year is Open and Expanding Hearts. Attached is a pdf version of the introduction which can be found on the lit table. Family guides and candles are in mailboxes.

Naomi Roots is back in the office on M/W/F 8:30-3:30, and on T/Th she can be reached via email (office@assemblymennonite.org) or her cell phone (773-474-3180). A big thank you to Janine Ostergren for filling in while Naomi was on maternity leave.

As a participatory community, Assembly relies on volunteers to help make Sunday morning happen. Our needs for 2017 include: Kitchen Clean-up (4 times/year) – 6 needed; Fellowship Meal set-up (2 times/year) – 5 needed; Sunday school snack prep (1 month) – 1 needed; Worship space set-up (1 month) – 17 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!

Candle dipping is an annual tradition at Assembly that takes place in Steve Shantz's garage (60728 CR 27 Goshen, IN, 534-5315). This year it will be Wed Nov 30. Children are welcome to be dropped off or stay with their parents as they wish. Wear old and warm clothes. Children in grades K-2 are welcome at 6:30 pm and those grades 3-5 at 7:15 pm. If it is easier for your family to have children come outside of their age group that is ok!

Women's Lunch bunch Wed, Dec 7, 11:30, Greencroft Community Center. Please be prompt in order to improve our experience together-beginning with prayer, announcements, and food (winter salad \$4). The program will be in three parts: special music and sharing by Kimberly Glick, participatory Christmas music, and a white elephant gift exchange. Wrap and bring an item you no longer use, but that someone else might value. Sign up by Sun, Nov 26 or call Joyce Hostetler at 537-3762.

The Goshen Community Chorale, under the direction of Bill Mateer, will be presenting its fall concert at 7pm on Sun, Dec 4, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Goshen. This program will showcase Hispanic Christmas music, with the "Navidad Nuestra" of Ariel Ramirez to be the featured work. Nayo Ulloa and Eric Kurtz both have solo parts and a number of other Assembly people are in the choir and/or orchestra. This event promises to bring a broad cross section of the community together for a unique shared experience and we hope that you will join.

Our annual Messiah Sing will take place on Sun, Dec 4 during second hour. Brian Mast will be directing. We will have some vocal scores, but please bring your own if you have one. There will be an orchestra rehearsal at 8am. Instrumentalists of all abilities are welcome. Younger folks who wish to play or sing only some of the choruses are welcome. Please bring a music stand if you have one and plan to play with the orchestra. We have instrumental music to distribute, but copies are also available for free [here](#). [Choose the Mozart/Proust edition, under the "Arrangements and Transcriptions" tab.] If you are interested in singing one of the arias and have not yet been contacted you should touch base with Bill Mateer.

Mr. Bumble by **Kim Kennedy** is missing from the AMC library. Please return the book to the "return drawer" if you have it.

Gordon Prieb has 2016 honey for sale. Catch him at church, call [361-5418](tel:361-5418) or email gordonprieb@gmail.com if interested. Gordon and his wife, Mary Metzler and son Eli will also have a booth at the Goshen Farmers Market on November 19th: G's Bees honey, M's one of a kind art cards and E's ceramic pots. One date only.

Naomi Roots, Oscar Quintana and family have moved! New address: 64577 Orchard Dr.

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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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(repeat) **Assembly will host Goshen Interfaith Network** guests Nov 27-Dec 4 at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church. Please consider supporting the work of GIHN. 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.

community connections

Community School of the Arts Choral Showcase Concert Sun, Nov 20, 4pm, Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, online at goshen.edu/tickets or 535-7566. Featuring performances by three CSA youth choirs: Rejoice (grades 3-5), directed by Kristin Kauffman; Shout for Joy (grades 6-8), directed by Sandy Hill; and Sommo Voci (grades 9-12), directed by Marcia Yost.

Fundraiser for The Window: Join us at The Maples at Waterford Crossing at 1332 Waterford Circle, Goshen for an American Girl Doll Tea Party and Parade, Saturday, Dec 10, 1:30-3:30pm. A \$20 per person Seat Reservation includes: Tea, Finger Sandwiches, Dessert and a Presentation on Tea Etiquette and Tea Types. Raffle tickets for an American Girl Doll, Book and Accessories are \$10 or 3 for \$25. All proceeds benefit The Window, Inc. programs. Space is limited and you must RSVP to [574.534.3920](tel:574.534.3920) by Dec 7.

Community School of the Arts Student Recitals Sat, Dec 10: 11:00am, 1pm., and 3pm. Sun, Dec 11, 2016: 3pm. Rieth Recital Hall. Admission is free.

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director. The person who fills this role will be responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs. The Program Director is expected to connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as partner organizations, to work together and advance the mission of MCC. This position also explores ways to further develop relationships between program staff and partnerships within the Great Lakes region to reflect the

commitment to diverse constituent churches. To see a full job description and apply, visit mcc.org/gl-program-director or contact Amber Falcón at [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133).

(repeat) **Artists Martha Yoder and Justin Johnson** will present a joint exhibit, titled "Revelation Images" and "Saints and Scarabs," respectively, in the Goshen College Music Center's Hersherberger Art Gallery. The exhibit will be open through Jan. 15. All are invited.

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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 [574-535-7566](tel:574-535-7566) or visiting www.goshen.edu/tickets. Patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase their tickets in advance.

(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.

(repeat) "**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.

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(repeat) **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) 432-4276 to register interest.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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

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