

AssemblyLine

December 4, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

December 4

Worship leader: *Lora Nafziger*

Sermon: *Jon Zirkle*

Welcoming & take-down: *Hygge & Maple*

The Window & 2% Offerings

Messiah Sing during 2nd hour

Fellowship meal

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12; Isaiah 11:1-11

Sunday School: *An angel visits Joseph (Matthew 1:1-25)*

December 11

Worship leader: *Anna Yoder Schlabach*

Sermon: *Lois Kaufmann*

Welcoming & take-down: *Net & B*

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

Sunday School: *Jesus is Born! (Luke 2:1-7)*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Dec 4	Messiah Sing and Potluck
Wed	Dec 7	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Sat	Dec 10	10am-12pm Advent retreat, worship space 6pm & 7:30pm Family Advent spiral, worship space
Wed	Dec 21	7pm Longest Night service, worship space
Sat	Dec 24	6pm Christmas Eve soup and bread supper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Bryn Rothshank turns 1 on Dec 5! Some of Bryn's favorite things include: bath time, scooting under tables, picking up tiny things, feeding herself, peanut butter and morning play time with her brothers. Some things she does not like include: unfamiliar remote control toys, the cat getting too close, getting dressed and afternoon naps.

As we enter this season of active Advent waiting, consider making space for reflection, prayer, and silence by participating in the Advent Prayer Retreat on Sat, Dec 10, 10am-12pm at the meetinghouse. The retreat time will be self led with an opportunity to walk the Advent Spiral.

Family Advent spiral: Advent spiral for families with children ages 3 and up will take place Sat, Dec 10 at 6 and 7:30pm. Please sign-up to attend by emailing Lora (loracn@assemblymennonite.org).

Karl Shelly is on vacation this weekend. He will return to work on Tuesday.

Christmas Eve: Please sign up in the gathering space to come to the annual Christmas Eve supper at 6pm, including

a short service. We are asking for a sign up to be sure we have enough tables and chairs ready. All should bring a bowl, cup and spoon. Those who are able can sign up to bring a pot of soup, basket of bread, or butter.

Children (Pre-school thru 5th grade) interested in participating in the Christmas Eve play, "Room for a Little One" are encouraged to stay after church for a brief run-through on December 18th. We're looking for animals of all shapes and sizes. Walk-ons Christmas Eve will be welcome too, but we'd like to give the kids a chance to practice once before. Questions? Contact Anna Yoder Schlabach at yoderanna@gmail.com.

Offerings YTD are 81.7% of budget. Last year at the end of November offerings were 84.7% of budget. December offerings last year totaled about 46,000. If offerings are the same this year we will end up at 94.6% of budget. However as I project December expenses, it looks like our total 2016 expense could come in at less than 90% of budget. So if we are as generous in December as we typically are and if December projections are correct we will end the year in the black.

Helping the Latino community. Richard Aguirre, in coordination with others at Goshen College, are creating a support network for local Latino students and their families in anticipation of urgent needs that may arise once Donald Trump takes office in January. In the gathering space are forms for you to sign-up to be a part of this network and to offer help if needed.

(repeat) **Advent began on Nov 27** with the theme Open and Expanding Hearts. During this season we are invited to open and expand our hearts to make space for what God is doing. For more info about Advent at Assembly, be sure to see the document attached to this week's Assemblyline (paper copies are on the lit table and can be found [here](#) on the website). Families, you will also find in your mailbox Advent candles and resource guide for this Advent season.

(repeat) **For many of us**, this season before Christmas is a season of ramped-up activity. Our Advent worship seeks to create an alternative space: space to slow down and rest; space to reflect on our longings; space to watch for their signs as we wait Christ to be born in our lives and in our world. To that end, we invite you to arrive promptly to worship, to gather in silence, to enjoy the darkness as we welcome the light.

(repeat) **Thank you to those that have signed up** for volunteer tasks in 2017! We only have a few more spots to fill for: Set up for Worship Space, Fellowship Meal Prep, and Child Care during 1st Hour. Never done one of these tasks before? Never fear! Detailed instructions are sent out prior to the Sundays you are assigned. To sign up or for more info: office@assemblymennonite.org

(repeat) **Christmas letter from Margarita Klassen de Melo** can be seen attached at the top of the Aline (in tiny lettering). She can be contacted at: meloklassen@gmx.net

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Our annual Messiah Sing** will take place TODAY 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.

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

(repeat) **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.

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

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community connections

Window Needs: Food Pantry: Plastic Grocery Bags, Shampoo, Deodorant, Diapers sizes: 3,4 &5, Canned Beans: Kidney, Pork, Chili & Refried, Canned Tuna, Pastas, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Corn & Mixed Vegetables, Soups, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Products. Katie's Kitchen: Salad Dressings: Italian, Ranch & French, Canned Beans: Black, Refried & Northern, #10 cans of Fruit & Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Egg Noodles, Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Olive oil, Paper Napkins, Laundry Soap, Kool-Aid/Lemonade Mix, Elbow Macaroni, Spaghetti Pasta, Stuffing, Instant Potatoes. Clothes Closet: Clean Winter Clothing, Jeans/pants, Men's T-Shirts, Shoes, Socks, Underwear, Sweatshirts.

The Window Benefit Meal will be held during December First Friday, Dec 2 beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of Reubenesque sandwich, corned beef and swiss cheese, sauerkraut and thousand Island dressing, soft sub roll, seasoned potato wedges, and chocolate mousse will be served. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$9. Call 533-9680 for more info.

Bethany Christian High School will hold its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Fri, Dec 9, in Goshen College's Sauder Concert Hall. Come hear choral and instrumental groups as they celebrate the birth of Christ in music and join them on stage for their concluding song "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah. A free-will offering will be taken.

Do You Hear What I Hear? Sounds of Advent and Christmas Concert: Sunday, Dec 11, 3pm, Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Accomplished organist Shirley King of Goshen, will perform on the seminary's tracker pipe organ. A freewill offering for the AMBS Fund will be received at the event. For details, call [574.295.3726](tel:574.295.3726).

Looking for local Christmas gifts? On Monday, Dec 12, Goshen College art students will host a student art sale starting at 10am in the Union hallway. On Dec 12-13, Merry Lea will also hold their annual holiday sale bookstore in the Union hallway from 10am -4pm.

Cherish the Ladies, an all-female Irish-American band, will perform a Celtic Christmas concert in Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall on Dec. 13 as part of the 2016-17 Performing Arts Series. Tickets are \$40, \$35 or \$25 and can be purchased through the Goshen College Welcome Center ([574-535-7566](tel:574-535-7566)) or online at www.goshen.edu/tickets.

Are you a graduating senior considering Goshen College next year? Did you know that Goshen College achievement scholarships can save you tens of thousands of dollars on a top-ranked education? Apply by the Dec 15 priority application deadline to be eligible for our top scholarships. Visit goshen.edu/dec15 for more information and to apply.

Bethany Christian Schools Alumni Night. Bethany alumni will receive free admission and be eligible for prizes at the boys and girls evening Holiday tourney games on Sat, Dec 17. Girls game begins at 6 and boys at 7:30. Note, alumni night does not include the morning games of the Holiday Tourney.

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at Goshen College: All are invited to a concert on Sunday, Jan 15 at 7pm in the Umble Center. Then, join us on Monday, Jan 16 for a community breakfast (tickets required), workshops, lectures and other activities, and guest speaker Sarah Thompson, Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams. This year's theme, "It Is Time," reminds the Goshen community that it is time to tell your truth, time to speak, time to tend to trauma, time for restoration, and time for compassion. For more information and the full schedule, visit goshen.edu/mlk.

MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering: As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 6:00 pm on Fri, Jan 20, at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, 2509 Berkey Avenue in Goshen. Special guest speaker will be Amela Puljek Shank, current MCC Area Director for Europe and Middle East. Please RSVP at [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133) or to lmg@mcc.org.

MDC Goldenrod is hiring! Join our team and work in a well-respected, high-impact organization! There are multiple exciting career opportunities available:

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Director of Finance and Administration, Program Coordinator, Program Admissions and Operations Coordinator, and Residential Services Program Assistant. For more info, detailed job descriptions and applications, visit www.mdcgoldenrod.org or call [574-533-9720](tel:574-533-9720).

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Middle School** will hold instrumental concerts on Tue, Dec 6, with beginning instrument groups performing at 6:30pm and the middle school band and orchestra at 7:30. The concerts are in the school's chapel and open to the public. Admission is free.

(repeat) **Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical** Tues, Dec 6 at 1pm in Sauder Concert Hall, Music Center "Curating Christmas". Beverly Lapp, professor of music and department chair, will perform her favorite piano arrangements of Advent and Christmas music, and will offer commentary on how the compositional techniques at play bring out the message and spirit of these beloved carols. This community program is free. If you have questions call [535-7565](tel:535-7565) or email aftsabb@goshen.edu.

(repeat) **Shop Ten Thousand Villages in Goshen** on Thur, Dec 8, and Ten Thousand Villages will donate 20 percent of sales to Bethany Christian Schools. Your loved ones will enjoy the creative handcrafted gifts you purchase and artisans will receive vital, fair income as you support Bethany. Store hours for this benefit are 3-7pm.

(repeat) **Do you know how to respond** if someone is having a mental health crisis? Do you call 911? What do you say? Join us on Dec 13 at Oaklawn's Goshen Campus for Adult Mental Health First Aid. [Learn more and register](#)

(repeat) **The Michiana Relief Sale** is looking for old pictures, videos, stories and memorabilia from previous sales to display at the 50th sale in Sept 2017. We will make copies and preserve anything provided. We also welcome any memorabilia to be donated for auction. Contact Jeanne Heyerly at jcheyerly@hotmail.com or at [260-350-3134](tel:260-350-3134).

(repeat) **Chain Reaction Bicycle Project** is looking for bike donations and volunteers to assist in the bike shop. Chain Reaction is a non-profit promoting bicycling in the Goshen community through its community bicycle repair shop and increased access to bicycles/repairs for people with low income. For more information, contact [574-903-3056](tel:574-903-3056) or email info@crbp.org. Thank you!

(repeat) **Volunteer coordinator sought**, beginning Aug 2017 AMBS is seeking a qualified individual or couple to coordinate the work of our short-term and local volunteers, connecting them with assignments from faculty and staff. If you like to work with people, have excellent communication and computer skills, and are well organized, please consider this volunteer assignment for a one-year, renewable term. The position opens Aug 1; the start date is negotiable. For more info, contact Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, dean of Lifelong Learning, at jglongenecker@ambs.edu.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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).

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