

AssemblyLine

February 28, 2016

Volume XXXVI, Number 9

Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

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

February 28

Worship leader: *Randy Roth*

Sermon: *Jon Zirkle*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Rad & Grape*

Scripture: *Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9*
Sunday School: *Jesus in the temple (Luke 19:45-48)*

March 6

Worship leader: *Jodi Beyeler*

Sermon: *Ted Koontz*

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

The Window & 2% Offerings
Communion

Scripture: *Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-2, 11b-32*

Sunday School: *Jesus rides into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40)*

CALENDAR

Tues	Mar 1	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Mar 2	6:30-8:30pm Small Group child care at meetinghouse
Thur	Mar 3	7:15pm Small group reps meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Eleanor Hirschler (kindergarten at Waterford Elementary School) turned 6 on Feb 25! Ellie's favorite foods are noodle soup and ice cream, and her favorite color is pink. She enjoys jumping rope, swimming, and telling knock-knock jokes. Ellie is good at imagination and is learning to read and do "plus-es" at school.

Spencer Glick Miller turned 4 on Feb 27! Spencer loves to drive his remote control car, play with his helicopters, planes, and all sorts of vehicles, and run, jump, and climb. His favorite color is blue and his favorite food is chocolate.

Magdalena Horst (kindergarten at Parkside Elementary School) turns 6 on Feb 28! Magda's favorite foods are tomatoes and ice cream, and her favorite color is pink. She enjoys putting numbers together to make other numbers and playing with her friends and brother.

Your prayers and expressions of care are invited for Jim and Lois Kaufmann, as they remember and miss Jim's mother, Helen Nafziger Kaufmann, who died Tue evening (2/23) at the age of 96. Her memorial service will be held Mar 5, at Willow Springs Mennonite Church, Tiskilwa, IL.

Dawn is at Sunnyside Mennonite Church this morning (2/28), sharing about her experience in Israel-Palestine.

Small Group Childcare will be provided this Wed, Mar 2 from 6:30-8:30pm at the meeting house so that small groups can have adult conversation. Parents, please RSVP to office@assemblymennonite.org.

Vesper Chorale presents Handel's Messiah on Sat, Mar 12 at 7:30pm in the St. Joseph Chapel at Holy Cross College (54515 SR 933 N, Notre Dame, IN) and Sun, Mar 13 at 3pm in the First United Methodist Church (333 N Main St, South Bend). Tickets are \$26 adults, \$23 seniors, \$12 students if you purchase them from Chorale member Emily Stuckey Weber before Mar 10.

Free concert to be held at Assembly's meetinghouse! Thur, Mar 17, 8pm, by internationally-recognized cellist Stuart Pincombe and singer Michelle Pincombe featuring spirituals and music from the early shape-note tradition in America, the program takes us on a believer's journey from repentance to hope in life eternal. Concert sponsored by Credo Music, as part of the *Music in Familiar Spaces* tour.

A student at Goshen College is looking for off-campus lodging beginning now and continuing through the summer. The parents of this young man are Mike and Teresa Sherrill, Mennonite mission workers in Japan and AMBS graduates. This young man is struggling with adjustment to North America and is taking a break from studies for this short period of time as he continues the transition to living in the US. His mother will arrive in the next few days to help him make the move. If you know of someone who could rent a room, please contact Marc and Judy Roth, mjbcroth@frontier.com or 294-3207.

(repeat) **Welcome August Hann Nafziger-Rhodes!** August (Auggie) was born Sat, Feb 13 at 2:45pm, and weighed 9 lbs 4oz. Lora and Mitch are open to short visits;

please contact Mitch at 534-8055 to make sure it is a good time. They have asked that meals be brought starting in March. Sign up to take them meals [here](#) (or go to takethemamela.com, name: Nafziger, password: August). Any questions about meal arrangements can be directed to Betsy McCause at 269-501-6789.

(repeat) **Women's Lunch Bunch:** If you want to attend our March Lunch Bunch this Wed, but did not sign up last Sun, please call Joyce at [537-3762](tel:537-3762) before 10am Mon. Sue Burkholder will talk about "A Sister's Story -- Coming of Age in the 20th Century". Lunch will be a pecan/chicken salad wrap (\$4.00).

(repeat) **How does our Assembly Dance Group** create the stuff you occasionally see during worship? Come to a Secrets of InterPlay Retreat taught by founder, Phil Porter. Learn how you can use the tools and ideas of the 25 year-old system known across the world as InterPlay! This retreat will give you direct experience of many aspects of the InterPlay system. No experience necessary. Retreat to be held at Amigo Centre, Thur Apr 14-Sun, Apr 17. The Secrets of InterPlay is an important element of the InterPlay Life Practice Program being offered one day a month May-Sept, taught by our own Linda Schlabach Miller. One can take the Secrets retreat independently of the entire Life Practice Program. Contact Linda for more info at lschlabachm@gmail.com or 538-8324.

(repeat) **The theme for our Lenten worship** this year is *Prone to Wander*, an image drawn from our lectionary texts and an old familiar hymn (*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, verse 3). As we engage these stories and texts, we are invited to reflect on ways we wander from the fullness of life God intends for all people and for all creation. We will affirm the depths of God's love in which we find orientation, refreshment, healing, and strength for the ongoing journey. More info can be found attached at the top of this email or on the lit table.

(repeat) **We at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)**, along with our partners around the world, are blessed by your continuing support. Thanks to you, our friends and supporters at Assembly Mennonite, for the many ways you contribute to the work of MCC. In addition to the energy and time you give at relief sales, thrift shops, meat canning

and material resources, your congregation contributed \$16,704.55 in 2015.

(repeat) **Assembly members and participants** not in a small group: We want you to be part of the leadership selection process that is underway right now. Directions to access the online form can be found attached at the top of this Aline or on the lit table. The deadline for submitting forms is March 4. If you have any questions or prefer to use a paper form, please contact Naomi Roots at office@assemblymennonite.org.

community connections

Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical Mar 8, 1pm. Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall. *Conflict Within Islam: The Sunni-Shia Divide* - Dr. Marlin Jeschke professor emeritus of philosophy and religion. A split occurred in the very first generation of Islam. It has endured, grown in its reach and complexity, and continues to generate conflict in many parts of the Islamic world, poisoning politics and often erupting in a violence that strikes innocent populations. Listen as Marlin Jeschke discusses the issues in this conflict that cause it to persist. Free and open to the public. For more info call [535-7565](tel:535-7565) or email aftsabb@goshen.edu.

The Window benefit meal: Haystack dinner at Waterford Mennonite Church (65975 State Road 15, Goshen) Thur, Mar 17, 4:30pm until food runs out. Call The Window at 533-9680 for pricing and other info.

22nd Annual Business Meeting for The Depot. Tue, Mar 22. Catered meal begins at 6pm at Maple City Chapel (2015 Lincoln Way East, Goshen). Dinner Reservations deadline Mar 18, 4pm. Please call [312-4156](tel:312-4156) or email thedepot1013@gmail.com

Anabaptist healthcare professionals! Come to the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) 2016 Annual Gathering, the weekend of Jun 17-19, at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO. The theme is "Wholeness and Holiness: Views from the Mountaintop." Featured speaker is noted Denver psychiatrist, professor, and author, Abraham Nussbaum, speaking on "The Renewal of Medicine and Christian Spirituality." Anyone interested is invited, including students and retirees. Children and Youth Program is provided! Registration deadline Apr 15; details at mennohealth.org/gathering or call [1-888-406-3643](tel:1-888-406-3643).

Please email announcements to assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org by 8 AM local time Friday for inclusion in the following Sunday's *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

Assembly Mennonite Church

Pastoral Team

Dawn Yoder Harms dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org 574-214-5610
Lora Nafziger loracn@assemblymennonite.org 574-312-0732
Karl Shelly karlss@assemblymennonite.org 574-621-1037

Elders: Jeannie Brunk, Eric Good Kaufmann, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Jeanne Liechty (chair), Justin Rothshank, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Joel Zwier
Apprentice Elder: Anika Roth
Youth Coordinators: Deanna Risser, Jon Zirkle

Administrative Assistant: Naomi Roots (weekday mornings) office@assemblymennonite.org 574-534-4190

Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999

Friends Music Camp, a Quaker-run music camp takes place at Earlham College in Richmond, IN Jul 10-Aug 7. FMC is open to campers from 10-18 years old at all musical levels. Prospective campers should have had lessons for at least one year on their chosen instrument, or participated in a school orchestra, band or choral program for at least one year. This is a wonderful experience for any young music student. More info about FMC can be found at www.friendsmusiccamp.org.

Time to make your summer plans! Summer will be here before we know it, and Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff varies in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more info go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at [606-633-5065](tel:606-633-5065).

Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers needed in Detroit, MI, Bastrop, TX, and Lusk, WY. Call Alicia, [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:800-241-8111) or e-mail ahurst@mds.mennonite.net if interested.

(repeat) **Rebecca Janzen**, assistant professor of Spanish at Bluffton (Ohio) University, will present the 2016 C. Henry Smith Peace Lecture at Goshen College on Tue, Mar 1 at 7:30 pm in the Administration Building Room 28 and is free and open to the public. Janzen's speech, "Small Signs of Pluralism in Mexico: Identification Cards and Other Images of the Low German Mennonites," addresses Mexican perceptions of Low German-speaking Mennonites, particularly through Mexican photography and film from 1926 to 1951.

(repeat) **The GC Theater Department** brings Shakespeare's Julius Caesar to life in the round, engaging the audience in the story of patriotism and power; jealousy and betrayal; twists of friendship; warnings unheeded; and the mob mentality of citizens whose loyalty is easily swayed. Performances: Mar 4, 5, 11 at 8pm and Mar 6, 12,

13 at 3pm. To purchase tickets call [535-7566](tel:535-7566) or go to www.goshen.edu/tickets

(repeat) **The Goshen College International Student** Coffeehouse dinner and show will be Sat, Mar 12. Dinner will include a wide array of international dishes cooked by our students; starting at 5pm in the College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. The variety show starts at 7pm in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall, and will feature a new collection of dances, songs and country presentations from around the world. Some of the profits will go to a charity chosen by the students. This is a family friendly event. To buy tickets, please visit or call the GC Welcome Center (535-7566) or buy tickets online at goshen.edu/tickets. Adults \$18 (\$10 show only); youth \$10 (\$5 show only).

(repeat) **8th St Mennonite Church** is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. Work to begin as soon as the position is filled. This is a part-time position (~18 hours per week) and includes tasks in communication, producing bulletins/newsletters, providing administrative support to the 8th St Preschool. Conversational Spanish is an asset, but not required. Please send resume to pastors@8thstmennonite.org.

(repeat) **You are cordially invited to participate** in an ecumenical vespers service, "The Holiness of the Ordinary," that will be celebrated at 5pm in the Fellowship Room of 8th St Mennonite Church on Feb 28. The service will focus on Celtic spirituality and its deep awareness of the holiness of the world about us and the sacredness of each person, pet and object in our homes. We will share readings from Scripture, a brief presentation about the heart of Celtic prayer and relationship to God, sharing, and a communal blessing. For more info, call Judith Davis at 533-2948.

(repeat) **Musical Tickets:** Bethany Christian High School will perform the musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, on Thur-Sun, Mar 3-6. In this Tony Award-winning musical, six quirky 12-year-olds battle it out for the title of Putnam County Spelling Champion. This is not your typical musical, with lots of audience interaction and a casual atmosphere suitable for the whole family. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Tickets may be purchased online beginning Feb 15 at bethanycs.net/tickets.

Please email announcements to assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org by 8 AM local time Friday for inclusion in the following Sunday's *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

Assembly Mennonite Church

Pastoral Team

Dawn Yoder Harms dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org 574-214-5610
Lora Nafziger loracn@assemblymennonite.org 574-312-0732
Karl Shelly karlss@assemblymennonite.org 574-621-1037

Elders: Jeannie Brunk, Eric Good Kaufmann, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Jeanne Liechty (chair), Justin Rothshank, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Joel Zwier
Apprentice Elder: Anika Roth
Youth Coordinators: Deanna Risser, Jon Zirkle

Administrative Assistant: Naomi Roots (weekday mornings) office@assemblymennonite.org 574-534-4190

Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999

Please email announcements to assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org by 8 AM local time Friday for inclusion in the following Sunday's *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

Assembly Mennonite Church

Pastoral Team

Dawn Yoder Harms dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org 574-214-5610
Lora Nafziger loracn@assemblymennonite.org 574-312-0732
Karl Shelly karlss@assemblymennonite.org 574-621-1037

Elders: Jeannie Brunk, Eric Good Kaufmann, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Jeanne Liechty (chair), Justin Rothshank, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Joel Zwier
Apprentice Elder: Anika Roth
Youth Coordinators: Deanna Risser, Jon Zirkle

Administrative Assistant: Naomi Roots (weekday mornings) office@assemblymennonite.org 574-534-4190

Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God's love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus' example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999