

AssemblyLine

February 2, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

February 7

Worship leader: *Carmen Horst*

Sermon: *Various Storytellers*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Tupelo & Tumbleweed*

The Window & 2% Offerings

Carnival Sunday

"You can't get there from here!"

No Sunday School

February 14

Worship leader: *Susan Mark Landis*

Sermon: *Dawn Yoder Harms*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Ad Lib & Cantaloupe*

Scripture: *Psalm 91:1-2; Luke 4:1-13*

Sunday School: *Searching for the lost (Luke 15:1-10)*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Feb 7	Carnival Sunday; no Sunday School 12pm Surprise luncheons
Wed	Feb 10	7pm Ash Wednesday Service at meetinghouse
Sun	Feb 21	7pm Congregational Meeting at meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Kathryn (Kiki) Smuts (8th St.) turns 4 on Feb. 8! Kiki loves to play pretend at school and Sunday school. She likes to listen to her mommy and daddy read stories and to play outside with her brother. Pink and purple are her favorite colors. She is a fast runner and enjoys the bumpy slide at the playground.

Zakai Kaufman (Waterford, 3rd) turns 9 on Feb. 11! Zakai likes playing Minecraft and reading Harry Potter. He enjoys playing outside in any season and especially likes playing in the snow and jumping on the trampoline. Zakai likes watching movies and playing board games with his family. He has chickens and cats!

Carnival this Sunday! Among Assembly's usual and unusual practices is the celebration of Carnival, a centuries-old tradition of feasting and frolic before the season of Lent. Carnival will be held TODAY, Feb 7. On Carnival we sing with abandon and eat doughnuts with our coffee. On Carnival some of us appear in costume (or at least we accessorize). On Carnival, during 2nd hour, instead of Sunday School, we create Bible charades with great creativity and lots of laughter. On Carnival the dance group helps us remember that it's OK to play, and that playing may help us begin our Lenten work. On Carnival balloons and clowns come to worship. Confused? Read the Carnival handouts on the literature table or attached to this Aline, found at the very top of the email (in tiny writing).

Surprise luncheons are today, Feb 7. If you signed up to participate, you'll find an invitation in your mailbox (if you do not have a mailbox, your invitation will be on the round table near the nametags). 24 households are participating this afternoon!

As we move into Lent, consider beginning the season by participating in the Ash Wednesday service with your small group this Wed, Feb 10, 7pm, at the meetinghouse. Through song and prayer and ashes, this will be a time to reflect on our finitude and need for God. An introduction to the Lent series can be found attached to this Aline (found at the top of the email) and on the lit table.

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.

2% Committee dispersed \$40, 835.80 of above-budget giving. On the first Sun of every month, we offer an additional 2 % of our income as an act of restitution for injustices in economic distribution. This money is disbursed to impoverished people locally and in the 2/3rds world. To see where the money went in 2015, see the attached report at the top of this email, or the print out on the lit table.

Sunday school needs for the spring quarter: 1 person to be a 1on1 assistant in the 2nd & 3rd grade class. 1 teacher to cover March 13 & May 1 in the 1st grade class as well as an assistant teacher to sub in the 1st grade. Pre K teacher for spring quarter. Contact Cynthia Good Kaufmann if you are willing to help at cynthia.eric@gmail.com.

Abby Graber, along with two other Bluffton University graphic design majors, invite all interested parties to visit their senior art exhibit entitled, *RGB* (a graphic design term for a specific color model and also the first initial of the participants' last names) between Feb 28-Mar 4 at the Grace Albrecht Gallery in the Sauder Visual Arts Center at Bluffton University. There will be a reception with the artists on Sun, Feb 28 from 2-4pm.

Sunday School teaching schedule: Last Sunday in the winter SS quarter is March 6. Spring quarter begins March 13 and ends June 5. (no SS on Easter Sunday March 27)

Gratitude Journal for Lois Johns Kaufmann: You are invited to offer a favorite scripture passage, prayer, blessing or word of thanks to Lois Johns Kaufmann for her 8 years of service to Central District Conference. You may write directly in the journal at one of our regional gatherings, or at the annual meeting in OH. You may also email an entry to Lisa Weaver: weaverld70@gmail.com by June 1. Please write CDC Journal for Lois in the subject line. Entries received by email will be printed out and included in the journal. The journal will be given to Lois at the conclusion of our annual meeting on June 25.

A note from Central District Conference publications: A big THANK YOU to Marlys Weaver Stoesz who has served as our editor since 2013. Due to work commitments, Marlys has needed to resign. We are sorry to see you go, Marlys! It has been a joy to have you on staff. We extend a warm welcome to Mary Klassen from Goshen, IN, who has agreed to serve as our new editor.

(repeat) **Name tags are back** after a short hiatus. Anyone who does not currently have a name tag is encouraged to make one!

(repeat) **Occasionally people ask about using direct deposit** for their regular offerings. The easiest way to do this is for you to use bill payer at your bank or credit union. About 2/3 of attendees use Interra Credit Union which

offers free bill payer. Other financial institutions offer it free as well. Another option is for AMC to setup for Automatic Clearing House (ACH) transactions. The ACH requires some setup and a small fee per transaction plus a monthly fee for the church. If you are interested in the ACH option, talk to John Nafziger.

(repeat) **Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical** Feb 9, 1pm. Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall. *All About that Bass (and Tenor)* Dr. Scott Hochstetler associate professor of music and director of the Goshen college Men's Chorus, and Steve Snyder, director of the Goshen High School Crimson Men's Choir. Come spend an afternoon featuring choral music of the lower registers as the Goshen College Men's Chorus and the Goshen High School Crimson Men's Choir join forces. Be enveloped in rich sonorities as conductors, Scott Hochstetler and Steve Snyder lead their award-winning ensembles in solo and joint selections. This event is free and open to the public. For information or questions call [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565) or email aftsabb@goshen.edu.

(repeat) **A reminder about weather-related cancellations:** Since many Assembly participants are within walking distance of the meetinghouse, AMC rarely chooses to cancel Sunday worship due to inclement weather. We will plan to gather to sing and pray with whoever is able to come, and assume that you will use caution when deciding if you are able to make it to church safely. If we did cancel our service, cancellation info would be posted to our website, sent out via the AMC list serve, 3rd hour Facebook page, and posted on WNDU.

(repeat) **Small Group One** is moving ahead with the experiment of a day time meeting. The group's interests are sharing and mutual support, plus some intellectual stimulation through discussions of a book or articles selected by group members, meeting every other week. The group meets at Ethel and Ed's home, Apt 409, Waterford Crossing Residence, 1212 Waterford Circle. Visitors welcome. For more info, contact Ed Metzler, 534 -2245 or 323-9019

(repeat) **Assembly offers financial aid grants** to students attending Mennonite colleges/universities, seminaries and Bethany HS. Some restrictions do apply. Grant information and application forms are on the foyer table and need to be returned to Phoebe Graber's mailbox by Sun, Feb 28.

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(repeat) **The Goshen Community Chorale** will begin rehearsals for its upcoming spring season on Tues evening, Feb 9, at College Mennonite Church, beginning at 7pm. The Chorale will be preparing for a "Mostly Mozart" performance on May 8, with the featured work to be Mozart's "Coronation Mass," to be accompanied by a full orchestra. The Chorale is directed by Bill Mateer and a number of other persons from Assembly are also involved. If you are interested in participating please contact Bill.

(repeat) **The Constituency Leaders Council (CLC)** of Mennonite Church USA will be meeting at Silverwood Mennonite Church on March 7-9. We are looking for a few people willing to host CLC members. Your guests would arrive on Sun, March 6 and depart on Wed, March 9. If you are interested in hosting someone please contact Scott Hartman (scotth@mennoniteusa.org or [574-596-5453](tel:574-596-5453)). He can provide more information.

(repeat) **The Window thanks Assembly** for the continued interest and support. The last two years have brought: kitchen renovation, health clinic 1x/month through Center for Healing and Hope, case manager 2x/week through Oaklawn, financial counseling through Woodforest Bank, commodities 1x/month from South Bend Food bank, and Amnesty program Nov 1-March 31 through Faith Mission. Anyone with questions or interest in a tour of The Window's facilities should call 533-9680.

community connections

The Window list of needs. Food Pantry: Plastic Grocery Bags, Shampoo, Deodorant, Diapers sizes 3,4 & 5, Kidney, Pork & Chili Beans, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Pastas, Mac and Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Hamburger Helper. Katie's Kitchen: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Salad Dressings, Salsa, #10 cans or Frozen Fruit and Vegetables, Black & Refried Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, White Rice, Stuffing Mix, Jiffy Cornbread Mix, Coffee Creamer, Butter, Olive oil, Paper Napkins. Clothes Closet: Socks, Gloves, Men's Boots, Men's Jeans, Men's T-Shirts, Children's Winter Clothing, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Hoodies.

All are welcome to join in the monthly reflective TAIZE Worship service at hosted by Goshen College and College Mennonite Church, Sun, Feb 7 at 8pm. This service takes

place in the Newcomer building, room 19. Come bask in God's love for an hour!

Every Thurs at 12:20pm Goshen College students and community members gather for 5 min outside the GC Dining Hall join the global Wave of Prayer at the invitation of Christians from Palestine. This pause in the day allows us to add our voices, hearts and minds with those of our sisters and brothers living under occupation in Palestine, seeking justice for all people. Please join us. And if you can't get out, you can sign up to receive the Wave of Prayer as an email and pray with those close to you. Click [here](#) to link to the Sabeel Wave of Prayer.

Online Lenten Devotions: Goshen College again offers an online resource to help believers make time and space in their hearts and minds to reflect during the season of Lent. Beginning Feb 10 (Ash Wednesday) and culminating on March 27 (Easter), Goshen College students, faculty and staff will provide weekday reflections based on the Sunday's upcoming lectionary Scripture passages. Many writers will explore the written texts through the theme: "Living Ink," taken from Mennonite Church USA/Canada worship resources. Read and subscribe to the daily devotions at www.goshen.edu/devotions.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) invites you to an evening lecture, Peacebuilding in an Age of Violent Extremism. The event will be held at 7pm on Feb 11 at the Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount on the AMBS campus. Reception to follow, sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes. This event is free and open to the public.

Curious about Goshen College? Join us for an open house on Mon, Feb 15. Since you already have the day off from school, this is a great opportunity for high school students to tour campus, attend a class, hear from current students, eat in the dining hall, speak with professors, and find answers to your questions! Start times are 9:30am and 1:30pm. Learn more at goshen.edu/visit.

Oaklawn: Breaking Opiate Addiction Hear Dr. R. Corey Waller, MD, MS, share groundbreaking information on opiate addiction treatment on Thur, Feb 25. Dr. Waller developed a treatment model that combines both medication-assisted treatment and counseling to drastically increase success rates of patients. He will share his research

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on medication-assisted addictions treatment and best practices of implementation.

A Way in the Wilderness: A Women's Spirituality Retreat Fri, Feb 26, 7pm through Sat, Feb 27, 2pm at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College. What sustained women like Miriam and Hagar in the wilderness? Where can we too find God in desert places? The keynote speaker is Jackie Wyse Rhodes an Old Testament scholar from Bluffton, OH. See www.goshen.edu/merrylea for more information.

8th Annual Children's Summit: A Community of Hope. Network with fellow professionals in child-centered services and be inspired. 9am-3pm Fri, Mar 4 at Maple City Chapel in Goshen. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

The Window has been approved to receive additional Neighborhood Assistance Program credits (allowing donors to receive 50% of their donation as a tax refund). They are now available, but must be purchased by Mar 31. These credits will go quickly, so if you want to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Scarlett Garrison at 574-533-9680 ext. 203.

A copy of the January Central District Conference Reporter newsletter can be found attached at the top of the Aline email.

(repeat) **The Window Benefit Meal** will be held during February First Friday, Feb 5 beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of chili with cornbread and dessert will be served. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$8. Call 533-9680 for more info.

(repeat) **From Fencerows to Foodsheds:** Potluck and Film Showing. Fri, Feb 12, 5-7pm. Goshen College, Newcomer Center, room 17. This documentary features stories from two Indiana communities, one of which is Elkhart County. What do faith and food have to do with each other? How can a congregation address food insecurity with a plot of ground out back? Bring a dish to share and your curiosity about the local food movement in our region. This gathering is sponsored by Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College. Sample our homegrown organic pork!

(repeat) **Parkside and Waterford** need reading camp volunteers! Program runs Feb 2-March 24, Tues and/or Thurs afternoon; 3:10-4:00pm. Contact Michelle Kercher at: mkercher@goshenschools.org

(repeat) **Applications now being accepted** for Mennonite Disaster Service's Summer Youth Program. Project locations will be in TX, MI, and British Columbia. Applications are due by Feb 12. For questions or scheduling, call Alicia Hurst, (800) 241-8111 or e-mail ahurst@mds.mennonite.net

(repeat) **Little Eden Youth Camps** in NW Michigan: brochures on summer camps for grade 3 all the way through High School can be found on the lit table or downloaded at www.littleeden.org

(repeat) **MCC's SWAP program** (Sharing With Appalachian People) is looking for summer meals coordinators and job site coordinators. These 3-month assignments include a level of interaction with youth and adult groups, youth sponsors, and local residents that provides opportunity to explore new cultures and stretch one's faith and understanding of Christ's commands. A stipend, room and board, and transportation to and from assignment are provided. For more information, visit mcc.org/SWAP.

(repeat) **Mennonite Disaster Service** will begin scheduling weekly and long-term volunteers for the months of April, May, and June on Mar 7. If you are interested in serving with us, please call. We would love to have you serve with us!

(repeat) **Bethany Seeks Softball Coach:** Bethany Christian High School (Goshen) seeks a varsity softball coach for spring 2016. For more information or to apply, contact athletic director Gary Chupp at glchupp@bethanycs.net or [574 534-2567](tel:5745342567).

(repeat) **MDC Goldenrod** is looking for a part-time Groundskeeper/Maintenance Assistant to oversee upkeep and maintenance of MDC Goldenrod grounds in Goshen and Middlebury. This position will also provide back-up to the Maintenance Director when needed. Requirements: at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or GED, be able to pass a thorough background check, have 3 business or professional references, have a reliable vehicle

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available, along with a valid driver's license and current vehicle insurance. Go to mdcgoldenrod.org or call [533-9720](tel:533-9720) for more information or to apply.

an application form, visit www.bethanycs.net/jobs or contact Head of School Tim Lehman at [574 534-2567](tel:574-534-2567) or tlehman@bethanycs.net.

(repeat) **Please join Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** for a public lecture as AMBS Peace Studies Guest Daryl Byler presents Peacebuilding in an Age of Violent Extremism at 7pm, Thur, Feb 11. David Cortright, director of policy studies at the Kroc Institute will be the respondent. This event is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow. Daryl Byler is the executive director at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University. This event will be held in the Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount at AMBS, 3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart, Indiana. Please call [800.964.2627](tel:800.964.2627) for more info.

(repeat) **Center for Community Justice** is offering two support circles for those involved in crime, one for victims, every Mon from 12-1pm, and one for those convicted of a crime, every Tues from 7-8pm, both led by Victim Offender Reconciliation Program staff. Please call 295-6149 or email alehman@centerforcommunityjustice.org.

(repeat) **Bring your family for a weekend** of fun together without the demands of home. Enjoy planned activities for all ages, Sat child care for young children, family-centered, and child friendly worship. Camp Friedenswald's Family Winter Retreat Feb 12-14 will feature David Moser, pastor at Southside Mennonite Fellowship, speaking about *My Immigration Story; My Neighbor's Immigration Story*. For more info or to register visit friedenswald.org.

(repeat) **Attention Healthcare Workers!** Registration is now open for Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship's Annual Gathering, June 17-19 in Estes Park, CO. Plan now for this weekend of workshops, worship, networking, and sharing together with other healthcare professionals. Visit www.mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2016.

(repeat) **Center for Community Justice** is looking for volunteer mediators. If you are interested in attending their training, please call 295-6149.

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Schools invites applications** for the position of groundskeeper, to begin in March. This is a seasonal position, part-time from mid-March through mid-Nov each year. For information about the position and

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