

AssemblyLine

March 6, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

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 15:1-3, 11b-32*

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

March 13

Worship leader: *Carmen Horst*

Sermon: *Borderlands tour group reflections*

Welcoming & tear-down: *Cheers & Espanol*

Scripture: *Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126*

Sunday School: *The Last Supper (Luke 22:1-28)*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Mar 6	12:15pm Support Group for those caring for aging family members (Julie Keim's home)
Sun	Mar 13	12pm Fellowship Meal
Sun	Mar 20	7pm Congregational Meeting
Wed/Thur	Mar 23/24	Maundy Thursday service with small groups in homes
Fri	Mar 25	7:30pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Mark your calendars for our Fellowship meal on Mar 13, after second hour! Bring a comfort food favorite, or create a new delicious dish. Please bring plates, cups and utensils for your family.

Gone missing! The computer projector normally stored in the sound cabinet in the worship space has been missing for several weeks. The projector is property of Faith Mennonite, and is used regularly by both Faith and Assembly. If you know of its whereabouts, please let anyone on staff know as soon as possible.

The relief buckets are packed and ready to go! THANK-YOU for the generous contributions to this project. With \$1,545 Johanna Sutter was able to get supplies for 70 buckets. Our prayers go with these buckets to bring joy and hope to the refugees.

Thank you to Assembly Mennonite Church for giving \$17,100 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2015! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission are deeply felt across the street and around the world.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Free concert to be held at Assembly's** meetinghouse! Thur, Mar 17, 8pm, by internationally-recognized cellist Steuart 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.

(repeat) **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 McCanse 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 what 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.

community connections

The Window list of 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 Vegetables, Soups, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Hamburger Helper. Katie's Kitchen: Salad Dressings Italian, Ranch & French, Canned Beans: Kidney, Black & Northern, #10 cans or Frozen Fruit and Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, White Rice, Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Butter, Olive oil, Paper Napkins. Clothes Closet: Children's Clothing, Men's Jeans, Men's T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Men's Shoes, Socks.

The Window Benefit Meal will be held during March First Friday, Mar 4 beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of Salvadoran bean and cheese pupusas, cabbage salad, salsa, and rice pudding will be served. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$8. Organized by Faith Mennonite, live music by Kent Dutchersmith and Nayo Ulloa. Call 533-9680 for more info.

The 23 voice Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College, and director Russell Adrian will present the program "Transform Our Lives" on Thur, Mar 10, 7pm, College Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN. Alumni and friends are invited to attend and a free will offering will be taken for the Spring Break Tour costs. Go to www.hesston.edu for complete tour details.

Bethany Visit Days are a great way for prospective students and families to see Bethany Christian Schools in action! **Grades 4-5 on Mar 9:** Students in grades K-4 are invited to visit Bethany with a parent from 9:30-11am. **Grades 6-10 on Mar 21:** Students in grades 6-10 interested in exploring Bethany can shadow a Bethany student on Mon, Mar 21, 8:40am-3:30pm. Parents are invited to an 8:45-9:15am coffee and conversation followed by an optional tour at 9:15am. For more info and to register, see bethanycs.net.

Public lecture: Do We Have Souls? Perspectives from Theology & Science. This year's Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Theological Lecturer is Nancey Murphy. Her presentations are free and open to the public on Mar 15 at 11:45am and 1:30pm, and on Mar 16 at 10:15am and 1:30pm at AMBS campus at 3003 Benham Avenue in Elkhart.

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Amigo Scrapbook, Crafting, and Sewing Retreats:
Spring dates, Mar 11-13, Apr 8-10. For more info or to register: 269-651-2811 or amigocentre.org.

David Myers, director of the Department of Homeland Security's Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, will present the 2016 Yoder Public Affairs lecture at Goshen College, titled "Blowing Down Fences, Making Good Neighbors: Interfaith and Intercultural Collaboration in Disasters" on Thur, Mar 17 at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Church-Chapel. On Fri, Mar 18 at 10am, Myers will deliver a speech titled "An Unpredictable Pathway to Presidential Appointee" during a convocation in the Goshen College Church-Chapel. Both events are free and open to the public, and will be followed by a short question and answer session with the audience.

MDC Goldenrod invites you to come see our community members as they present the Project Promise Easter play on Sat, Mar 19, at 3 & 6pm at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church. Youth groups are invited to a special dress rehearsal on Thur, Mar 17 at 7pm. Admission is free! Project Promise provides spiritual and social support for persons with disabilities. A free-will offering will be collected to support the program. Visit mdcgoldenrod.org or call [533-9720](tel:533-9720) for more info.

Join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) for our Annual Business Tour on Sat, Mar 19, at 8:30am. This year's tour will feature Kountry Wood Products, makers of Kountry Cabinets, in Nappanee. After a buffet breakfast at Mullet's Dining, Ola Yoder, CEO and founder of Kountry Wood Products, will give a presentation about his business. We'll then proceed to their corporate offices and Plant #1 for a tour. This Amish-owned business was founded in 1998 on a basic business philosophy: that building a quality product, selling at a reasonable price and providing customers with good service was the key to building a successful business. Please RSVP by Mon, Mar 14, to info@michianameda.org or [355-3607](tel:355-3607). Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

All are welcome to join in the 6th Annual Palm Sunday parade, Mar 20, whose theme this year is "Peace without borders: Welcoming the Refugee." The route starts at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church at

2pm and goes past Prairie Street Mennonite Church (1316 Prairie Street), where others may join around 2:45pm. We then continue up Main Street past Saint James AME church where others may join and onto the Elkhart Civic Plaza, where we will gather to pray, sing and hear from Lisa Koop, immigration attorney with the National Immigrant Justice Center. Anyone is welcome to join at any point along the route! Organized by the Elkhart Advocates for Peace and Justice.

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 6pm on Sat, Apr 30, at North Goshen Mennonite Church, 501 N. 8th Street in Goshen. Special guest speakers will be Ben & Beth Weisbrod, current MCC Area Directors for Central and West Africa. Please RSVP at [534-4133](tel:534-4133) or to lmg@mcc.org.

Our Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, Jose Elizalde, is looking for 3 volunteers to help with citizenship classes being held at the LaCasa offices at 202 N. Cottage Ave. He hopes for someone who can commit to help for the length of the class. This person does not need to know Spanish; English-only speakers are welcome. The class is for 10 Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm (the classes have already started this week). The volunteer's responsibility will focus on reading and writing English sentences. Interested parties can email jose.elizalde@lacasainc.net for more info. This is an opportunity to learn more about the citizenship process, which is quite extensive.

Summer Camp at Amigo Centre is just around the corner! See the lit table for brochures or visit amigocentre.org for dates and registration info.

Central District Conference Focus newsletter can be accessed at the top of this email (in tiny writing).

Mennonite Mission Network is now accepting applications for the role of Global Ministries Senior Executive to provide leadership and oversight to the Global Ministries division, to participate in organizational leadership, and to work with the Executive Director in cultivating healthy relationships with international and local partners. The anticipated start date is Aug 2016. To receive a position description or to send a letter of interest please address Human Resources Senior Executive Rachel

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Stoltzfus (RachelS@MMNWorld.net) and Executive Director Stanley Green (StanleyG@MMNWorld.net).

(repeat) **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.

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

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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).

(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.

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Conversational Spanish is an asset, but not required.
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