

# AssemblyLine

May 1, 2016

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**Lectionary Texts:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### May 1

Worship leader: *Small Group Cardinal*

Sermon: *Marshall King*

Welcoming & take-down: *Tupelo & Tumbleweed*

**Window & 2% Offerings**

Scripture: *Psalm 67; John 21:15-24*

Sunday School: *Abigail prevents war (1 Samuel 25:1-35)*

### May 8

Worship leader: *Small Group Z*

Sermon: *Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley*

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

Scripture: *Psalm 147:1-11; Acts 1:1-11*

S. School: *Elisha turns back the soldiers (2 Kings 6:8-23)*

## CALENDAR

Wed	May 4	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch, home of Susan Mark Landis, 820 Steury, Goshen 6:30-8:30pm Small Group Child Care
Tue	May 10	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Sun	May 15	7pm Congregational meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Shemaya Magatti** (Parkside 4<sup>th</sup>) turned 10 on Apr 23! Shemaya loves soccer and plays both GYSO and with Goshen stars. He is also excited to play flag football this year. He enjoys geography and chess club at school. He is looking forward to a family reunion in Denver this summer and going to Camp Amigo.

**Aaron Hochstetler** (K, Rock Run Home school) turned 6 on Apr 24! Aaron enjoys cooking with his dad and reading with his mom. He and his sister Leah enjoy playing inside and outside and especially enjoy building with Lego. Aaron likes soccer, ice cream and going to concerts (with ice cream afterwards!)

**Landon Glick Miller** turned 2 on Apr 26! Landon is a sweet and happy little guy. He loves to do everything that his older brother does, especially running, jumping, and climbing. He gives great hugs! His spoken vocabulary has increased dramatically in the last few weeks and he enjoys repeating words and communicating verbally.

**Theo Siemens-Rhodes** (7<sup>th</sup> Bethany Middle) turned 13 on Apr 26! For his birthday he got a new wristwatch and permission to drink coffee. He likes playing tennis for Bethany, the new family sandbox (with 3 tons of sand), and his new baby brother ("There are no downsides to him").

**Our prayers go with Karl** while he is on sabbatical May 1-August 31. During this time he will be in the mountains,

on silent retreat, and witnessing the marriage of his son, among other activities.

**Dawn will be away** May 1-5, hopefully biking! If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Lora Nafziger ([loracn@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:loracn@assemblymennonite.org)).

**Small Group Childcare** will be provided this Wed, May 4 from 6:30-8:30pm at the meeting house so that small groups with small children can have adult conversation. Parents, please RSVP to [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org).

**Vacation Bible School forms are due this Sun, May 1!** The forms can be found on the lit table. Please put them in Christa Janzen's or Sarah Horst's mailbox by the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> hour.

**Bible School Adult Volunteer Needs!** Thank you to adults who have already signed up! Additional adult volunteer needs include: 1 more Family Group Leader (Gr 3 or 4); 5 Assistants for a variety of Then and Now Activities; 3 Teachers for Preschool (age 4); 4 or 5 Drama Participants. Bible School will be held at College Mennonite Church, June 6-10. Join this inter-generational collaboration between 5 congregations! Email Christa at [christa.janzen@gmail.com](mailto:christa.janzen@gmail.com) for more info.

**A letter to the congregation** from Luke and Rachel Yoder Penner regarding their service term with MCC in El Salvador can be found attached at the top of this email. A hard copy of the letter will be posted above the lit table.

**Our prayers extend to** Kris and Kathryn Schmidt as they mourn the loss of their sister-in-law, Ginger Dusk Koslowsky. Ginger passed away on Sun, Apr 24. She was 33 and suffered from post-chemo heart failure. She leaves behind Josh (Kathryn's brother) and children Emmah (7), Ezra (4), and Eli (2). Prayers are profoundly appreciated.

**New elders.** A key part of discerning new elders is done by small group reps. At their April meeting, they selected Rose Stutzman for the chair-elect position and James Stuckey Weber for the elder position. The congregation will have an opportunity to affirm these choices at a future congregational meeting.

**Assembly seeks two new MYF coordinators** to work with high school aged youth throughout the year. Coordinators receive a stipend for their work; two-year term is preferred. The job description is available on the website. To apply, submit a letter of interest and resume to Lora Nafziger.

**Summer Sunday school bags are coming!** Volunteers are needed for three age groups: Pre-K/K; 1-3; 4-5. Groups have 20 minutes of activities and time for free play. Summer Sunday School runs from Jun 12-Aug 7. Check your schedules to see which Sundays you will be available. One person is needed to lead Junior Youth. A reminder that our worship patterns change in the summer: Sunday school is during 1<sup>st</sup> hour and there is no 2<sup>nd</sup> hour.

**Sue and J.R. Burkholder** are moving to Greencroft Goshen, not far from their present 14<sup>th</sup> St location where they have lived for the past 31 years. Please note their new address and new phone number: 1801 Greencroft Blvd, Apt. 313, Goshen, IN 46526. Phone: [574-537-4781](tel:574-537-4781)

**New Books in AMC Library:** An Increase in Time by Richard Lichty. It tells the story of Germantown Mennonite Church in its complexity and struggle from the year 1683-2005. In God's Name by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso is a beautifully illustrated children's book. It portrays the many different and wonderful names used for God the world over. "ONE" is the name used by all people. Both books are ready to be checked out. In God's Name will be used during "Children's time" this Sunday.

**A letter from Andrea Moya:** Greetings from Colombia! It has been great living and sharing with family back in the motherland. I wanted to let you know that I got into EMU's

Conflict Transformation graduate program to begin this fall. I'm excited for this opportunity, but in order to make it possible I need the help of 17 people to sponsor me with \$200 for the school year. If you are able to help, please send an email for more info. Thank you as always for your support. [andreamoya1191@gmail.com](mailto:andreamoya1191@gmail.com)

**The Goshen Community Chorale** will be presenting its spring concert at 7:30pm on Sun, May 8, at the First United Methodist Church, located at 214 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Goshen. This program will feature Mozart's celebratory "Coronation Mass," along with works by his contemporaries. Bill Mateer will be directing and number of Assembly musicians will be singing in the chorus and playing in the orchestra.

(repeat) **We extend heartfelt sympathies** to Ruth Ann and Merritt Gardner upon the unexpected death of Ruth Ann's brother, Curtis Liechty, on Apr 15.

(repeat) **Susana Cabezas and Alfonso Jiminez** welcome your prayers for their family in the wake of the violent death of the Susana's sister's husband, Peter. Prayers for Vicki (Susan's sister), who lives in Costa Rica, are much appreciated during this difficult time.

(repeat) **New AMC phone/address and email directories** are available on the website under [Directories and Lists](#) or printed out above the lit table. If you need to update your info, email Naomi at [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

(repeat) **St. Joseph Valley Camerata**, featuring numerous musicians from Assembly, will perform an all-German spring concert exploring rich musical offerings from the Romantic Period. Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, mezzo-soprano and Christine Larson Seitz will present lieder by Clara Schumann. The second half will feature Brahms' monumental work, Ein deutsches Requiem, with Beverly Lapp joining Ms. Seitz on the piano. Fri, Apr 29, 7:30pm at AMBS. Sat, Apr 30, 7:30pm at First Presbyterian Church of Goshen. Tix: [sjvcamerata.org](http://sjvcamerata.org), \$10 online, \$15 at door.

(repeat) **Helping citizens of Flint, MI.** A coalition of African-American churches in Elkhart has been sending bottled water to Flint, and they are asking for our financial assistance for their last shipment. Contributions can be sent to Waterford Mennonite Church (their Goshen partner) at 65975 S.R. 15, Goshen 46526 by May 2.

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(repeat) **Lunch Bunch meets** May 4 in the home of Susan Mark Landis (820 Steury, Goshen), 11:30am. Bring your own sack lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Please sign up in the gathering space or call Helen Glick at [330-763-4980](tel:330-763-4980). Susan will be sharing about their vision and realization of the dream for their home and property. Please car pool if possible. All women of the congregation are welcome.

(repeat) **Come see AMC's** Jordana Farran, Naomi Klassen, Clara Lind, Sam Ostergren in Bethany Middle School's performance of *The Willow Street Mysteries* at 7pm Fri and Sat, May 6 & 7. *The Willow Street Mysteries* is a light-hearted mystery about kids and families, missing items and confusion, and neighbors, and sometimes-friends. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.bethanycs.net/tickets>.

(repeat) **New Hymnal:** 24 years have passed since Hymnal: A Worship Book (also known as the blue hymnal) was released. Mennomedia is working to put together a new hymnal and is looking for financial support. For more information about the project and how you can help, see the literature table for brochures.

(repeat) **The Facilities Renovation Task Force** has responded to your questions/comments from the March Congregational meeting. They are posted on the website under [Current Projects](#). The Task Force will meet in early May and is inviting anyone who has additional requests or needs concerning the renovation/building to meet with them. If you would like to join for the first 10min, contact Susan Nelson at [susangnelson67@gmail.com](mailto:susangnelson67@gmail.com)

(repeat) **If any small group** would like to have a member of the Facilities Renovation Task Force meet with them to talk about this project, please contact Susan Nelson.

(repeat) **Assembly has a new projector!** A big thank you to Glenn Gilbert for his leadership and time. Instructions for how to connect to the projector are on the Assembly website under [Worship Resources](#).

## 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, Spaghetti Sauce. Katie's Kitchen: Ground Beef, Beef Products/Roasts, Salad Dressings: Italian, Ranch & French, Canned Beans: Black & Northern, #10 cans of Fruit and Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Butter, Olive oil, Paper Napkins. Clothes Closet: Summer Clothing, Men's Jeans, Men's T-Shirts, Men's Shoes, Socks.

**The Window Benefit Meal** will be held during May First Friday, May 6 beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of lasagna, tossed salad, garlic toast, and Texas sheet cake will be served. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$8. Call 533-9680 for more info.

**NatureFest** is a family campout and smorgasboard of outdoor activities held May 13 to 14 at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College, Wolf Lake, Ind. Camp overnight if you wish, roast marshmallows, canoe on the Kesling Wetland, take a guided hike, try a photo scavenger hunt, learn to start a campfire, dip and squish for macroinvertebrates in a wetland. Typical attenders are children, ages 5 to 12 and their favorite adults, but all ages are welcome to join this day of intergenerational fun. For schedule, activities and registration, click [here](#).

**Little Eden Camp's Spring Work Weekend** is May 13-15. A variety of projects for a variety of skill levels. Housing and meals are provided free of charge for volunteers. Please call [231-889-4294](tel:231-889-4294) or email [office@littleeden.org](mailto:office@littleeden.org) if interested in helping prepare the camp for the summer season while enjoying beautiful Northern Michigan and warm fellowship. All ages and skills are welcome and greatly appreciated!

**Community School of the Arts Youth Honors Orchestras** Concert Sun, May 15 4pm, Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or [535-7566](tel:535-7566). Featuring performances by two CSA youth orchestras: Youth Honors Concert Orchestra (grades 7-9), directed by Kyle Miller; and Youth Honors Symphony Orchestra (grades 9-12), directed by Brian Mast.

**Join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)** for our Annual Business Meeting on Thu, May 19, 6:30pm at Bread & Chocolate in The Old Bag Factory, Goshen. Chapter members and guests will enjoy a meal followed by a presentation by Jennifer King,

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senior project manager, from the MEDA home office. RSVP by Fri, May 13, to [info@michianameda.org](mailto:info@michianameda.org) or [355-3607](tel:355-3607). \$5 for students, \$15 for MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

**Host Families Needed:** Bethany Christian Schools is in need of host families for serving international students who would like to attend Bethany. This opportunity to gain cross cultural experience in your own home often becomes a rewarding experience for the host family, as well as a blessing to the student. Families receive monetary compensation. One school year commitment. For more information, contact admissions director Sarah Kraybill Lind ([admissions@bethanycs.net](mailto:admissions@bethanycs.net) or 534-2567).

**Save the date for a Comforter Bash!** Make plans to join us on Oct 21&22 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church. We also need precision sewers to piece and sew comforter tops for the event. Free fabric is available from Nadine Zook Miller, Material Resources Coordinator at The Depot. Contact her at [nzm@mcc.org](mailto:nzm@mcc.org) or [534-4071](tel:534-4071). A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. More information about the event at [mcc.org/comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/comforter-bash).

**Mennonite Voluntary Service** is accepting applications for the 2016-17 year! Opportunities to serve and live in community with others are still open in a variety of placements and locations, including teaching in Puerto Rico. Ages 20+ can apply at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve) or contact NeilR@MennoniteMission.net for inquiries.

(repeat) **Cahoots** is an annual Christian festival of faith, justice and DIY that takes place in southern Ontario June 9-12. Through workshops, discussions, and the arts, Cahoots is a place to explore justice and faith together. Register at <http://www.scmcanada.org/cahoots/>

(repeat) **Rieth Chamber Series:** Rhonda Sider Edgington, organist Sun, May 8, 4pm, Rieth Recital Hall. Tickets: \$10, general admission, online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or (574) [535-7566](tel:535-7566) Rhonda Sider Edgington is often commended for her innovative programming, colorful use of registrations, and exciting playing. Beginning as a Fulbright scholar in Germany, Rhonda worked closely with renowned

pedagogue and performer Harald Vogel, and specializes in the repertoire and organs of 17th century Germany.

(repeat) **Into the light: A personal and professional perspective** on suicide. On May 5 & 6, Oaklawn will host a day-long conference featuring Kevin Hines, suicide survivor; and Dr. Thomas Joiner, psychology professor at Florida State University and suicide expert, and three break-out sessions focusing on practical application. The seminar will be held from 8:30am-3:30pm at the Century Center in South Bend. The event is repeated over two days, so attendees may choose which day works best. Cost is \$60, and includes lunch and 5.0 CEUs.

(repeat) **You are invited** to Opening Day of the 2016 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, hosted by Western Theological Seminary and Hope College in Holland, Michigan, May 23-26. This day, May 23, (8am-4:30pm) is designed particularly for people who live nearby who want to take in one day of the weeklong institute. The one-day registration fee is significantly subsidized (\$50, \$25 each for 2 or more persons registering together). Come meet and hear from leaders in faith and disability from all over the country and beyond. Visit <http://faithanddisability.org/projects/summer-institute/>.

(repeat) **Know a young person** who enjoys sports, theater, writing or coding? Goshen College is offering day-time summer camps for pre-K through high school ages! Learn more and sign up at [goshen.edu/summercamp](http://goshen.edu/summercamp).

(repeat) **Canadian Mennonite University** invites all who are interested in learning and growing as peacebuilders to their annual Canadian School of Peacebuilding Jun 13-17 and 20-24. To register, go to [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca)

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee** has several ways to get involved including summer staff for SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People), Planning and Evaluation Coordinator in Vientiane, Laos, and Peacebuilding coordinator in the Dominican Republic of the Congo. Visit [mcc.org/itcserve](http://mcc.org/itcserve) for more information.

(repeat) **Hesston College**, a college of Mennonite Church USA, governed by the Hesston College Board of Directors and Mennonite Education Agency, has launched a national search for the college's ninth president. The search

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committee invites applications, nominations and expressions of interest. [Learn more.](#)

(repeat) **The Center for Community Justice** needs volunteer mediators committed to peace and justice principles and who have a passion for working with people and the community. Volunteer mediator training will held in June. There is a \$50 fee to reserve your space. Contact Anne Lehman at 295-6149 or email at [alehman@centerforcommunityjustice.org](mailto:alehman@centerforcommunityjustice.org) for further questions and to register.

(repeat) **Community School of the Arts Choral Showcase Concert** Sun, May 1, 4pm, Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or (574) 535-7566. Featuring performances by CSA youth choirs: Rejoice (grds 3-5), directed by Kristin Kauffman; Shout for Joy (grds 6-8), directed by Sandy Hill; and Sommo Voci (grds 9-12), directed by Marcia Yost.

(repeat) **All are welcome to the MDC Goldenrod Chicken BBQ fundraiser** for Project Promise on Fri, May 6, 4-7:30pm at Fairhaven Amish Mennonite Church (13513 Indiana 4, Middlebury). Enjoy High's chicken with potato, broccoli, bacon bits, sour cream, and home-made pie (fruit cups for carry-out orders). The suggested donation is \$10 for the dine-in or carry-out meal. Proceeds will support the work of Project Promise, a program of MDC Goldenrod that aims to meet the needs of persons with disabilities.

(repeat) **You are invited** to the Gospel Echoes Team Annual Banquet on Thurs, May 12 at 6:30pm at Maple City Chapel in Goshen. Contact Kathy Yoder at 534-1561.

(repeat) **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** seeks a full-time admissions counselor to recruit prospective students and help oversee the admissions and enrollment process. Full description at [www.ambs.edu/jobs](http://www.ambs.edu/jobs). To apply, send letter of application and resume to: [dbgrimes@ambs.edu](mailto:dbgrimes@ambs.edu). Review of applications begins immediately.

(repeat) **Bethany Christian Schools** invites applications for the position of evening custodian beginning June. Successful applicants will have the aptitude to work independently, perform minor repairs on equipment, and supervise student cleaning crews during the summer. The position is three-quarters time and eligible for partial

benefits. More info and application form at [bethanycs.net/jobs](http://bethanycs.net/jobs) or contact Tim Lehman at [tlehman@bethanycs.net](mailto:tlehman@bethanycs.net).

(repeat) **Job openings with Mennonite Church USA:** Graphic/Multimedia Designer, Communications Associate. For more info on either opening, contact Janie Beck Kreider, director of communications, at [janiebk@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:janiebk@mennoniteusa.org).

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