

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28;  
Luke 10:38-42

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

**July 17**

Worship leader: *Julie Keim*

Storyteller: *Various Storytellers*

Welcoming & take-down: *Kinder & Potentially Attractive*

**July 24**

Worship leader: *MYF*

Storyteller: *MYF Wilderness Wind Sharing*

Welcoming & take-down: *Tupelo & Tumbleweeds*

## CALENDAR

Sun July 31 6pm Support group for caregivers of aging family members, Dawn and Doug's home

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Elias Magatti** (rising K Parkside) turned 6 on June 29! Elias loves to play Pokemon and Lego. He and his brother Stefan like to play around at night. He likes to read with his mom and swim with his dad. He is good at math and being silly!

**Ira Siemens-Rhodes** (rising 1st Chandler) turned 6 on July 9! Ira's favorite colors are green and blue (they used to be purple and pink), and he loves blue moon ice cream. Ira enjoys playing MineCraft, being outdoors, and playing with his friends Cordin and Karlos at school. He loves his little brother Auggie!

**Leah Hostetler** (rising 4th Rock Run Coop) turns 9 on July 20! Leah enjoys performing. She plays violin and sings in choir. She enjoys listening to stories, swimming, playing soft ball, and eating pepperoni pizza. She is looking forward to having apple pie, not cake, for her birthday.

**We need just one more Sunday School teacher** on Aug 7 for Grades 1-3! Sign up on the round table this Sunday or email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org). Thanks to all who filled in the rest of the summer!

**The fall Sunday School quarter will start Aug 14!** We have many fun opportunities for folks to get to know some of the 100+ kids at Assembly by interacting with them during 2nd hour SS. Current SS needs: Nursery- *1 Assistant*; Toddlers- *2 Assistants*; 2nd grade- *Teacher and 1 Assistant*; 3rd & 4th grade- *2 Assistants*; Jr Youth -*Teacher and 1 Assistant*. Also, all ages need subs to cover for the teacher or assistants. Teachers can sign up for a quarter at a time or all three! Two assistants trade on and off every other month for the academic year. Contact one of the Christian Ed committee to get more info or sign up to help:

Rachel Hochstetler- Primary; Patricia Ebersole Zwier- Children in Worship; Maria Wenger- Elem & JYF; Cynthia Good Kaufmann & Tara Swartzendruber Landis- Chairs

**Sunday School Teacher and Assistant Information Meeting** Sunday Aug 7 following the church service 11:15am-12pm in the MYF Sunday school room (behind the kitchen). If you are teaching, assisting or subbing please attend if possible. We will do a brief check in about the year, locations of classrooms, fill out safe church forms, etc. If you cannot attend, this info will be available to you on the church website and by email.

**Michelle and Karl Shelly are very grateful** for the many prayers and support offered by the congregation during Michelle's treatment. Leadership is inviting the congregation to expand this care for our pastor and his family to include finances as well, given the out-of-pocket medical expenses Karl & Michelle are facing. Those interested can contribute financially (above budget) towards these needs. Please write "Pastor's medical expenses" on the memo line. In truly serendipitous timing, Everence is currently offering a matching grant (up to \$2,500) to congregations that direct funds towards alleviating financial burdens faced by their pastors. Thus, we will collect funds for the next month, and then apply for the matching grant. All funds designated in this manner will be given to Karl. Contact Jeanne Liechty, leadership chair, if you have any questions ([jmliechty@fastmail.us](mailto:jmliechty@fastmail.us)).

**Support group for caregivers** of aging family members will meet at Dawn and Doug's home on Sun, July 31, 6pm. Bring a salad, chips or dessert; burgers and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Dawn at [dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:dawnyh@assemblymennonite.org).

**Do you wish you could** donate to a Relief Sale auction, but you are not a quilter? The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale [Online/Silent Auction](#) is for you! This auction makes available both ITEMS (artwork, furniture, high-quality hand-crafted toys, etc.) and EXPERIENCES (meals you cook, a skill you offer, or a job you are willing to do, etc.). The Online/Silent Auction experiences are a way to donate to MCC and have a great time with new friends! Maybe you are willing to donate an experience like lessons in baking pies or bread, a few hours washing windows, help with downsizing, dog training, babysitting...be creative. It's a three-way win: You meet new people, someone enjoys the experience and MCC gets a donation. For more info contact Jep at [hostetlerjep@gmail.com](mailto:hostetlerjep@gmail.com) or Susan Mark Landis at [Susanmarklandis@gmail.com](mailto:Susanmarklandis@gmail.com)

**A note from Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT):** We at CPT continue to be blessed and inspired by your generous support- thank you so much for your gift of \$440. We are excited to put your investment in peacemaking to use.

**Paul and Julie Keim** have three window air conditioner units and one stand-up unit for sale. Call 533-0821.

**Cat-sitter urgently needed!** Julie Keim is still looking for a cat-sitter for 11 months starting Aug 1. Please contact them with any leads or interest: 533-0821.

(repeat) **It is with a mixture of joy and sadness** that Leadership Group shares the following announcement: Our sisters and brothers at Bethel College Mennonite Church have strongly affirmed Dawn as their pastor of choice, and she has accepted their invitation. Dawn's last day as our pastor will be Sept 11, 2016. The Leadership Group is planning a congregational farewell for Sun, Sept 11 to celebrate Dawn, her gifts, and the time she has journeyed with us. Further details about this celebration to follow.

(repeat) **Dawn will be out of the office**, traveling with MYF to Wilderness Wind from July 10-17. Please contact Lora for pastoral needs during this time ([loracn@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:loracn@assemblymennonite.org); cell: 574-312-0732)

(repeat) **Take-them-a-meal schedule** has been extended for Carolyn Schrock-Shenk. If you would like to take her a meal, sign up [here](#), or access the link on AMC's website under "Caring for Each Other". See Susan Mark Landis with questions.

(repeat) **Like to walk on the Pumpkinvine Trail?** A 3-3.5 mile group walk takes place every Thursday evening at 6pm starting from Abshire Park. We meet at the bicycle racks near the cabin. The weekly walks will continue through the end of September. Everyone is welcome. For more info contact Julia Gautsche or Vivian Schmucker.

(repeat) **Everyone is invited** to Rose Stutzman's birthday/retirement party on Sat, July 30, 1:30-4:30pm at Fiddler Pond, Chidister Pavilion. See the invitation on the bulletin board. RSVP to [rose.stutzman@gmail.com](mailto:rose.stutzman@gmail.com) by July 15 if possible (but if you decide at the last minute, please come).

(repeat) **A note from Andrea Moya:** I want to share two pieces of good news with the community. 1) After a lot of paperwork, the US Embassy approved my student visa so I will be able to begin classes at EMU this fall for the MA in Conflict Transformation! Thank you everyone for your support. 2) Two weeks ago, the Colombian government and the FARC (longest-lasting guerrilla group in Colombia) agreed on a bilateral and definitive ceasefire. This agreement goes under one of the five main points in the overall peace agreement which will hopefully be signed by the end of this year. Praise be to God!

(repeat) **A letter from National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC):** We write to thank you for your generous support of NIJC's Goshen office. We deeply appreciate your 2% Fund contributions along with your many warm gestures of support for our work. (The rest of the letter is posted on the bulletin board in the gathering space.)

(repeat) **Assembly is looking for someone** to clean the church two evenings in a row. Fri, July 22 would cover our weekly cleaning (our regular person is out of town that week), and on Sat, July 23 (or early Sun, July 24) the cleaning would be post-wedding/pre-church. Both are paid positions or could gain MYF service hours. Please contact Naomi at [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) if interested.

(repeat) **Thirsty!** Volunteers are still needed for 3 weeks in July and 2 in August, to water plants around the meetinghouse. Contact Mary Gilbert, if you can spare 45 min a couple times for one week, to see that our flowers and hostas survive the summer heat. Tel: 534-1852, or [mgilbert1301@gmail.com](mailto:mgilbert1301@gmail.com).

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## community connections

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** Volunteers urgently needed from July 11 through Sept 30 for the Kamiah, ID, Region IV project, constructing three new homes (homes were damaged by flooding). Volunteers staying two weeks or longer will have their travel costs covered. For scheduling contact John Eshleman, [\(909\) 630-3660](tel:9096303660) or [region4@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:region4@mds.mennonite.net).

**Seeking Program Director** for Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet), a small non-profit, church-related organization based in Elkhart, IN. Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills, be able to manage multiple projects at once, and have experience with print and web media writing and editing. This is a part-time position, one-quarter- to one-third-time FTE, working alongside the executive director. ADNet is dedicated to transforming faith communities and individuals with disabilities by full inclusion in the Body of Christ. For more info, see web site: [ADNetOnline.org](http://ADNetOnline.org). Send resume to [LCHRISTOPHEL@yahoo.com](mailto:LCHRISTOPHEL@yahoo.com).

**Custodial Opening:** Bethany Christian Schools invites applications for the position of evening custodian beginning Aug 2016. The successful applicant 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. Applications are being accepted until the position has been filled. For info about the position and an application form, visit [bethanycs.net/jobs](http://bethanycs.net/jobs) or contact Tim Lehman at [tlehman@bethanycs.net](mailto:tlehman@bethanycs.net).

(repeat) **July 18 is Goshen College's Summer Open House** and kicks off Indiana Private College Week. Nothing is going to tell you more about the right college fit than taking a campus tour, learning about our top academic programs and housing options, and meeting with a financial aid expert. Come join us any day from July 18-22, at either 9:45am or 1:45pm, for a campus tour and to meet our admissions team. More at [goshen.edu/visit](http://goshen.edu/visit).

(repeat) **Mediation Skills Training Institute** for Church Leaders presented by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will take place in Glen Ellyn, IL Aug 1-5. For more info and to register go to [LMPeaceCenter.org](http://LMPeaceCenter.org)

(repeat) **Host families are needed for Goshen College** international students: If you have a spare bedroom and live within a mile of campus, think about hosting a Goshen College international student in your home this coming year. For more information, contact Skip Barnett ([carleb@goshen.edu](mailto:carleb@goshen.edu)).

(repeat) **LaCasa's ability to carry out its mission** relies on committed, mission-driven employees. We are reaching out to our partners in the faith community to inform you of our current openings: Leasing Assistant, Maintenance Technician, Resident Service/Facility Coordinator, and Construction Manager. Visit <http://lacasainc.net/get-involved/employment/> to learn more

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** is currently seeking a fulltime Christian Service Recruiter, who will also resource and visit Mennonite Voluntary Service units. Our ideal candidate will have a positive and welcoming presence, and communicate comfortably in person as well as social media in building relationships. Full position description at [MennoniteMission.net](http://MennoniteMission.net) or email Linda Krueger at [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net)

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