

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15;  
Luke 11:1-13

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### July 24

Worship leader: *MYF*

Storyteller: *Wilderness Wind Sharing*

Welcoming & take-down: *Tupelo & Tumbleweeds*

### July 31

Worship leader: *Jaime Lake*

Storyteller: *Maria Wenger and Sean Smuts*

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

## CALENDAR

Sun	July 31	6pm Support group for caregivers of aging family members, Dawn and Doug's home
Sun	Aug 7	1pm Baptism of Josh Schirch and Abigail Greaser (Lakeview Beach, Camp Friedenswald)
Sun	Aug 14	Fall Worship: 9:30am Worship, 11am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour and Sunday School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Luisa Kingsley** turned 3 years old on July 12! She loves animals and particularly enjoys picking up and carrying around any kind of animal that will allow it. Racing her brother and spending time with her goats are two of her favorite activities.

**Mara Sensenig** (rising 7<sup>th</sup> GMS) turned 13 on July 2! A highlight of Mara's summer was going to England with her family. She also travelled this summer to Kenya and Virginia. Mara loves animals and music. Her favorite band is R5. She enjoys spending time with her family and dogs.

**Isaac Sensenig** (rising 8<sup>th</sup> GMS) turned 13 on July 5! Isaac loves being outside and being active. He played soccer and ran track (800m and 1 mile) last year at school. The highlight of his past year was winning the conference soccer tournament. He enjoys travelling. and he hopes to travel someday to Dubai.

**We extend our heartfelt sympathies** to the family of Merle Brennehan who died Wed morning, July 20, at Greencroft, from metastatic brain cancer. Memorial service details to follow after arrangements have been made. We welcome prayers for wife Eunice, married 60+ years.

**All are welcome celebrate the baptism Josh Schirch and Abigail Greaser** on Aug 7<sup>th</sup> following the church service. We will meet at the Lakeview beach at Camp Friedenswald at 1pm. They will share their faith statements during the morning service for all to witness.

**With deep gratitude we thank Jon Zirkle and Deanna Risser** for the two years of service they have given as MYF

coordinators. To hear about their last adventure with the MYF be sure to listen TODAY to the stories from Wilderness Wind. It is with excitement that the MYF coordinator search committee would like to announce that Wendel Landes and Rebecca Yoder have agreed to be our next coordinators. They begin Aug 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Goshen Farmers Market** is sponsoring a Salsa Festival at the Market on Sat, Aug 6 as a way of honoring and celebrating our local Hispanic community. There will be special food vendors, dancing, a salsa tasting competition and musicians, including our own Nayo and Heather. Please come and join in the fun.

**We just need one more Sunday School teacher** on Aug 7 for Grades 1-3! Email [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org) if you are able to help. Thanks to all who filled in the rest of the summer!

(repeat) **The fall Sunday School quarter starts 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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 (through Aug 21), 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)).

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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)

(repeat) **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.

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

(repeat) **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) **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 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.)

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(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) **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).

**community connections**

**The Window** “Outrunning Hunger” benefit 5k run/walk and Family Fun Mile will take place Sat, Sept 3 in Shanklin Park. There are a couple of registration forms on the lit table, or you go to [thewindowofgoshen.com](http://thewindowofgoshen.com).

**The July issue** of Central District Conference’s Reporter newsletter can be viewed electronically by clicking on the link at the top of this email (in tiny lettering).

**Goshen College seeks a full-time** Assistant Controller/Student Accounts Manager. Responsible for student billing and collection, office management, general ledger accounting tasks, account reconciliations and analyses and supervision of two staff. Bachelor’s Degree required (in Accounting preferred). Minimum 3-5+ years related experience, familiar with automated systems, and Microsoft Word and Excel experience preferred. For further details and to apply, see the job announcement at [www.goshen.edu/employment](http://www.goshen.edu/employment).

(repeat) **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).

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