

# AssemblyLine

August 21, 2016

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**Lectionary Texts:** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### August 21

Worship leader: *Mary Gilbert*

Sermon: *Bethany Swope*

Welcoming & take-down: *Hug & One & Food Group*

Scripture: *Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 13:10-17*

Sunday School: *Solomon's wisdom and folly (1 Kings 3-11)*

### August 28

Worship leader: *Mary Lehman Yoder*

Sermon: *Lora Nafziger*

Welcoming & take-down: *Cheers & Espanol*

Scripture: *Acts 6:1-7*

Sunday School: *Elijah and Naboth's vineyard (1 Kings 21)*

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Aug 21	8am Christian Ed meeting, MYF room
Sun	Sept 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour Hymn Sing and Potluck, welcome back students!
Wed	Sept 7	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**We are so happy to introduce** Davis Oliver born to Jill Lehman Stahly and Tom Stahly and big brother Berkeley at 6:03am on August 15th. You can sign up to take the family a meal by clicking [here](#) or contacting Tara Swartzendruber Landis at tarass99@hotmail.com.

**Children's activity bulletins** are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12 on the shelf inside the library. The puzzles and drawing relate to the scripture text of the morning. Enjoy!

**Interested in joining a small group?** The Small Group Shuffle is coming up. It's the best time of year to join a new group. If you're interested or have questions, see the flyer on the lit table and contact Cynthia Good Kaufmann, Bethany Swope, or (starting Sept 1) Karl Shelly.

**Small group shuffle survey:** Thanks to the 19 small groups who responded to the four questions about preliminary shuffle thoughts. Any groups that have not yet responded can do so to [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org).

**The Members' Needs Committee** (Jeanne Liechty, Lora Nafziger, Ben Nelson) invites us to consider above budget giving to boost the Members' Needs line item in our budget by \$10,000. We've had several requests recently, one of which was significant, and we'd like to respond generously. While the requests at this time do not equal \$10,000, these designated funds carry over across budget years. If you choose to contribute, please note "members' needs" on the memo line of your check.

**Your car is needed!** Hannah Friesen, a GC student who's been attending Assembly over the past year is going to be back in town in a week and is looking for a vehicle to get her to an internship in Elkhart once or twice a week this semester. Although she doesn't yet know the exact times of the internship, it will likely be on a weekday afternoon or evening or Sat morning or afternoon. If you think you have a vehicle you might be able and willing to lend, please email her at [hannahlf@goshen.edu](mailto:hannahlf@goshen.edu). She'd be glad to reimburse you for gas and any maintenance necessary on the car while she's using it.

**Gretchen Krause has moved.** Her new address is 501 Dewey Ave, Goshen, IN 46526.

(repeat) **We extend heartfelt sympathies** to Jose Rocha upon the death of Jose's father Jose Rocha Montoya, 70, on July 6.

(repeat) **Fall Worship and Sunday School started** last Sunday! See the top of this email (in tiny writing) for a list of students, teachers, and classroom locations.

(repeat) **"The Days Just Fly By. . ."** Women's Lunch Bunch kicks off the year with a presentation by Susan Nelson on Wed, Sept 7, at 11:30 in Greencroft Community Center. Please sign up in The Gathering Place by Sun the 28 or call Joyce Hostetler at 574-537-3762 by Fri, Sept 3. As always you can order food or bring your own.

(repeat) **Merv, Rose, and Elena Stutzman** have moved! Their new address is 825 S 8th St.

(repeat) **Our offerings this year** to date are running about the same as last year. However we increased our budget for 2016 by almost 9% over 2015. This leaves us running significantly behind our goal for the year. In order to meet our commitments for church wide giving and meet our budget, we need to increase our giving in this last quarter..

(repeat) **The 2% Committee** proposes the following Summer distribution plans: Local 1.\$500 Seed to Feed - Church Community Services 2. Walnut Hill - Leadership Education \$800 3. Cultural Proficiency Education in Goshen Public Schools - Miriam Aviliar \$1000 4.MDC Goldenrod Community Member Assistance \$350 5. Ryan's Place -Grief Seminar Assistance \$1000 6.Elkhart County Clubhouse \$1000. 7. Camp Friedenswald Camper Assistance Fund \$1000 World 1.MCC a.Syria/Iraq \$1000 b. Africa (Sudan) \$1000. c. unrestricted \$1000 2. Tanzania Education Aid \$1000 3. Dominican Republic Aid \$1000.

Please bring any concerns regarding these distributions to one of the committee members by 8/9/16. Also, please let any committee member know of future recommendations and distribution suggestions for 2% funding. You can reach Steve Schrock at [sdschrock@hotmail.com](mailto:sdschrock@hotmail.com)

(repeat) **Watercolor Weekend** at Camp Friedenswald with John Blosser: Explore the cool beauty of Fall with brush on paper! Develop your skills, no matter what level, in the warm company of other students in the beautiful hills of southern Michigan. Sign up now for our Oct 14-16 workshop! For more info and to register go to [friedenswald.org/retreats](http://friedenswald.org/retreats). Call 269-476-9744 or email [program@friedenswald.org](mailto:program@friedenswald.org)

(repeat) **Sally Weaver Glick will be offering** spiritual direction groups Sept-May 2016/17. Registration deadline is Sept 1. A brochure for the groups being offered is attached at the top of this email (in tiny lettering).

## community connections

**Join Amigo Centre** Sept 16-18 for MCC Bike Michiana. Enjoy a weekend of riding, fellowship and raising funds for Mennonite Central Committee. Come join the bikers in riding between 70-100 miles over two days pedaling the beautiful lake and farmland region of southern MI and northern IN. Fellowship and worship included! This year the project is raising funds for Palestine and

Israel Project. Brochures and additional information available [online](#).

**Join Michiana MEDA** for our Sept event "The Lean Farm" featuring a tour of Clay Bottom Farm and dinner at Rachel's Bread. Sat, Sept 17, beginning at 4pm. Event will begin at Clay Bottom Farm, 11434 County Rd 34, Goshen. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door. Please RSVP by Mon, Sept 12, to [info@michianameda.org](mailto:info@michianameda.org) or [574-355-3607](tel:574-355-3607).

**The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** is committed to reducing trash to the landfill by supporting recycling and composting. Volunteers are needed Sept 23-24 to encourage separating and to move bags to dumpsters. Shifts of two hours or ninety minutes are available on both days. Check with your congregational contact person, Lois Hess Nafziger, for more information or to volunteer for a 2 hour shift Fri evening or Sat morning or afternoon. [lhnafziger@gmail.com](mailto:lhnafziger@gmail.com) or [574-534-3968](tel:574-534-3968).

**Mennonites and Catholics in Ecumenical Dialogue:** A one-day colloquium will be held Sat, Oct 1 at the University of Notre Dame on the topic, "Intercessory Prayer: Catholic and Mennonite Perspectives." Presenters include Marlene Kropf (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary) and Karl Koop (Canadian Mennonite University). The colloquium will be held in the Geddes Hall Auditorium on the Notre Dame campus, from 8:30am-5pm. Questions, contact Margie Pfeil at [mpfeil@nd.edu](mailto:mpfeil@nd.edu).

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** has an opening for a Constituent Information Manager. We are looking for someone who can help us organize and analyze our constituent information, and provide excellent customer service to our supporters. Full time position. Complete position description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net)

(repeat) **Mennonite Mission Network** has another opening for a Church Relations Coordinator. The primary function is to coordinate and assist in the activities of Church Relations (CR) staff in building and maintaining relationships with pastors and other leaders in congregations and conferences across the United States. Full time position in Elkhart, IN. Complete description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net) .

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(repeat) **Join the Jennings Adult Orchestra!** The Goshen College Community School of the Arts is pleased to announce openings for the newly renamed Jennings Adult Orchestra. Formerly the New Horizons Orchestra, Jennings Adult Orchestra is open to adults who play string instruments (violin, viola cello, bass) or who are returning to music after playing earlier in life. Rehearsals start Aug 11, and are held Thur's from 9:30-11am at the Jennings Auditorium at the Greencroft Community Center. Call director Brook Bennett at [\(574\) 312-4610](tel:5743124610) for more info.

(repeat) **Auditions for Youth Choirs** at the Community School of the Arts: Sun, Aug 21, 2-3:30pm. Open Auditions will take place at the Goshen College Music Center for three CSA youth choirs: Rejoice (grades 3-5), directed by Kristin Kauffman; Shout for Joy (grades 6-8), directed by Sandy Hill; and Sommo Voci (grades 9-12), directed by Marcia Yost. No registration necessary. Visit [www.gcmusiccenter.org/csachoirs](http://www.gcmusiccenter.org/csachoirs) for more info.

(repeat) **Auditions for Youth Orchestras** at the Community School of the Arts: Week of Aug 22-25. Call or text Rosalyn Troiano for an audition at: [\(574\) 536-9795](tel:5745369795) Scheduled Auditions will take place at the Goshen College Music Center for two CSA orchestras: Youth Honors Concert Orchestra (grades 7-9), directed by Kyle Miller; and Youth Honors Symphony Orchestra (grades 9-12), directed by José Rocha. Visit [gcmusiccenter.org/yho](http://gcmusiccenter.org/yho).

(repeat) **The Bible and Israel/Palestine.** Want to know more about the Bible and justice for Israel/Palestine? Pastors Ruben Chupp and Nelson Kraybill invite you to a study/discussion on this book: Walter Brueggemann, *Chosen? Reading the Bible amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (Westminster John Knox, 2015, 108pp). Open to all, this group will meet at North Main Street Mennonite Church (504 North Main, Nappanee, IN 46550) at 9:30-11am on Sat, Aug 20. Read the book in advance or simply come and hear a summary to join the discussion. For more info contact Ruben Chupp [\(574-773-4558\)](tel:5747734558); [ruben@northmain.org](mailto:ruben@northmain.org) or Nelson Kraybill [\(574-293-0377\)](tel:5742930377); [nelsonkraybill@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonkraybill@gmail.com).

(repeat) **Refugee Stories:** Come hear about Mennonite Central Committee's work with refugees in Ukraine, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine and Israel on Tue, Aug 23, at 2pm. MCC U.S. Executive Director J. Ron Byler spent

two months earlier this year in Eastern Europe and the Middle East and will give a first-hand account. The event will take place at the Jennings Auditorium in the Greencroft Community Center (1820 Greencroft Blvd.) in Goshen. More info at: [mcc.org/refugee-stories-goshen](http://mcc.org/refugee-stories-goshen).

(repeat) **Register now for Deep Faith:** Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages! This practical event will empower Anabaptist pastors, teachers and lay leaders in the church to develop a robust understanding of life with Jesus and expand their imagination of faith formation for the 21st century. The cost for the event, which will be held Oct 6-8 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), is \$125/regular, \$50/student until Sept. 14. Keynote speakers will be John Roberto of LifelongFaith Associates; Rachel Miller Jacobs, assistant professor at AMBS; and Brian Quan, pastor of Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church. See <http://mennoniteusa.org/deepfaith> for more info.

(repeat) **Goshen College's new Study-Service Theology Term (SSTT)** is currently seeking 20 high school applicants for a two-week study tour in Guatemala in June 2017. Students will be provided with the opportunity to explore their understandings of Jesus' life and mission in light of contemporary challenges and their own sense of calling. The deadline to apply is October 2016. SSTT participants' costs for the program will only be a \$100 deposit, which secures their position in the group. To apply, go to [goshen.edu/SSTT](http://goshen.edu/SSTT). If you have questions, contact Keith Graber Miller at [keithgm@goshen.edu](mailto:keithgm@goshen.edu) or [574.535.7436](tel:5745357436).

(repeat) **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 (58529 County Road 23). 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 [574-534-4071](tel:5745344071). A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. More info at [mcc.org/comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/comforter-bash).

(repeat) **Assistant Controller/Student Accounts Manager** Goshen College seeks a full-time Assistant Controller/Student Accounts Manager. Responsible for

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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).

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