

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1,10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

### 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)*

### September 4

Worship leader: *Jonathon Schramm*

Sermon: *John Glick*

Welcoming & take-down: *Scoops & Derailed*

Scripture: *Psalm 1*

Sunday School: *The prophets call for justice (Amos 5:14-24)*

## CALENDAR

Sun	Sept 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour Hymn Sing and Potluck, welcome back students!
Wed	Sept 7	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch
Sun	Sept 11	Farewell to Dawn, no Sunday School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**Ayo Oladipo** (7th GMS) turned 13 on August 27! Ayo enjoys running, playing soccer, hanging out with his friends, reading super hero comic books and playing video games with his sister. Ayo likes to ride bike and play outside with his brother David. His favorite food is peanuts and his favorite subject at school is gym.

**Bob Ebersole** turned 90 on August 27! Bob and his wife Doris moved to Goshen 1 1/2 yrs ago from Archbold, OH. When he was young, Bob liked to build model airplanes, ships, and cars. Later he became a doctor, and in those days when you got sick, instead of going to the doctor, the doctor came to *your* house! Patricia Ebersole Zwiwer and Joel Zwiwer are Assembly family.

**During worship TODAY** we will be blessing those who are beginning new leadership roles within Assembly. These positions were affirmed through the leader selection process at our May congregational meeting. If you'd like to know who is serving in different committees and positions, see the document attached at the top of this email (in tiny print), [via our website](#), or as a hard copy on the lit table.

**Did you know** that Assembly relies on 40+ volunteers and participants each Sunday? We ask everyone to complete a volunteer form and sign up for at least two hospitality and child care tasks. If you would like to become involved in worship, fill out the worship gifts form. Both forms can be accessed [here](#), and paper copies will be available at the door and on the lit table during church TODAY.

**As we prepare for pastoral transition**, Care Teams have been created to supplement the pastoral care provided by small groups, and the structure of Worship Committee has been modified for 2016-17. To learn more, there is a document attached at the top of this email and hard copies are on the lit table.

**Dawn will be traveling** Aug 29-Sept 5. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Lora.

**Small group Grape** is pleased to recommend Kristine Regehr to the Assembly congregation. She will be covenanting with us on Sept 4. Please share your words of affirmation and counsel with Kristine.

**Next Sun, Sept 4**, we will have our annual Labor Day hymn sing during 2<sup>nd</sup> hour with a potluck to follow. Bring plenty of food to share with returning and new college students, and those new to the Assembly community. Bring plates and utensils for your family, drinks provided.

**AMC's library** has a new online directory!! A big thank you to John Fribley, Els Shelly, and the library committee for all their hard work. The directory can be accessed via our website under [Worship Resources](#).

**A parent/caregiver and SS Teacher lunch meeting** is planned for Sun, Sept 25 after second hour. A pizza lunch and childcare will be provided. Donations accepted to help offset the cost of the pizza.

**Help is needed for the Sunday School Pizza luncheon** - Please contact Tara Swartzendruber-Landis if you can provide a vegetable, fruit or cookie platter for 25 people on

Sun, Sept 25. This is an excellent way to say thank you to the Sunday School teachers and show your support of parents with young children. If you can help with set up during second hour or help with clean up after the meal please also let Tara know. call or text [\(215\) 901-1584](tel:2159011584) or [tarass99@hotmail.com](mailto:tarass99@hotmail.com). There will also be a sign up sheet on the table in the lobby at church.

**On Fri, Aug 19, nine members** of Central District Conference (CDC) including Lois Kaufman and Michael Miller gathered with a four-member MC USA Peer Review Team for an on-site visit. This visit was part of a (pilot) Peer Review as identified in the Membership Guidelines Resolution passed at KC 2015. The agenda included prayer, sharing, listening and reflection focusing on three areas: introductions and context, our decision-making process, and the impact our decision on the broader church. If you would like more info or have questions, please contact the CDC office at [534-1485](tel:5341485) or email [office@mcusacdc.org](mailto:office@mcusacdc.org). The participants of the Review thank you for prayers for God's wisdom and guidance.

(repeat) **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](mailto:tarass99@hotmail.com).

(repeat) **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!

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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** Aug 14! 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..

## community connections

**Camp Friedenswald** is excited to announce a capital campaign to *Renew Friedenswald*, which includes renovations to three of Camp's original facilities: The Boys' Cabins, Guest House, and Chapel/Activity Center. Plans are underway to begin construction this fall to ensure that next summer's campers' experience will be enhanced through the updated facilities. We ask for your support through prayer, financial gifts, and volunteer hours. More information is available at [Friedenswald.org](http://Friedenswald.org) or by contacting [Jenna@Friedenswald.org](mailto:Jenna@Friedenswald.org).

**Church Community Services** has a Seed to Feed program that provides fresh fruits and vegetables to the guests who

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use our food pantry. We extend our season by freezing vegetables. We need groups of 4-10 people for the upcoming 5 weeks to help us process the tomato harvest. If you can help, contact Natasha Kauffmann at [574-295-3673 ext 122](tel:574-295-3673) or [nweisenbeck@churchcommunityservices.org](mailto:nweisenbeck@churchcommunityservices.org)

**The Mennonite Co-Operative Bookstore** on the campus of AMBS invites you to a feast for heart, mind & belly featuring Willard Roth's cookbook *Mennonite Men Can Cook, Too: Celebrating Hospitality with 170 Delicious Recipes!* Join us Thur, Sept 1 at 7pm in the Gallery for goodies from the book and fair trade beverages from the store as Roth, John Bender, Marshall King, and Willard Swartley share stories of food and friendship. You will find the gallery using the north, Library Tower entrance of Waltner Hall at 3003 Benham Avenue in Elkhart.

**Goshen College will host** a showing of the documentary "[A Justice That Heals](#)." On Tue, Sept 6, at 7pm, in the Goshen College Umble Center, with a talkback session afterward with the producer and several people who appeared in the film. The one-hour documentary explores family, faith and forgiveness following a senseless murder in Chicago in 1996. The event is free.

**Ryan Claassen Ph.D.**, author, professor at Kent State University and a 1994 Goshen College graduate, will present the 2016 Yoder Public Affairs lecture at Goshen College, titled "Godless Democrats and Pious Republicans? Party Activists, Party Capture and the 'God Gap,'" on Tue, Sept 13 at 7:30pm in the Goshen College Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. On Sun, Sept 11 at 7pm, Claassen will deliver a [New Perspectives on Faith](#) presentation 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.

**Artist Doug Unger's paintings** of Amish farmscapes in Holmes County, Ohio, will be on display in Goshen College's Library Gallery starting with a public reception on Sept 11, from 3-5pm in the gallery. The collection displays images of Charm, Ohio, a settlement of about 80 people in the Amish countryside south of Berlin in Holmes County, which is the largest Old Order Amish community in North America. Inspired by its serene beauty, Unger spent recent decades painting the landscapes.

**Music on the Lawn:** Bethany Christian High School's band, orchestra, and choir will perform their annual Music on the Lawn concert on Fri, Sept 16. A fundraiser dinner will be served prior to the concert (6 dinner, 6:45 concert). BBQ pulled pork sandwiches (vegetarian/gluten free option available), chips, veggies/dip, fruit, and Rise & Roll pie—all for \$6.50! Funds raised will help defray choir festival expenses and provide senior instrumental music scholarships. Ask any Bethany musician or contact Stacey Farran for tickets ([safarran@bethanycs.net](mailto:safarran@bethanycs.net)) by Fri, Sept 2. Meal and concert will be held in the Friendship Garden (weather permitting), so bring your lawn chair and come ready to enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and music!

**Father – Son Drum Building** Rite of Passage, Sept 17 & 18, 6pm Sat to 4pm Sun at The Hermitage, Three Rivers, Michigan sponsored by Indiana-Michigan M.A.L.E.s. Join other fathers in this unique opportunity to draw close to your 13-16 year old son while giving him a safe but challenging initiation experience. Come participate in meaningful rituals, experience time in nature and spend quality time with your son as you build something together. Register at [this link](#), or contact Jamey Bontrager-Singer at [Jamey.bsinger@gmail.com](mailto:Jamey.bsinger@gmail.com) or by phone [574-312-4776](tel:574-312-4776).

**Alumni Reunions:** Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen will be hosting class reunions and activities for its alumni and their families on Sat, Sept. 24. The following graduating classes will hold their reunions Saturday: 1956, 1961, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011. Reunion classes will meet Sat afternoon/evening at Bethany for visiting and a catered dinner. Alumni interested in attending should register by Sept 15. More details are available at [www.bethanycs.net/reunions](http://www.bethanycs.net/reunions)

**Calling all singers** for the MCC Relief Sale Choirs, both men and women. You can still join. All rehearsals are at College Mennonite Church and the Sunday evening program will be at Sauder Hall in the Music Center at Goshen College Sept 25 at 7pm. The rehearsals from 4-5:30pm are on Aug 28, Sept 11 and Sept 18. The dress rehearsal is Thur, Sept 22 at 7pm. Contact Dan Steiner, 574-312-1888 if you have questions.

(repeat) **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

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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](#).

congregations and conferences across the United States. Full time position in Elkhart, IN. Complete description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net) .

(repeat) **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).

(repeat)**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).

(repeat) **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

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