

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16;
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

September 25

Worship leader: *Ted Koontz*

Sermon: *Brenda Hostetler Meyer*

Welcoming & take-down: *Well Seasoned & Here and There*

Sunday School: *Fall of Jerusalem (2 Kings 24:18-25)*

October 2

Worship leader: *Regina Shands Stoltzfus*

Sermon: *Rachel and Luke Yoder Penner*

Welcoming & take-down: *Cardinal & Three Window and 2% Offerings*

Sunday School: *Fall of Jerusalem (2 Kings 24:18-25)*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sept 25	12pm Sunday school parent teacher pizza lunch and meeting 7pm Congregational Meeting
Sat	Oct 1	7pm Barn Dance (Robin & Marcus Ebright Zehr's 63950 Old CR 17)
Sun	Oct 2	12pm Fellowship Meal

ANNOUNCEMENT

assembly life and people

Graysen Beasley (5th, Heritage Intermediate School) turned 11 on Aug 29! Graysen enjoys playing soccer with Middlebury Magic and watching the Notre Dame soccer team. He likes inventing, science, traveling and camping with family. He likes running, swimming, and playing basketball with his brother, Evan.

Mira Wade (7th, Goshen Middle School) turned 13 on Sept 24! Mira enjoys gymnastics and designing dresses. She loves going to Fidler Pond and being outside. She liked traveling to Great Britain this summer and taking a train from London to Paris. She likes dressing up and making weird videos with her sister.

We (Michelle and Karl) are very grateful to Assembly for the financial gift we received after Michelle's unexpected medical expenses this summer. We've been blessed by your prayers, words of support, and those who contributed to this gift. Thank you!

The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: *2. To wander among us during worship being the responsibility of each of us.* As a community of faith, our care and support for each other extends into our corporate worship. All participants can help make worship a good place for children and families by caring for children and supporting

parents. Invite a child to sit with you during worship, help a child find a song in the hymnal, or offer to hold a baby.

Coming to the Friedenswald Retreat October 7-9?

Please fill out your yellow registration forms by THIS SUNDAY, September 25th. You can put paper forms in Jeannette Hughes' mailbox, or use this Google Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/1B11Pm2dHuXik78w1>. Retreat schedules can be found in mailboxes and on the lit table.

(repeat) **Naomi Roots and Oscar Quintana** welcomed baby Julian Oscar Quintana at 9:41 am on Sunday Sept 11. 8lbs 3 oz. You can [sign up here](#) to bring them a meal or on Sunday morning. At takethemameal.com The Recipient name is Roots Quintana and the Password is 3180. Contact Miriam Miller Avelar at [574-538-8325](tel:574-538-8325) for more info.

(repeat) **Please hold Dawn and Doug** in prayer as they transition to Kansas and deal with the death of Dawn's Aunt Rachel who died on Wednesday Sept 14th.

(repeat) **Thank you for your rich farewell blessing** for us on Sunday morning, in word and song and presence. We leave feeling filled to the brim and overflowing as we begin our adventure in Kansas. As of Sept 28, our new address will be: 205 W. 27th St, North Newton, KS 67117. Please stop by when you're in the neighborhood! Dawn: dyharms@gmail.com Doug: dpharms3003@gmail.com.

(repeat) **Barn Dance:** Fall is almost here! Pull out your stomping shoes and dancing moves. Robin and Marcus

Ebright Zehr will host the barn dance at 7:00pm on Oct 1 (63950 Old CR 17, Goshen). Rich Meyer will be calling, food & drinks provided by the MYF. Musicians needed! Contact JYF Sponsors Chris Klassen chrisklassen@gmail.com or Sara Klassen sara.r.klassen@gmail.com

(repeat) **Support group for those caring for aging parents** will meet Sun, Oct 2 at 6pm, at Dennis and Susan Mark Landis" house, 820 Steury, Goshen. To be added to the email list and for more info contact Mary Roth (mary.nycer@gmail.com).

(repeat) **Lunch Bunch:** Wed., Oct 5, 11:30 at Greencroft Community Center. Barb Hassen will be sharing. Please sign up in the gathering place by Sunday the 25th or call Joyce Hostetler at 574-537-3762. Lunch will be a smoked turkey cobb sandwich, plus fruit and chips, \$5.00. (If you sign up for food and don't show, please pay for the meal, as we are charged for the number of lunches ordered.)

(repeat) **Josh Schirch and Seth Kurtz** are participating in the 10 month Mennonite Mission Network Journey International program in Ecuador. They arrived last week and are adjusting well. Josh Schirch continues to need financial support for his year of service. To support Josh or Seth please write a check to Assembly with a note in the memo line with their name. For questions, contact Sharon Norton at MMN at [574-523-3061](tel:574-523-3061). Please pray for Josh and Seth as they begin their year together in Ecuador.

(repeat) **Bertha Beachy** has a new phone number: 574-537-4678.

(repeat) **The painting by Jon Zirkle** on display this spring in the worship space and at Lynnette Bauman's funeral is temporarily at The Hermitage, 11321 Dutch Settlement Rd, Three Rivers, MI. (www.hermitagecommunity.org) The painting is in the Hanby Center, where Jon has invited retreat guests to write down their reflections or experiences of it. You are invited to pray for discernment about next steps for the painting and to visit The Hermitage. Jon may make a day trip to The Hermitage on a weekend in the coming weeks if you'd like to join him: jzirkle@goshen.edu

(repeat) **Our next Congregational meeting** will not be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month like normal, but has

been changed to Sun, Sept 25 at 7pm to avoid a performing arts series conflict at GC.

(repeat) It's "Shuffle" time! Now is the easiest time to join and change small groups at Assembly. If you're new to small groups, see flyer on literature table and contact Karl Shelly for more info. If you're not new to small groups, but are willing to help make space in existing groups or want to expand the people you know at Assembly, also talk to Karl about joining the Shuffle.

(repeat) Calling all talented small groups! This year's talent extravaganza at the retreat on Saturday evening (Oct 8) will showcase the talents of small groups. Each small group is invited to present a three-minute act (skit, musical, tap-dancing, comedy, or anything else!). Performances can involve one, some or all members of your small group. Don't be shy--we know Assembly's got talent! ****NOTE***The three-minute time limit emphasizes quality over quantity. Your group may have an epic story to tell--fine, as long as you can do it in three minutes!*

(repeat) Caring for the Body: We are a congregation with diverse abilities and disabilities. Some among us have serious **scent allergies**. Please don't use perfumes or scented lotions as you come to worship. Some have **difficulty hearing**. Using the microphone and standing up to speak will help others hear more clearly. Some are **vision impaired** and need to hold printed materials close to read them. It is not practical for us to share song books and handouts with the person sitting next to us, and we may ask you to look on with someone else.

community connections

The Window's October list of needs is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College, invites guests to an evening of storytelling focused on environmental problems and solutions, Friday, Sept 30, 6pm to 9:30pm. Hear from Mike McCoy of Fox Trail Farm. Columnist Neil Case will describe the effects of fracking on birds. Students in Merry Lea's Sustainability Leadership Semester will recount their experiences in the Elkhart River Watershed. Brick oven pizza will be served from 6 to 6:40 pm. Adults, \$10; Students, \$5. Register by Sept 28 at <https://www.goshen.edu/merrylea>.

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Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical, Tues, Oct. 11 at 12:00pm at College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. After a traditional Hungarian meal, Balazs Pirot, recent Goshen College graduate and Hungarian citizen, will give an overview of the country's history, economy, culture, famous personnel and sites. Cost: \$22. Call [574-535-7565](tel:574-535-7565) to register, \$5 late fee after Oct. 3

The Window's Haystack Dinner fundraiser, Oct 13 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

Men & Boys Retreat at Camp Friedenswald, Oct 14-16. Come for the fun activities, and stay for the meaningful input from Luke Gascho, Executive Director of Merry Lea Learning Center, centering us on our communities of people within the community of creation. Adults: \$150; Ages 6-12: \$25; Ages 13-18: \$50; Ages 18-25: Free Register at: friedenswald.org/retreats

Tony Brown concert on Friday, Oct. 21, 7pm at the AMBS Chapel. Tony Brown will perform songs of peace, hope and justice. A free-will offering will be received.

Support racial justice work in Elkhart County by purchasing a ticket for our county NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet at the Matterhorn, Friday, Oct 28 (\$40 "donation"). Keynote speaker: Barbara Bolling-Williams, Indiana NAACP president. If you can't attend but are willing to buy a ticket, I can find people who cannot afford to go. Proceeds fund our local NAACP. See or e-mail Ted or Gayle Gerber Koontz. (tkoontz@ambs.edu)

We are looking for ongoing child care for our infant (3 months old) three days per week (Mon, Tues, Thurs 8/8:30am - 4/4:30pm) starting Nov. 7th. The care could be provided in our home or in the caregiver's home. Please contact Jill Stahly at jillmarielehman@gmail.com or [802.999.5718](tel:802.999.5718).

Central District Conference September issue of the Reporter can be found attached at the top of this email, in tiny lettering.

(repeat) **Join Mosaic Health and Healing Arts** for a Celebration of Open and Affirming congregations Sept 25 from 12:30-2:30pm at 3309 Lakeview Drive (on the campus of Oaklawn) in Goshen. A potluck will begin at 12:45 to open this time of connection and fellowship with

other area Open and Affirming congregations, while exploring the facilities and learning more about the unique services provided by Mosaic. RSVP (helpful, not required) mosaichha@gmail.com.

(repeat) **Homecoming Weekend** at Goshen College is Oct. 7-9! Along with alumni, grandparents, parents and siblings of current students are invited to campus for this exciting reunion weekend! Join us for First Friday downtown, the Peace Play, alumni awards, ultimate frisbee, art gallery exhibit, hymn sing, music gala, college visit day and more! See the full schedule at goshen.edu/homecoming.

(repeat) **Partners in Peacemaking: Israel-Palestine**. Jonathan Brenneman has begun a one-year assignment with MVS in Elkhart, as Partners in Peacemaking coordinator for MC USA's Executive Board staff. The new position was created as one way of implementing [A statement of support for our Palestinian and Israeli partners in peacemaking](#), a resolution adopted unanimously by the Delegate Assembly in July 2015. Jonathan will facilitate education, conversation, prayer and action for peace with justice in Israel-Palestine in local settings across the denomination. To learn more or to contact Jonathan, see mennoniteusa.org/news/new-mvs-position-created-to-carry-out-partners-in-peacemaking-resolution-in-local-settings/.

(repeat) **Climate Boot Camp** seminar held by Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light. Please come to Gary, IN on Mon, Sept 26, 9am-3:30pm to learn about talking about climate change in your community! Click [here](#) for more info.

(repeat) **IN-MI Mennonite Women** will host their Annual Women's Retreat at Amigo Centre Oct 7-9. Poster and brochures can be found on the lit table in the gathering space. Questions: Heidi McHugh hmsmchugh@gmail.com or Mandy Yoder mandy@amigocentre.org

(repeat) **Music and Worship Leaders Retreat** at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center Jan 6-8, 2017. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

(repeat) **Paid college internship opportunity with the Mennonite Church USA Communications Team!** Beginning in Jan and culminating in July 2017 at the Mennonite Church USA [convention](#) in Orlando, FL, these paid internships will include positions for writers,

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editors, photographers, social media managers and graphic designers. Students of color are especially encouraged to apply. If selected students wish to receive credit from their college or university, Mennonite Church USA staff will work with the appropriate faculty representative to determine whether this can be arranged. Contact Janie Beck Kreider for more

information: janiebk@mennoniteusa.org

(repeat) Mennonite Disaster Service has an urgent need for volunteers in several locations both within and outside the US. For more info call Alicia Hurst [\(717\) 735-3536 ext. 122](tel:(717)735-3536) or email ahurst@mds.mennonite.net

(repeat) Pathways Retreat September issue of their newsletter, Rhythms can be found attached at the top of this email, in tiny lettering.

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