

AssemblyLine

September 4, 2016

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

September 4

Worship leader: *Jonathon Schramm*

Sermon: *John Glick*

Welcoming & take-down: *Scoops & Derailed*

Window & 2% Offerings

Fellowship Meal

Scripture: *Proverbs 8: 4-6, 22-35; John 21: 15-17*

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

September 11

Worship leader: *Anna Yoder Schlabach*

Sermon: *Dawn Yoder Harms*

Welcoming & take-down: *Hygge & Maple*

Dawn's Last Sunday

No Sunday School

Scripture: *Joshua 1:1-9*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sept 4	2 nd 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

Holden Ebricht Zehr (2nd Parkside) turned 8 on Aug 28! Holden enjoys playing soccer and swimming. Math and computers are his favorite subjects at school. He loves to chew gum and eat sausage pizza, and can speak pig latin!

Mackenzie Mast (7th Bethany) turned 13 on Aug 30! Mackenzie loves to play soccer, cello and piano. Math is her favorite subject, even though her mom is her teacher. Highlight of her summer was going to Wilderness Wind!

Graham Ebricht Zehr (K College) turned 6 on Sept 1! Graham likes soccer, swimming, Pokémon and baseball. He has a dog, chickens and alpacas. Going to Cedar Point and the beach were highlights of his summer.

TODAY, Sept 4, we will have our annual Labor Day hymn sing during 2nd 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.

Welcome back Karl! One of our three beloved pastors has returned from his 4 month sabbatical. Interested in what he's been up to? See his attached report (in tiny lettering at the top of this email) or find hard copies on the lit table.

Farewell Dawn! We are sorry to have to say goodbye to another of our beloved pastors. Sept 11 will be her last Sunday. Please bring celebratory finger food to share!

We extend heartfelt sympathies to the Shelly family. Geert Kalshoven, brother-in-law of Els Shelly, died on Aug 23. Els and Al are in the Netherlands for the memorial service and will return Sept 7.

Janine Ostergren will be covering Naomi Roots as Administrative Assistant during Naomi's maternity leave starting Sept 12 (unless the baby arrives sooner).

Congratulations to Johanna Sutter for receiving the Everence National Journey Award. Journey Awards are given to those who model extraordinary use of resources including time, talent, money, health or the earth. We will be celebrating Johanna's receipt of this award with a special reception hosted by Everence on Sept 18.

When our youth enter 7th grade, they are paired with a mentor and receive a "real" Bible. This year's 7th graders are Brennan Beachy, Joe McKeage, Jordana Farran, Sophia Yordy, Mira Wade, Jeremiah Chico, Mackenzie Mast, Ayo Oladipo, Mara Sensenig, and Kia Kurtz. Before they receive their Bibles on Sun, Sept 18, you are invited to write a note or highlight your favorite scripture in their Bibles. Find them in the worship space by the paper cranes.

Update your contact information with Assembly by checking in at the round white table in the gathering space TODAY. If info is incorrect or missing, correct it on the clipboard or email office@assemblymennonite.org.

Want to have fun in the woods and on the beach? Want to enjoy the lake and beautiful autumn foliage? Want to play Ultimate and volleyball? Want to enjoy time with other AMC'ers at Camp Friedenswald? Then you won't want to miss the annual Assembly fall retreat, scheduled Oct 7-9. This year's retreat theme is Resilience: Deep Roots. Registration forms will be available by Sun, Sept 11 (have completed forms to Jeannette Hughes no later than Sept 25). Questions? See retreat committee members Betsy McCause, Jeff Martin, Heather Bridger-Ulloa, Paul Horst, or Jeannette Hughes.

Have extra baby gear you're not sure what to do with? Assembly is gathering any currently unused items to store at the house across the street and loan to those interested. Drop off your items in the MYF room behind the kitchen, and leave your name on the item if you would ultimately like it returned to you.

Small group child care is starting up again! Care will be provided at the meetinghouse on the 2nd Wed of each month, starting in Sept. Please RSVP for your child to office@assemblymennonite.org.

We are still looking for meals to support Jill Lehman Stahly and Tom Stahly following the birth of their baby. You can sign up to take the family a meal by clicking [here](#) or contacting Tara Swartzendruber Landis at tarass99@hotmail.com.

The Goshen Community Chorale, under the direction of Bill Mateer, will begin rehearsing for its upcoming 2016-17 season on Tues, Sept 13, at College Mennonite Church, at 7pm. The Chorale will be preparing for a December performance of Hispanic Christmas music at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, with the featured work to be the Navidad Nuestra of the Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez. Nayo Ulloa will be helping with this event. Please contact Bill if you are interested in participating.

Two notes from Everence. There are upcoming workshops regarding Medicare, details can be found on the bulletin board regarding locations and times. Also, don't forget that you are eligible for a \$50 rebate on will preparation if you own any Everence product. If you have any questions, please see your Everence rep, Eric Yordy.

(repeat) **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 are available on the lit table during church.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Dawn will be traveling** Aug 29-Sept 5. If you need pastoral assistance, please contact Lora.

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

(repeat) **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](#).

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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. There will also be a sign up sheet on the table in the lobby at church.

(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!

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(repeat) **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:534-1485) or email office@mcusacdc.org.

(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, 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.

(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.

community connections

Window Needs: Food Pantry: Plastic Grocery, Bags, Shampoo, Deodorant, Diapers sizes: 3,4 & 5, Canned Beans: Kidney, Pork, Chili & Refried, Canned Tuna, Pasta, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce. Katie's Kitchen: Salad Dressings: Italian, Ranch & French, Canned Beans: Black, Refried & Northern, #10 cans of Fruit & Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Egg Noodles, Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Olive oil, Paper Napkins, Laundry Soap, Kool-

Aid/Lemonade Mix. Clothes Closet: Children's Clothing, Men's Jeans/pants, Men's T-Shirts, Shoes, Socks, Underwear.

The Window Benefit Meal will be held during September First Friday, Sept 2 beginning at 4:30pm. A menu of BBQ Chicken, Mexican fried rice, vegetable, roll, and dessert will be served. All proceeds support The Window - suggested donation of \$8. Call 533-9680 for more info.

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) of Elkhart is calling on the Elkhart County community to come together to help those who have been displaced by the tornadoes in Kokomo. The Kokomo Rescue Mission is organizing donations for tornado relief and has suggested items that will be necessary in the coming weeks. Kroger has generously offered to match a donation of 5,000 "Meals in a Can" (such as Spaghetti O's, ravioli, beef stew, and hearty soups) with another 5,000 cans. If the community can raise enough money to purchase those cans, Kroger will then deliver all 10,000 to Kokomo directly. To donate to this drive in the Goshen area, please make checks payable to: Waterford Mennonite Church, 65975 State Rd 15, Goshen, IN 46526, by noon on Fri Sept 9. Please make sure checks are designated for Kokomo relief.

Alumni Nights at Bethany: Bethany Christian Schools alumni and their family will receive free admission to the girls soccer game vs. South Bend Riley on Thurs, Sept 8. Other alumni nights this fall will be on Sept 23 for boys soccer vs. Westview and Oct 4 for volleyball vs. Goshen.

New Perspectives on Faith meets Sept 11, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall of College Mennonite Church. Ryan Claassen, Ph.D. will speak on the subject of his recent book, *Godless Democrats, Pious Republicans?* Party Activists, Party Capture, and the God Gap. Ryan is a 1994 graduate of Goshen College and did his graduate work at University of California, Davis. He is currently teaching in the Political Science Department at Kent (Ohio) State University. For more information click [here](#).

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is hosting a Webinar: Congregational Leadership and Ministry in the Face of Sexual Abuse Moderated by David B. Miller, DMin, with members of the Mennonite Church USA Panel on Sexual Abuse Prevention. Thurs, Sept 15 2-3:30pm

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Note: your first webinar with us is free! Click [here](#) for more details.

MDC Goldenrod's 41st annual Project Promise Family and Friends Retreat will take place Sept 16-18 at the Brethren Retreat Center in Shipshewana. Cost per participant is \$75, so they are currently accepting any donations to offset the cost for participants. More info at mdcgoldenrod.org

(repeat) **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 our website [Indiana-Michigan M.A.L.E.s](http://Indiana-Michigan.M.A.L.E.s). Or contact Jamey Bontrager-Singer at Jamey.bsinger@gmail.com or by phone [574-312-4776](tel:574-312-4776).

Mennonite Disaster Service Region II Annual Fall Meeting Invitation: Oct 28-29 at Martins Creek Mennonite Church in Millersburg, OH. Register with D. Wayne Kornhaus at 330-669-2243.

Women Doing Theology Conference registration is now open. "I've Got the Power, Naming and reclaiming power as a force for good", Nov 4-6 in Leesburg, VA, \$400. Partial scholarships available for women of color, apply by Sept 23. See: mennoniteusa.org/wlp-conference

Calling all visual artists! Mennonite Church USA is looking for freelance visual artists to contribute to a paid upcoming project. E-mail Alyssa Bennett Smith at alyssabs@mennoniteusa.org if you're interested or know someone who is!

MDC Goldenrod is hiring Direct Service Professionals and Program Coordinators. Download an application at mdcgoldenrod.org or call 533-9720 for more info.

(repeat) **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 or by contacting Jenna@Friedenswald.org.

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

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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

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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) 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!

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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 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](#).

(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 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. lhafziger@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.

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