

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

October 9

Fall Retreat

Service at Friedenswald begins at 10:30 am

No service at the meetinghouse

October 16

Worship leader: *Susan Nelson*

Sermon: *Carmen Horst*

Welcoming & take-down: *Tupelo and Tumbleweeds*

Sunday School: Ezekiel and the dry bones

CALENDAR

TODAY	Oct 9	10:30am Worship service at Camp Friedenswald
Fri-Sun	Oct 7-9	Fall Retreat at Camp Friedenswald
Sun	Oct 16	7pm Congregational Meeting
Wed	Oct 19, 26	Fall work days at the meetinghouse

ANNOUNCEMENT

assembly life and people

James Lind October (5th, Bethany) is turning 11 on the 12th of October! James enjoys reading everything, especially fantasy. He enjoys riding his bike, playing soccer and playing board games with his family. Math and P.E. are his favorite subjects.

Assembly will be at Fall Retreat, Oct 7-9 at Camp Friedenswald. The Sunday service will be at 10:30am in the chapel and the weekend schedule is attached.

After retreat we begin our annual fall Bible study. Attached is an introduction to Parables.

The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: 4. To be called by name by each adult. God knows and calls us each by name, and we embody God's love in respectful & caring relationships. It can be difficult to know all the children by name in a congregation of our size; feel free to ask a child their name and don't hesitate to interact with the children among us to learn more about them.

Thank you to all the children and adults at Assembly Mennonite for your energy and enthusiasm in collecting \$1,647.54 for My Coins Count this year. Your money will be used to fund water projects, including building wells for students in Chad and Mozambique, improving sanitation

for students in Uganda and helping get clean water to Syrian refugee families in Iraq. Your money offers more than just life-giving water, it shows you care and offers hope to families struggling with challenging circumstances. Thank you for your generosity and creativity in sharing the love of Christ around the world through Mennonite Central Committee and My Coins Count. - Les Gustafson-Zook, MyCC Coordinator, Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale.

Small group child care will be available on Oct 12 (2nd Wed of each month). Please RSVP for your child at office@assemblymennonite.org.

Fall Work Days will be Wed Oct 19 and 26, Nov 2. Small group reps will find info in their mailbox this Sun with assigned tasks to paired groups. Use this opportunity to get to know another small group!

Does anyone have a car we can borrow? Our car is broken and while we are figuring out what to do, we need to borrow a car. If you have a car you can loan us for a week at a time, please contact Kristine Regehr at [218-370-9229](tel:218-370-9229) or kkrpha@yahoo.com.

(repeat) **Learn how Assembly engages with our neighborhood and community** at a meeting set on Sunday Oct 16 after Second Hour. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

(repeat) **Follow Josh Schirch and Seth Kurtz** in Ecuador with MMN's Journey International program by following their blogs: <https://jrjourneys.wordpress.com/> and <https://sethtravels.wordpress.com/>

(repeat) **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!

community connections

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) welcomes donations of money for its hurricane disaster response in Haiti. High winds and extensive flooding caused significant damage and increased already heightened cholera concerns in the Artibonite Valley, where MCC's long-term reforestation program operates. To donate, call [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676); visit mcc.org/hurricane-matthew; or send a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Soup of Success, Silent No More performance of real stories by real women of real spoken strength is on Thursday, Oct 13 at 7pm with dessert and coffee reception to follow. Doors open at 6pm for shopping and visiting.

Chandler Elementary School distributes food bags to 60 students every Friday to ensure that they have enough food for the weekend (when they are no longer receiving a school breakfast and lunch). Eighth St. Mennonite Church is the main supporter of this program, but there are still 4 students in need. It costs \$140 per child for a school year. If you can sponsor a child, write you can contribute through AMC, marking the money "Food 4 Kids."

Kairos Palestine Webinar, Oct 13, AD Building, Room 28, Goshen College from 12-1pm. Interested in learning more about the Kairos Palestine document, the experience of Palestinian Christians, or what the international church can do? Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, Academic Dean at Bethlehem Bible College and director of the Christ at the Checkpoint conference on Palestinian theology, is giving a webinar on these topics.

Rachmaninoff: All-Night Vigil. Scott Hochstetler directs the St. Joseph Valley Camerata and the Goshen College Chamber Choir in what many have called the greatest sacred choral work of all time. Russian composer Sergei

Rachmaninoff wrote this hour-long work, known commonly as "Vespers," as a soothing balm to the atrocities of World War I. A perfect blend of ancient Russian chant and lush Romantic harmonies inspired by the Russian Orthodox church. Friday, Oct 14 at 7:30pm, Sauder Concert Hall. goshen.edu/tickets

Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center is having their annual dinner and auction on Friday (new day), Oct 21 at Bread & Chocolate (new location). Assembly has traditionally filled two tables. The cost is \$75 this year. Please contact Leon Bauman (Board Vice-President) if you would like to attend.

Camp Friedenswald Demo Days, October 21-22. Projects will include cabin demolition, removing beds/mattresses, preparing the site for new cabins, among other projects. [Click here](#) for more information and to indicate your availability for this and other volunteer opportunities. For more info, see Friedenswald.org or contact Jenna@Friedenswald.org.

Mennonite publications: Join the staff of *The Mennonite* for a free evening of coffee and conversation with Dr. Malinda Berry, professor of theology at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and Dr. Gerald Mast, professor of communication at Bluffton University. Berry and Mast will be talking with Hannah Heinzekehr, executive director of The Mennonite, Inc., about the legacy and future of Mennonite publications. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served on Friday Oct 21, 7:30pm at College Mennonite Church.

Mennonite Creation Care Network, adventure in spiritual geography, Saturday Oct 22, 9am-12pm at Merry Lea of Goshen College, Farmstead Site. This workshop will fuse biblical study of the headwaters of Eden in Genesis 2 and experiential study of the headwaters of the Elkhart River found at Merry Lea. As we learn about the role of headwaters in our local streams, we will also discover ways to keep our rivers vibrant and healthy. \$20. Email mccn@goshen.edu to register. Presenters are Doug Kaufman, a conference pastor in the Indiana-Michigan Conference and Joel Pontius, Merry Lea faculty.

Fish Fry at Bethany: Bethany Christian High School's Senior Class Fish Fry is on Friday, Oct. 28! Come between

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the hours of 4:30 and 8 p.m. for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are available from all Bethany seniors or at the door. Adults: \$10; Grades 1 to 6: \$5; Preschool age is free. Carryout is also available with adult tickets only.

Israeli and Palestinian Stories of Grief and

Reconciliation George, Najwah, and Rami are members of The Parents Circle – Families Forum, a unique organization made up of more than 600 Israeli and Palestinian bereaved families. They will share their journey of transforming their incredible loss and pain into a catalyst for reconciliation and peace in the midst of the ongoing conflict. Open to all, this event will take place at 7 pm on Friday, Oct 28 at AMBS’s Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount (3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart).

Roofers are urgently needed in Andrews, South Carolina for the week of Oct. 30-Nov 5. Please call Alicia Hurst at [800-241-8111](tel:800-241-8111) or email at ahurst@mds.mennonite.net.

Service Theology Term (SSTT) for high school students.

Goshen College is calling for applications from any U.S. high school students who have completed 10th, 11th or 12th grade by the tour date, June 2017, to participate in the new Study Service Theology Term, a two-week study tour in Guatemala. Thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., the cost only \$100 per participant. The deadline to apply is Oct 30, 2016. Priority will be given to Latino and African-American students. For more information or to apply, visit goshen.edu/SSTT.

(repeat) **ADEC’s 65th annual celebration** on Thurs, Oct 29th, 5:30pm at Matterhorn Event Center, 2041 Cassopolis St., Elkhart. There will be a silent auction, live paiting by Usha Pffifferling and a look back at the people served over the years. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online at www.adecinc.com/birthday.

(repeat) **Flu shots at The Window, Inc.** during our First Friday meal (Oct 7th). Representatives from IU Goshen Health will be offering flu shots for \$25 or less with a donation. This is a great way to prepare for the upcoming flu season and help those in need within our community! For more information, call [574.364.2496](tel:574.364.2496).

(repeat) **MDC Goldenrod Auction:** Shipshewana Auction Barn on Friday, Oct 14th, from 4-9pm. Join community

members that we serve for a haystack dinner, bake sale, silent auction, and live auction. If interested in donating items to the live auction, gift certificates, or bake sale items, please contact Danae Miller danaem@mdcgoldenrod.org; (574) 533-9720 or Dan Steiner (574) 312-1888.

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash**, Friday and Saturday, Oct 21 and 22. All ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23). Drop in anytime between 9am-5pm both days. Lunch available for a donation. The comforters will be distributed by MCC around the world. See mcc.org/comforter-bash.

(repeat) **Women Doing Theology Conference, I've got the power: Naming and reclaiming power as a force for good**, Nov 4–6 at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, Virginia. Sponsor: Women in Leadership Project of Mennonite Church USA. Full cost is \$425, including a private room, all meals and snacks. Register at: mennoniteusa.org/wlp-conference.

(repeat) **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

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

(repeat) **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

(repeat) **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.

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(repeat) 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)

(repeat) 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 [802.999.5718](tel:802.999.5718) or jillmarielehman@gmail.com.

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

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