

AssemblyLine

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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

July 16

Worship leader: *Tara Swartzendruber-Landis*

Storyteller: *Justin Rothshank*

Welcome & tear-down: *Hug & Well Seasoned*

Scripture: *Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

July 23

Worship leader: *Glenn Gilbert*

Storyteller: *Cory Martin*

Welcome & tear-down: *Cardinal & Grape*

Scripture: *Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

CALENDAR

Wed July 19 7pm Mary Magdalene Feast Day Event
Sun Jul 30 11am Teacher Orientation after 1st hour
7pm AMC pool night at Shanklin Pool

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Alano Kingsley (Homeschool coop rising 2nd) turned 7 on June 8! Alano likes to read, knit, listen to stories in the car and to climb, play tag and soccer. He has been teaching his sister to be a ninja, learning to play guitar with his dad; and is getting pretty good at reading his watch. He plays a jaw harp, has a new puppy and reads books with his mom!

Ira Siemens-Rhodes (Chandler rising 2nd) turned 7 on July 9! Ira loves to listen to stories especially while playing on a swing. He is the best at mental math in his family and likes to play math games, especially Prodigy! He likes to build Lego, chew gum, create forts and go on fast waterslides.

Luisa Kingsley turned 4 on July 12! Luisa is a really good climber and fast runner. She likes to play explorers with her brother, and enjoyed playing hide and seek with her cousins. She likes to read and play bingo with her mom. She has chickens, cats, sheep and dogs.

Congratulations to the Smuts family! Benjamin (Ben) Patrick Smuts was born at 6:22 am on 7/9/17. For meals: visit the Take Them a Meal site [here](#). Password smuts.

TODAY (July 16) we will take a few minutes during the morning to receive and affirm the Leadership slate for 2017-18. This is in lieu of holding a regularly scheduled congregational meeting during June or July. The list of committees and positions can be found attached to the top of this email. Copies are also available on the lit table.

Cory Martin will be our guest storyteller on July 23. Cory is Chaplain of the Jail Ministry of Elkhart County. He will

share reflections on our "Rooted in Love" theme in relation to his work with inmates. Cory and his family are active at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Goshen. A number of Assembly people have connected with Cory through the Elkhart County Re-Entry Initiative, volunteering in the jail ministry, and the Goshen College Inside-Outside course.

Mary Magdalene Feast Day Event: Come celebrate the Feast Day of Mary Magdalene (with your small groups!) on Wed, July 19, 7pm at the Assembly meetinghouse. This ecumenical, intergenerational service will remember and celebrate Mary Magdalene through music and storytelling. Organized by Diane Woodworth of Eighth Street Mennonite Church, Judith Davis of St. John's Catholic Church, and Kristy Shellenberger Yordy of Assembly, the service represents one of nearly 300 groups worldwide holding commemorations of Mary Magdalene, whose feast day falls on July 22. For more info, contact Kristy.

Small Group Net is pleased to recommend Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, Brian Mast and Cheryl Mast for covenanting on Sun, July 30. Please share your words of affirmation and counsel with Rebecca, Brian and Cheryl.

Leon Bauman is no longer using his landline. Please use his cell phone number: 538-8916. Also, his preferred email account is bauman157@gmail.com

A copy of the Future Church Summit report from the convention at Orlando is attached at the top of this email. Copies printed on blue paper are also on the lit table.

July's issue of Central District Conference's monthly newsletter, Focus, can be read online [here](#).

(repeat) **Announcements during worship:** We are continuing the summer experiment of having the worship leader read announcements soon after the offering, while all are still present. Announcement request forms are available on the small table beside the mailboxes, on tan half-sheets. Please hand these directly to the worship leader before the service or during the offering.

(repeat) **Sunday School leaders still needed** for July 23 & 30! Please consider taking one of these dates. See round table in gathering space for available packets.

(repeat) **Assembly is in need** of a few more people to help out with Worship Space set up on Sunday mornings during Sept and Oct. If you are able and willing to help, please contact the office at office@assemblymennonite.org.

(repeat) **Calling all walkers!** The 9th annual Maple City Walk is Sat, Sept 16 with a choice of a 10K, half marathon, and full marathon. The walk starts from gate 4 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds and includes the Monroe Prairie and Pumpkinvine trails. All participants will receive a medal, and be entered into a drawing for a free pair of walking shoes. For more info, including registration, course map, and walking tips, go to: www.cityonthego.org/maple-city-walk/home/ Also, “like” Maple City Walk on Facebook. See Vivian Schmucker for more info.

(repeat) **An independent task force** is working to organize LGBTQ+ Pride events in Goshen during the month of July. There is a Facebook group allies can request to join in order to stay more current on what’s happening with each specific event as the date draws closer. See Jane Litwiller for more info.

(repeat) **If anyone happens** to be traveling to Harrisonburg, VA this summer and can take a book to Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, please contact the office at office@assemblymennonite.org

(repeat) **Goshen College is seeking** local congregations to participate in their “Welcome Basket” project for new international students. If you, your family or your small group would be interested in putting together a welcome basket, please contact the office at 534-4190 or office@assemblymennonite.org.

(repeat) **Golfer teams wanted!** Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network is hosting a golf outing fundraiser on

Tue, Aug 22. They are set to hold the event, but need more golf teams to register! See lit table for registration forms or contact the office at office@assemblymennonite.org.

(repeat) **Job Opportunity** for a Middle School Math Teacher (2017/18). Consider teaching at Alison Bixby Stone School, a close-knit, vibrant bilingual (English/Spanish) school in Honduras. It is a nonprofit institution located on the campus of Zamorano University (1 hour from Tegucigalpa). I previously served as the school board president and am happy to give further details about this unique school community. Please help me circulate widely to anyone who you think might be qualified and interested. It would be a great opportunity for someone interested in living abroad or in using or improving their Spanish with colleagues (though they would teach in English). Email me at elisazwier@gmail.com for the complete job description.

community connections

Help us celebrate God’s faithfulness through the leaders God calls. Join Mennonite Mission Network for a dessert reception as we say farewell to Paula Killough, James Krabill and Rachel Stoltzfus, and welcome the new leaders of Advancement, International Ministries, and Human Resources. Thur, Aug 3, 7-9pm at the Fellowship Hall, College Mennonite Church, Goshen. RSVP by July 27 to [523-3002](tel:523-3002) or RoseM@MennoniteMission.net

Michiana Relief Sale released a video about the sale that can be viewed at mennonitesale.org or on their Facebook page. You will also find other ways to donate and get involved. The annual fund raising dinner this year is Aug 24 at The Essenhaus. For tickets contact [800-503-8559](tel:800-503-8559) or email mennonitesale@yahoo.com

Searching for an exciting way to serve? Mennonite Central Committee is looking for a Canner Operator, at least 21 years or older, to travel with the Mobile Meat Canner. Canner Operators travel to 30 different locations in the United States and Canada, canning meat, which is then sent around the world to hungry people. Having a CDL or truck driving experience is preferable. Come serve in this exciting way! Meet new people, and take advantage of experiences you’ll never forget. For more information please contact John Hillegass at jrh@mcc.org or (717) 859-1151 and visit canning.mcc.org.

Please email announcements to assemblyline@assemblymennonite.org by 8 AM local time Friday for inclusion in the following Sunday’s *AssemblyLine*. To receive the *AssemblyLine* via email visit <http://eepurl.com/bsXsDr>.

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Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to be a dynamic Christian community by together meeting God who draws us beyond ourselves into nurturing, sharing, and living the good news of God’s love as known in Jesus Christ. ~ Mission Statement, adopted June 1997

As a reconciling faith community, Assembly Mennonite Church seeks to follow Jesus’ example by welcoming all who come our way, regardless of age, economic or social circumstances, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical ability, race, or sexual orientation. ~ Welcome statement, adopted Dec. 1999