

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

September 17

Worship leader: *Leon Bauman*

Sermon: *Lora Nafziger*

Welcome & tear-down: *Food Group & Scoops*

Scripture: *Matthew 26:6-13*

September 24

Worship leader: *Deanna Risser*

Sermon: *Karl Shelly*

Welcome & tear-down: *Cardinal & Cantaloupe*

Communion

Scripture: *Matthew 26:17-29*

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sept 17	8am Mentor-Mentee breakfast 7pm Congregational meeting
Sun	Sept 24	12pm Students in our homes for lunch
Tue	Sept 26	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Wed	Sept 27	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch Greencroft Community Center
Fri-Sun	Sept 29-Oct 1	Fall Retreat at Camp Friedenswald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Maya Dengler Kaufman (7th GMS) turned 13 on Sept 16! Maya has many interests and talents including: playing saxophone and piano, participating in the Elkhart Civic Theater, and swimming! She enjoys painting and other creative pursuits and is interested in interior design.

Alice Kauffman (8th St Preschool) turns 3 on Sept 19! Alice loves animals, including neighborhood dogs, worms from the yard and the family pet cat, Max. She likes to draw with chalk on the driveway, pick tomatoes and flowers from the garden, and play with big brother Eli.

TODAY we continue our Fall Worship series "Jesus as our companion" focusing on how Jesus builds relationships and trust. Today's theme is 'Jesus receives us' which will include the ritual of anointing, followed by a sermon response and sharing during second hour. More about this series can be found in the introduction attached at the top of this email.

When our youth enter 7th grade, they are paired with a mentor and receive a full text Bible. This year's 7th graders are Precious Oladipo, Elena Stutzman, Aidan Ebright Zehr, Chad Kennedy, Maya Dengler Kaufman, Yabi Kurtz, Terron Kingsley, and Alta Good-Elliott. They will receive their Bibles TODAY; please write a note or highlight your favorite scripture on a blank bookmark before the service. They are in the worship space by the paper cranes.

It's time to sign up for next year's Hospitality and Child Care tasks (previously known as volunteer tasks)! Did you know that Assembly relies on 40+ active participants each Sunday? We ask everyone to complete a form and sign up for at least two hospitality and/or child care tasks. The form can be accessed [on our website](#), and pink paper copies are available on the lit table. Please fill out form by Oct 22.

This is the last Sunday for My Coins Count. Please come prepared to be generous. Also return your coin-stackers to church this Sunday. Thanks

Congratulations to Rebecca Yoder and Levi Smucker on their marriage on Sunday, Sept 3! They are living at 508 East Lafayette St. Becca continues to work at clubhouse and Levi is in medical school. Remember them in your thoughts as they journey together and explore residency options over the next year.

Registration is now live for our annual Friedenswald Retreat! To sign up, fill out this Google form by 2pm, Sun, Sept 17: <https://goo.gl/forms/WS8uL1JPmmlZ9eeT2> If you are unable to sign up online, or want more information, you may contact any of the committee members: Jeff Martin, Eric Yordy, Paul Horst, Betsy McCause, Jeannette Hughes, or Doug Schirch. Retreat schedule and other important information is attached at the top of this email; hard copies have been put into church mailboxes.

Mailboxes have been shuffled into alphabetical order! A reminder for families with more than one last name: the mailbox falls under the last name that comes first in the alphabet.

In order to provide room on the bike rack by the North door for bikes with trailers, please park your bike-sans-trailer between the rack and the building, or hang your bike on one of the hooks on the north or west walls.

Calling all who care about food, farming, and future generations to work the land: Wed, Sept 20 5-7:30pm, at Goshen College, Newcomer Room 17. Potluck at 5:15, followed by documentary American Meat with a short discussion to follow. Families with kids, retired folks looking to farm and garden, and everyone in between is welcome! Bring a dish or other food items to share and your own table service. RSVPs appreciated! E-mail Jon Zirkle (jjzirkle@goshen.edu) if you plan to attend.

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale is committed to reducing trash to the landfill by supporting recycling and composting. More volunteers are needed Sept 22-23 to encourage separating and to move bags to dumpsters. Shifts of two hours or ninety minutes are available on both days. Check with Lois Nafziger, at lhnafziger@gmail.com, for more info or to volunteer.

Online Auction of the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale: This auction was begun by Assembly folk and continues to have significant Assembly help. At least 15 Assembly people have offered items for the auction, so please take a look! www.BiddingForGood.com/MCCSale. From an accountant caricature to Zero Balancing, from toys to animal training, from modern art to vintage pieces, the ONLINE AUCTION has it all! (We also need volunteers: To greet, to help with computers, to invite people to learn about water projects and to be the welcoming face of the auction.) Tell your friends! Tell your relatives! Even your enemies will find something to love at the online auction.

Women's Lunch Bunch will be at 11:30 on Wed, Oct 4, at the Greencroft Community Center. Char Yutzky will be sharing with us and we will celebrate her 10/1 marriage to Leon. Sign up today or call Joyce Hostetler at 537-3762 before Thur, Sept 28. Please let us know if you sign up and cannot attend as we pay for all lunches on 9/28.

(repeat) **It is with heavy hearts** that we share the news that Alice Rose Hanby passed away in her home surrounded by her family on Sun, Sept 3, a week after her birth. Please continue to hold the Hanby family in your prayers.

(repeat) **Small group shuffle.** It's not too late to get involved in this fall's small group enrollment effort. See flyer on literature table and contact Karl Shelly. Those who have indicated interest will be notified in the coming week about options.

(repeat) **Students in our homes for lunch!** Consider signing up to host Goshen College and seminary students in your home for lunch on Sun, Sept 24. Signup sheets for hosts and students can be found on the table in the gathering space.

(repeat) **Attached at the top** of this email is an update from Mary Yoder Holsopple of her first impressions of her (and Elroy's) time in Angola so far. Copies on the lit table.

community connections

Subscribe to *Vision*: *A Journal for Church and Theology!* *Vision*, published semiannually by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Canadian Mennonite University, seeks to encourage theological reflection by church leaders on the identity, mission and practices of the church from an Anabaptist-Mennonite perspective. The Fall 2017 issue, on the theme "Proclaiming Christ in a Pluralistic Context," is the final one to be edited by Mary H. Schertz, AMBS professor of New Testament, who retired in June. (Andy Brubacher Kaethler, AMBS professor, is taking on the role of AMBS editor.) Upcoming issue topics include "The Church and Young Adults" (Spring 2018) and "Gifts of a Global Church" (Fall 2018). To get your copy of the Fall 2017 issue, subscribe by Sept 22. A one-year subscription is \$15; subscribe for three years for \$40. Send your check (made out to AMBS) to IMS, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517-1999, or pay by credit card by calling the AMBS receptionist at [574-295-3726](tel:574-295-3726).

Alumni Nights at Bethany: Bethany Christian Schools alumni and their family will receive free admission to the following home games: volleyball (11am vs. Lakeland) and girls soccer (7pm vs. Westview) on Sat, Sept 23, in conjunction with Alumni Weekend events; boys soccer on Tue, Sept 26, at 7pm (varsity only vs. Elkhart Chr).

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On Sat, Sept 23, The Goshen Theater will be hosting the Eugene Alexander Couture Runway Show to honor Goshen College Alumnus and fellow Mennonite Eugene Stutzman '73 and celebrate his life work and fashion label, Eugene Alexander. Eugene grew up in Holmes County, Ohio and later attended Goshen College for Art Education. His mom, who made all of her own clothing, taught Eugene how to sew as a young child. Developing a love for this kind of craftsmanship led him towards a career in fashion, and he went on to become a well-known fashion designer in the '80s. For ticketing and more information, visit goshentheater.com/fashionweek

Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA) will host its first event of the new program year on Thur, Sept 28, at 6:30pm at Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Middlebury. Chapter members and guests can look forward to a buffet-style dinner, followed by a presentation from Dan Sauder, executive vice president of engineering and new markets at Sauder Woodworking Co. in Archbold, Ohio. RSVP by Mon, Sept 25, to info@michianameda.org or 574-355-3607. Cost is \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door.

AMBS webinar recordings available. Recordings of past Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary webinars are available for purchase online for \$20. Topics include How We Got the Bible; Changing the Way the Church Views Racism; Planting Peace Churches; Congregational Leadership and Ministry in the Face of Sexual Abuse; Introduction to Anabaptism; Exploring Your Call to Ministry, and more. www.ams.edu/lifelong-learning/webinar-recordings

We are just a few weeks away from the Relief Sale this year! If you haven't previewed the auction items on Facebook this year, you should! The Online Auction (BiddingforGood.com/MCCsale), The Ten Thousand Villages Shop, and The Faithful Giving Auction need your help! More information [here](#).

MCC responds to Hurricane Irma damage in Cuba and Haiti: Hurricane Irma tore roofs from houses in Cuba and dashed houses to the ground. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and caused families to escape in waist-high water. In both countries, crops, gardens and livestock were destroyed. Your gift to

Mennonite Central Committee helps people in Cuba to rebuild and people in Haiti to recover. You can donate online at donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response. Contributions can also be made by calling [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676) or sending a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

The Leadership Development office of Mennonite Church USA is seeking applications for an office manager, currently a 2/3 time position. Primary responsibilities of this position includes maintaining the national database (MennoData) and technical support for the "calling system" which assists pastors, congregations and conferences in the pastoral search process. Successful candidates will be detail oriented with strong computer skills and able to work in a confidential environment. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request a copy of the job description and an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or [316-281-4257](tel:316-281-4257).

New donor engagement officer position open. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, is seeking a part-time (50 percent) development officer to qualify and cultivate new donors. Successful candidates will have experience in fundraising and/or higher education and an understanding of fundraising as ministry. This position is based in Elkhart and will require up to 50 percent travel. Bachelor's degree required; master's degree preferred. Position is open until filled. Visit www.ams.edu/jobs to see a full job description and application instructions.

(repeat) **Visio Divina:** Fridays, Sept 15 & 29 and Oct 13 & 20, 9-11am at Pathways Retreat. A series of four retreats offering an innovative practice of small group spiritual direction based on art work done by participants or on pictures of paintings. No training in art is necessary to participate; the goal is not production, but rather understanding and discernment. Facilitated by Sylvie Gudin Cost: \$120 for all 4 sessions.

Visit www.pathwaysretreat.org for more info.

(repeat) **Noted theologian** Miroslav Volf will present a Yoder Public Affairs lecture, titled "Humility and Joy: What We Can Still Learn From Martin Luther" on Fri, Sept 15 at 7:30pm at College Mennonite Church. This event is free and open to the public.

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(repeat) **Waterford Mennonite Church** invites you to come hear about the work of Mennonite Mission Network by the Ross Richer family, who have been called to a ministry of pastoral accompaniment, youth empowerment and economic development in the Ecuadorian Rainforest. Please join us at 6pm on Sun, Sept 17 at Waterford MC, 65975 State Route 15. Call the church office at [\(574\) 533-5624](tel:574-533-5624) or email Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer for more information (rossrichers@gmail.com)

(repeat) **The 14th annual Grief Seminar**, "Good Grief: Supporting Families and Fostering Resilience," will take place on Fri, Sept 22 from 8am-4pm, at College Mennonite Church. Participants will explore topics related to grief, families and resilience. Donna Schuurman, of The Dougy Center for Grieving Children and Families, will be presenting a day-long seminar and keynote address. This seminar is especially recommended for social workers, educators, school counselors, marriage and family therapists, mental health workers, school nurses, law enforcement officers, funeral home directors and other human service professionals who work with children and families. Cost \$70 for the general public (\$85 after Sept 8) and \$30 for students (\$40 after Sept 8). Online registration is available at goshen.edu/register/grief-seminar/.

(repeat) **South Asia Flooding:** MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. We are working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected. MCC welcomes your support for our relief work in the area. More information at mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief.

(repeat) **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** program is preparing to begin a new training session for volunteer child advocates. More info at capselkhart.org or you can contact jallen@capselkhart.org.

(repeat) **Mennonite Relief Sale:** Crafts are in need of high quality new, handmade art and craft donations. Many different types of art and crafts are sold and we welcome fresh, trendy ideas. This year we are highlighting local, small business artists. The craft sale is also in need of volunteers such as individuals or a small group of people who would be willing to set up and monitor booths at the

craft sale. If you are willing to volunteer or donate, contact Laura Shue at 574-536-4549 or lauralanaes@gmail.com

(repeat) **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** has two 10-week internships available in the Goshen, Ind., office. MCC North America Mennonite Relief Sale Board is looking for an intern to support the work of the 42 relief sales across the MCC system. This intern will conduct research around quilts and online quilt auction sites, assist with Facebook and online presence, work with web pages and other tasks. The intern reports to the NAMRS Coordinator in the Goshen Great Lakes office. For details visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/relief-sale-intern-mcc. MCC Great Lakes is looking for an intern to support Peace and Justice and other program work in the Great Lakes region. This intern will help with gun violence and safety education with MCC constituents (churches, individuals) in our region. The intern reports to the Chicago Area Coordinator for MCC Great Lakes, but works collaboratively with others in MCC to help create a gun violence and safety awareness tool kit. For more details, visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/gun-violence-prevention-advocate-intern-mcc-great-lakes. For more information on either internship, contact Amber Falcon at AmberFalcón@mcc.org or [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133).

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