

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-14; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

January 14

Worship leader: *Julia Gautsche*
Storytelling: *Patrick Coonan & Marshall King*
Welcome & tear-down: *B, One, Omega*

Scripture: *Jeremiah 29: 7, Nehemiah 2:1-5, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

January 21

Worship leader: *Michael Miller*
Storytelling: *Lora Nafziger*
Welcome & tear-down: *Shine & Teatime*

Scripture: *Galatians. 3: 28, Revelations 7: 9; Psalm 62: 5-12*

CALENDAR

Sun	Jan 14	12pm Exploring Baptism Class
Sun	Jan 21	12pm Fellowship meal 7pm Congregational meeting
Tue	Jan 23	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Sat	Jan 27	8:30am-3:30pm Children in Worship Sunday school training

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Isaya Magatti (3rd Parkside) turned 9 on Jan 7! Isaya plays violin and enjoys gym, math and science at school. He likes to read books with mom and play tag with cousins. He is good at strategies and solving problems. He likes to go out to eat and play board games with his family.

Rachel Hirschler (3rd Waterford) turned 9 on Jan 7! Rachel plays violin and loves to draw. She also likes to sing and play with her sister Ellie. She enjoys sledding, and are lucky enough to have both a big and small hill in their yard! She really enjoyed traveling to Jamaica this year.

Lena Osborne (K Parkside) turned 6 on Jan 10! Lena enjoys singing, ballet. She likes to help her mommy and daddy cook; especially chop the fruit for fruit salad. She likes to draw, paint and color, to read and listen to stories. Wrestling is a favorite family pastime.

Stefan Magatti (PreK CCYC) turned 5 on Jan 12! Stefan likes playing tag, hide and seek and building with blocks at school. At home he enjoys playing with his brothers, playing the game Sequence, and kicking balls. Stefan always feels hot even in cold weather!

TODAY is the first week in our stewardship series: "Gates and Gardens: Tending our Spaces and Letting Others In". This week's theme is "tending the gates and gardens of Goshen". The introduction to this Gates and Gardens series can be found attached to the top of this email; hard copies are on the lit table.

How do we get involved in the space called Goshen? Find out during 2nd hour TODAY! We will hear from Executive Director Bryan Mierau of Center for Healing & Hope how the GRID program works. He will share with us how Goshen city residents can apply for and receive identification cards and the advantages of having such a card. Second, we will be led by Marlette Gomez Wengerd in understanding the ICE detention center proposed in Elkhart county and how we can communicate with our local officials regarding our concerns for such a proposal. Finally, we will have a brief update from the Safety Networks about their work in our community. Come, be informed, and get involved!

Doris Ebersole (95yr.) suffered a stroke last Sun morning and is under Hospice care in her apartment at Waterford Crossing. Bob, Patricia, Joel, Elisa and family have been accompanying her on this last journey. Your prayers, messages and visits are welcome.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: A very different MYF room and North entrance, a larger opening between MP and gathering spaces. What is planned for the next week: Finishing the East rooms and bathroom, building a new wall in the MP space. Construction volunteer needs this upcoming week: none unless Dana has contacted you. A big thank you to all who have filled out the volunteer survey; we will be contacting you in future weeks with our needs, and will also communicate needs via this newsletter.

Throughout the renovation, the building will have more dust than usual. We have cleaning crews coming in every Saturday afternoon at 3pm (let Naomi know if you would like to join future crews: office@assemblymennonite.org). However, it will be impossible to remove all dust from the entire building until the renovation is complete. If you have dust allergies, please consider bringing a mask.

The AMC kitchen is without a microwave or toaster and we need two more electric kettles! If you happen to have an extra one of those that you're not using, please consider donating it. You can let Naomi know at office@assemblymennonite.org

We took some before pictures of the meetinghouse, but are missing a couple of crucial shots: the North entrance (from the inside) and the North part of the gathering space (where the quilt used to hang and the children's picture board is set). If you happen to have those pictures in your archives, please send them to office@assemblymennonite.org

Welcome and take down schedule for small groups for 2018 has been made and is attached at the top of this email. It's actually attached this time. I promise.

I have arrived back in warm Luanda last week. Thank you to all for your kindness during the death of my father and while I waited for a visa to return to Angola. May you all find ways to stay warm. Mary Yoder Holsopple

community connections

Goshen College's Martin Luther King, Jr celebration events will take place Jan. 14 -15, featuring keynote speaker Leonard Dow, Stewardship and Development Specialist at Everence Financial. Most events are free and open to the public. These include a community gathering (Sun, 7pm), in the GC Umble Center; a prospective student open house (Mon), a spoken word coffeehouse (Mon, 9am), and the first annual Atlee and Winifred Beechy Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Lecture, featuring Leonard Dow (Mon, 10am), in the Church-Chapel. See the full schedule of events at goshen.edu/mlk.

Spirited Movement Prayer, facilitated by Sara Klassen (yoga instructor and Gestalt Pastoral Care trainee) will be offered Mon evenings beginning Jan 15, 5-6pm at Pathways Retreat. Through a series of yoga poses, we will

grow in us the fruits of the Spirit by being present to ourselves and God with us. Adaptations can be made so the poses are suitable for all body types; ALL are welcome. Visit www.pathwaysretreat.org for more information and to register.

College Mennonite Church invites you to a family concert with Bryan Moyer Suderman on Sun, Jan 21, at 4pm in the College Mennonite sanctuary. Admission is free, and there will be a freewill offering to benefit the family of Caleb Gunawan, a 5-year-old in our congregation who is battling neuroblastoma. Bryan's music is interactive, singable, and deeply theological. He aims to write and perform music that is good for all ages - small and tall. Learn more about him on his website (<http://www.smalltallministries.com>).

Rieth Chamber Series: Glenn Miller, organ / basso profundo & the GC Chamber Choir Fri, Jan 26, 7:30pm. Rieth Recital Hall. Tickets \$15, available at www.goshen.edu/tickets, or in person at the Goshen College Box Office. Returning to Goshen College after his magnificent 2016 collaboration with the St. Joseph Valley Camerata, Glenn Miller maintains a very active career as an organist and basso profundo singer specializing in Russian liturgical choral repertoire. He is presently in his 20th season as director of music and organist of Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills (Michigan). For this unique concert, Glenn Miller will present solo works for organ, and also sing traditional hymns and the basso profundo solo in the Chesnokov work with the Goshen College Chamber Choir and director Dr. Scott Hochstetler.

An Opening to Grace Group is forming at Pathways Retreat, providing an opportunity to experience Gestalt Pastoral Care (GPC), a synthesis of Gestalt theory, spiritual direction and prayer. GPC is an awareness-based and spiritually integrated approach to inner growth and wholeness. Facilitated by Linda Lehman Thomas, GPC minister and trainer. Feb. 15, 22, Mar 1, 15, 22, 4:30-6:30pm. Please visit www.pathwaysretreat.org or contact Linda (linda@pathwaysretreat.org or [574-333-1822](tel:574-333-1822)) if you have interest and questions.

Leadership Clinics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Leadership clinics are day-long workshops for anyone interested in leadership topics, taking place

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on Monday, February 26, 2018, before our annual Pastors and Leaders conference begins. Three clinics are being offered, more info [here](#). \$65 if registered before Feb 6.

compassion for all in the name of Christ. Thank you for helping us reach this significant milestone!

MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and summer staff in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. For more info about bringing a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or [606-633-5065](tel:606-633-5065).

Pathways Retreat's January edition of their newsletter, Rhythms can be read [here](#).

(repeat) **Bethany Visit Opportunities** are a great way for prospective students and families to see Bethany Christian Schools in action! Grades 4-5 on Jan 17: Parents may bring children grade 4 and younger to visit the grade 4-5 classrooms from 9:30-11am. Grades 6-10 on Jan 22: Students in grades 5-10 interested in exploring Bethany can shadow a Bethany student on Mon, Jan 22, 8:40am-3:30pm. Parents are invited to an 8:45-9:15am coffee and conversation followed by an optional tour at 9:15am.

(repeat) **Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA)** invites you to its first dinner program event of the new year -- "Immigrant Stories -- Starting a new life in Indiana" -- Thur, Jan 18, at 6:30pm. A panel of immigrants will share their personal stories: challenges, successes, and current realities of life as immigrants. The event will be held at North Goshen Mennonite Church, and a Mexican dinner will be catered by the ladies of the church. Please RSVP by Mon, Jan 15, 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 (cash or check only).

(repeat) **Thanks for your part** in helping the Depot MCC Thrift Shops reach \$1 million in sales in 2017! MCC Thrift Shops raise much-needed funds to support the work of partners around the world in relief, development and peace projects. Whether you donate items, volunteer your time or shop, your contributions help MCC share God's love and

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