

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

January 7

Worship leader: *Sara Klassen*
Sermon: *Cesar Garcia, "Hope"*
Welcome & tear-down: *A & Beta*
Window & 2% Offerings

Scripture: Luke 2:25-33

January 14

Worship leader: *Julia Gautsche*
Storytelling: *Patrick Coonan & Marshall King*
Welcome & tear-down: *Shine & Teatime*

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

CALENDAR

Mon	Jan 8	7pm Leadership Group Meeting
Wed	Jan 10	6:30-8:30pm Small Group Childcare at Meetinghouse
Sat	Jan 13	3 & 4pm Folkloric Dance Workshop at Meetinghouse
Sun	Jan 14	12pm Exploring Baptism Class
Sun	Jan 21	12pm Fellowship meal 7pm Congregational meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY is Epiphany Sunday! We are honored to receive Cesar Garcia, the current General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference, and his wife Sandra Baez into our midst (Cesar's bio can be found attached to the top of this email). We will hear Cesar's sermon titled "Hope" during 1st hour, and there will be an opportunity to follow up with Cesar during 2nd hour.

Our next worship series focusing on stewardship is titled "Gates and Gardens: Tending our Spaces and Letting Others In". We start this series next Sun, Jan 14 ending on Su, Feb 11 with Carnival. The introduction to this new series can be found attached at the top of this email and paper copies are on the lit table.

Looking for something to do this Sat, Jan 6? We need all the help we can get organizing the meetinghouse and readying it for demo that starts Mon, Jan 8. Come by any time 9am-4pm to help move, organize and clean.

Thank you to all those who filled out a renovation volunteer survey! We are in particular need of more people willing to help clean Sat afternoons to prepare the Sunday school rooms for children throughout the renovation (Jan-March). If you are willing to help, please fill out a yellow form or email office@assemblymennonite.org.

Are you ever confused when you find one shoe, or one glove, or a sippy cup in the meetinghouse with no person attached to them? All of these items can be found in the

lost and found, which will be on a table in the multi-purpose space. Make sure you stop and check for your items.

Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network: Assembly's turn with GIHN is **THIS** week, Jan 7-13. We serve supper Mon, Tue and Thur and do 7-10pm host shifts on Mon and Tue. Please email SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com for details and to offer help. Same menus, about 20 guests.

Childcare for small groups will be available Wed, Jan 10 from 6:30-8:30pm. If you plan to have your child attend, please RSVP 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.

MCC Comforters: Thanks to all of every age who helped knot the flannel MCC comforter on Christmas Eve. I am now looking for my small metal thread scissors and the red thread that were used in the project, and have been missing since that night. Please contact me at 534-1852 if you know their whereabouts. Also let me know if you would like to help assemble additional comforters for me. I have several cut and ready to sew, and would like to meet my deadline of 70, by the end of Feb. Thanks, Mary Gilbert

How to survive winter? Play hockey! If you're interested in friendly, pick-up games at the Shelly backyard rink, let Karl Shelly know. For ages 16 and up who can skate upright (mostly) while handling a stick, and stop quickly.

Update on Sandy Fribley: Sandy is home recovering. She has no infections, pain is being controlled, and the drain was removed. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

(repeat) **Assembly is seeking** a caring person to teach a wonderful group of 4th and 5th grade students in the Spring quarter. Please let Maria Wenger know if you have questions and/or are interested in helping Assembly in this way. Maria for the Christian Education Committee

(repeat) **The Latin American Culture** and Language Center invites you to a FREE folkloric dance workshop on Sat, Jan 13 to be held at the meetinghouse. 2 class sessions taught by Laura Torres Salazar of Las Guadalupanas dance troupe. You may have seen her dancers performing at recent community events with their colorful Mexican skirts and lively routines. All ages may sign up for either the 3 or 4pm class. Only 10 participants per class, first come first served. Signup sheet will be on round table this Sun. Contact Heather or Nayo Ulloa with questions.

(repeat) **Thank you** to Assembly from the National Immigration Justice Center. We are truly grateful for your generous support and your commitment to justice. Thank you for all you that you do for so many.

community connections

Beloved Community, Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend celebration at Goshen College. Several events are taking place on Sun, Jan 14 and Mon, Jan 15. For details visit Goshen.edu/mlk and brochure on bulletin board.

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.

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).

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

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