

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

<p>February 11- CARNIVAL! Worship leaders: <i>Anna Yoder Slabach & Jonathan Schramm</i></p> <p>Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Auklet & 8th St.</i></p> <p><i>Carnival Sunday</i> <i>"Escape to Space!"</i> <i>Intergenerational 2nd Hour (no Sunday School)</i></p>	<p>February 18 Lent 1</p> <p>Worship leader: <i>John Blosser</i> Preacher: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Ad Lib & Alpha</i></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15</i></p>
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CALENDAR

TODAY	Feb 11	CARNIVAL!! (intergenerational 2 nd hour, no Sunday school) 12pm Support group for those caring for Adult family members, Meetinghouse
Wed	Feb 14	7pm Ash Wednesday Service at the Meeting house 6:30-8:30pm Small group childcare at the meeting house
Sun	Feb 18	12pm Surprise Luncheons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Kiki Smuts (K Chandler) turned 6 on Feb 8! Kiki likes unicorns 🦄. She loves to read and is a fast runner, "perhaps as fast as a cheetah!" She has a fish named Clarke and likes to play games like Candyland with her parents.

Zakai Dengler Kaufman (5th Chandler) turns 11 TODAY, Feb 11, his golden birthday! Zakai likes to play with Lego, video games and read sci fi and fantasy. He likes to play on the trampoline when the weather is warm and loves sledding and playing in the snow.

August Hann Nafziger-Rhodes turns 2 on Feb 13! Auggie loves to eat oatmeal unless Fruit Loops are on the table. He loves Music together with Grandma Jan. He proudly wears his dolls in his Auggie-sized baby carrier, especially while pushing around his sweeper and helping Daddy vacuum.

TODAY is CARNIVAL!! "Escape to Space!" Among Assembly's *usual and unusual* practices is the celebration of Carnival, a centuries-old tradition of feasting and frolic before the season of Lent. On Carnival, we sing with more abandon and eat doughnuts. Some of us appear in some sort of costume (or at least we accessorize.) On Carnival we remember that sometimes it's OK to play, and that playing may actually help us begin our Lenten work.

Lent begins with an Ash Wed service Feb 14. The intro to the Lenten worship series can be found attached to the top of this email; hard copies can be found on the lit table.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: More classroom changes, continued painting of north offices and classrooms, church office partially moved. What is planned for the next week: Finishing when painting is done. Construction volunteer needs this upcoming week: PAINTING!! Instructions can be found inside the North entrance, come anytime.

THANK YOU to everyone who has put hours in demolishing, cleaning, painting, and moving! If you come in on your own to do any of the above, please sign your name on the clipboard inside the North entrance and record your hours. If you are painting, there is more to fill out; instructions hanging next to the clipboards inside the North entrance.

After fully funding the Reserve Fund to 5% of the 2018 budget, the surplus from 2017 is \$13,175. Leadership Group has suggested that \$8,783 (2/3) be put in the Building Fund. The remaining 4,392 (1/3) will be given outside the congregation. Where to send it will be one of the topics at the next congregational meeting.

Congregational meeting Feb 18, 7pm at the meetinghouse: Come to hear the summary of the work of the Bridge Support team, review the year with the State of the Congregation report, and participate in plans for the 2017 budget surplus. February is also the month to approve a 2018 spending plan.

Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center would like to invite Assembly participants to come and see their new space on Feb 25 1:30-3:30pm. We are grateful for your support and would like to show you our new space that you helped make possible. This is not a public open house, but a chance for Assemblyites to see the space. Come and look around or take a tour with Erin.

I know she doesn't look like it, but Mary Gilbert is turning 70 on Feb 25. We would like to celebrate this occasion with an open house that day from 3-5pm at [1301 S 15th St](#). No presents other than your presence. Everyone is welcome.

A reminder about weather-related cancellations: Since many Assembly participants are within walking distance of the meetinghouse, AMC rarely chooses to cancel Sunday worship due to inclement weather. We will plan to gather to sing and pray with whoever is able to come, and assume that you will use caution when deciding if you are able to make it to church safely. If we did cancel our service, cancellation info would be posted to our website, sent out via the AMC list serve, 3rd hour Facebook page, and posted on WNDU.

Attached to the top of this email is the latest "Letter from Ecuador" from the Ross Richer family. Please note in particular their request for prayer for the upcoming Retreat for Cofán Youth Feb 10-15.

(repeat) **The next support group** meeting for those caring for and supporting adult family members will be TODAY, Feb 11 following the morning activities. Anyone is welcome, bring a sack lunch if you'd like. If you'd like more information talk to or call Mary Roth at 312-1763.

(repeat) **Belated Baby Shower** for the Graber Roths! Traditionally, couples having their first child gets an Assembly baby shower but Adam & Karen were out of the country for her entire pregnancy. Now that they are back, let's show Adam, Karen & Reuben some love! Please come to the Meetinghouse on Sun, Feb 18 anytime from 2:30-4pm to celebrate Reuben. Adam and Karen are registered on Amazon (<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/2K5OK83LBH6Y0>) but they also welcome second-hand or gently used items such as books or toys that you loved for your child/grandchild/niece or nephew. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Overholt.

community connections

Goshen TAIZE Worship Sun Evening: Once again, Goshen College students will host a monthly TAIZE Worship Service. This Sun, Feb 11, all are invited to join with GC students, faculty, staff and community members for an hour of contemplative and meditative worship, inviting us to find our center in Divine Love even while so much in our world feels like it is spinning out of control. Come be restored. 8pm in Newcomer 19 (on the Goshen College Campus). All are welcome.

Listening Together group will be meeting Mondays, 7-8:30pm, throughout Feb at Pathways Retreat ([309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen](#)). This group offers an opportunity for centering prayer and reflection on vocation, presence, identity, and time based on Henri Nouwen's book *Discernment: Reading the signs of daily life*. Anyone is welcome to join this group at any time.

Ash Wednesday Service at Pathways Retreat Feb 14, 12pm, Pathways Retreat([309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen](#)): This service includes scripture, song, silence, and marking with ashes. An opportunity to turn our faces toward the One who calls us home. *Return to me with all your heart.* - Joel 2:12, www.pathwaysretreat.org

Lenten Prayer of Scripture, Color & Blessing, Fridays, Feb 16-Mar 23, 8-8:30am, Pathways Retreat ([309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen](#)):The focus of Pathways Fri morning Lenten prayer is on God's grace and love flowing through our daily lives. Each week we will practice lectio (meditative reading) with Old Testament lectionary texts focusing on God's covenant. Each participant will be able to color, trace or draw five unique Celtic knots—each representing one of the covenants.

Families with children: This Wed is the first day of Lent and the beginning of "Between Me & You," a free, downloadable guide for family worship from Feb 14 - Apr 1, Easter Sunday. Pick and choose the activities that work best for your family. Find it at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org.

Looking for Lent activities for the whole family? Try Mennonite Mission Network's Lent activity calendar! You can find the calendar here: <http://www.mennonitemission.net/lent>.

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Looking for a way to support your immigrant neighbors? ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers are needed for the next session of English classes, March 5-May 23, 2018 at Prairie Street Mennonite Church; Tue and Thur evening 6:30-8pm. You do not need to be a trained teacher. You may start as an assistant-in- training working with a veteran teacher; Spanish skills not necessary. Please contact Sueann VonGunten, vonalter2@gmail.com, 574-612-3108 or Lois Dyck, bhlldyck@gmail.com, 574-970-1024. We are also in need of money to buy books and supplies for the program. If you would like to make a donation, please send to Hively Ave. Mennonite, 800 E. Hively Ave. Elkhart, IN 46517 attention Marlyn Fast. Write "ESL fund" in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your help!

Save the date for Pathways Retreat's annual Stations of the Cross during Holy Week, Mar 25-31. See www.pathwaysretreat.org for more information.

Registration is open for the 2018 Elkhart County Children's Summit on Thur, Mar 29. The keynote speaker is **Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, S.J.**, the founder of **Homeboy Industries** in Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world.

Pathways Retreat February newsletter Rhythms can be read [here](#).

Goldenrod has an urgent need for maintenance help. Work part-time or full-time with benefits. Or volunteer one or two days each week. For more info, call Goldenrod at [574-533-9720](tel:574-533-9720) or apply at www.GoldenrodCommunities.org

(repeat) **Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical.** on Tues Feb 13 at 1pm, come and hear Diana Lawon, CEO of the Elkhart County Convention and visitors bureau talk on the topic "Why Quality of place" She will explore why it is important that Elkhart county cities and towns create quality places to attract and retain young talented individuals. The program is free, in Sauder Concert Hall.

(repeat) **Bethany Visit Opportunities** are a great way for prospective students and families to see Bethany Christian Schools in action! Grades 4-5 on Feb. 14: Parents may bring children grade 4 and younger to visit the grade 4-5 classrooms from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Grades 6-10 on Feb. 19: Students in grades 5-10 interested in exploring Bethany

can shadow a Bethany student, 8:40 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Parents are invited to an 8:45-9:15 a.m. coffee and conversation followed by an optional tour at 9:15 a.m. For more info, or to schedule a different visit see bethanycs.net.

(repeat) **Exhibit Opening Reception:** "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. in the Goshen College Library basement gallery. This traveling exhibit prepared by the Kauffman Museum (N. Newton, Kansas) lifts up the prophetic insights and the personal courage of World War I peace protesters, and suggests parallels to the culture of war and violence in world today. The exhibit runs Feb. 16-April 8.

(repeat) **C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest:** On Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Goshen College Umble Center, five GC students will deliver short speeches on their chosen topic relating to peace during the annual C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest. This event is free and open to the public.

(repeat) **Six student winners of the 2018 Goshen College Concerto-Aria** Competition will perform arias and individual concerto movements with the GC Symphony Orchestra, directed by Associate Professor of Music Jose Rocha, in the 58th annual Concerto-Aria Concert on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$11 adults, \$8 seniors/students, and can be purchased online goshen.edu/tickets. GC faculty/staff/students free with ID.

(repeat) **You can nurture your children's faith** at home this Lent and Easter with family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. For use between March 1 and April 16 (Easter Sunday), it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

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