

# AssemblyLine

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**Lectionary Texts:** Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22;  
Mark 1:9-15

## Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

## WORSHIP

<p><b>February 18</b> <b>Lent 1</b> <b>Communion</b></p> <p>Worship leader: <i>John Blosser</i> Preacher: <i>Karl Shelly</i> Welcome &amp; tear-down: <i>Ad Lib &amp; Alpha</i></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15</i></p>	<p><b>February 25</b> <b>Lent 2</b></p> <p>Worship leader: <i>Randy Roth</i> Preacher: <i>Adam Graber Roth</i> Welcome &amp; tear-down: <i>Cantaloupe &amp; Asabado</i></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-2;</i> <i>Mark 8:31-38</i></p>
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## CALENDAR

TODAY	Feb 18	12pm Surprise Luncheons 7pm Congregational meeting
Tue	Feb 20	7:15pm Small group reps meeting
Sun	Mar 4	12pm Fellowship Meal
Wed	Mar 7	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### assembly life and people

**TODAY** is the first Sunday of Lent. This Lenten season we will remember what God has done before (Old Testament) as we look at what God was doing during the time of Jesus. Just exactly *how* is the Kingdom drawing near? For more info, see the introduction attached at the top of this email, hard copies are on the lit table.

**Join us in 2nd hours** during Lent, starting this Sun, for a time of resting in God's love. In a spirit of contemplation, 2nd hours will include Taize singing, small group reflection, and centering prayer. (If you are inexperienced with centering prayer, fear not! An introduction will be given, and prayer times will be fairly short.) We hope to see you there!

**TODAY** Paul Meyer Reimer will be taking pictures for the Assembly Photo Directory (on our website [here](#)). Please find him after 1<sup>st</sup> hour if you'd like to add or update your picture, or you can email a digital copy to [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org). Please also see the round white table to view our current phone/address/email directories and use the clipboards to make any changes to your information, or to add any new information.

**Construction Update!** What to expect to see today: A lot of painted walls!! What is planned for the next week: New doors installed (when painting is done). Construction volunteer needs this upcoming week: More painting! Instructions can be found inside the North entrance, come

anytime and contact Naomi, Penny, Leon or Dana with questions. Priority is to get the North part of the building painted by next week, so please, come one come all!

**Congregational meeting TODAY**, Feb 18, 7pm at the meetinghouse: Come to hear the summary of the work of the Bridge Support Team (BST), 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. Please read the 2-page BST report and proposed 4 person team document ahead of time. They are attached to this email and there are copies on the literature table.

**Lora is out of the office** this weekend returning to work Tue morning (the 20th) Contact Tom and Karl for pastoral needs.

**Belated Baby Shower** for the Graber Roths TODAY! 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 today, 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.

**The Goshen Community Chorale**, under the direction of Bill Mateer, will begin rehearsing for its upcoming spring season on Tue, Feb 27, at College Mennonite Church, beginning at 7pm. The Chorale will be preparing for a performance of "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass" on Sat evening, May 19, at The Goshen Theater. For this event the Chorale will be accompanied by a bluegrass group led by Assemblyite Ethan Setiawan. In addition to the mass, the program will include music by the colonial composer William Billings and a selection of African-American spirituals.

**Please join us** for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Wed, Mar 7 at the Greencroft Community Center. Naomi Roots will be our speaker and we will have a sandwich lunch. Sign up in the gathering space by Feb 25 or call Joyce at [574-537-3762](tel:574-537-3762) before Mar 1.

**Do you happen** to have an old vacuum cleaner sitting around that you no longer use? Consider donating it to AMC to help meet the current weekly meetinghouse cleaning needs. Disclaimer: you might not get it back, and if you do, it will likely not be in as good of shape.

**We are looking for** a few more people to help count the cash portion of the offering for the months of May, June, Sept and Nov. The job takes about 15 minutes after 1<sup>st</sup> hour. Please let Naomi know if you can help: [office@assemblymennonite.org](mailto:office@assemblymennonite.org)

**Many warm greetings to Assembly** from Calcutta! Thank you so much for your kind support of \$1000 from Assembly Mennonite Church. We remembered you during the wonderful celebration of the 75th anniversary of MCC-India! Thank you again for your generosity. We are all fine and doing well by God's Grace. With fond memories of my days in Goshen, Annie Joseph, leader of Anjur Kala (that works with women in Calcutta, India). Annie spoke at Assembly during 2<sup>nd</sup> hour early in December 2017.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1301+S+15th+St,+Goshen,+IN+46525). No presents other than your presence. Everyone is welcome.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

## community connections

**Exhibit Opening Reception:** "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," Sun, Feb 18, at 2pm 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 our world today. The exhibit runs from Feb 16-Apr 8.

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**Come hear Chicago-based** Bach & Beethoven Ensemble Sun, Feb 18 at 4pm in the Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. Tickets for this Rieth Chamber Series event are \$16 and can be purchased at the Music Center Box Office or online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets). This BBE trio will feature a countertenor, Baroque violin, and Baroque guitar/violone in songs and fiddle dance music from the British Isles... with an Italian twist.

**High school students:** Why not use the day off from school to visit Goshen College? Join us on Mon, Feb 19 for a President's Day Open House, which includes a campus tour and an admission/financial aid session to get a quick taste of campus. More info at [goshen.edu/visit](http://goshen.edu/visit).

**Please join about 100** Goshen College international students and their friends for the annual International Coffeehouse dinner and show on Sat, March 24. As always, the fabulous student-prepared dinner (5:15pm) will offer 13 international dishes and the family-friendly show (7:30pm) will feature many student-performed songs, dances and more from around the world. It's always a great event and a portion of the funds raised will go to international relief agencies. Tickets are on sale at the college's Box Office (located in the Music Center) or online at [www.goshen.edu/tickets](http://www.goshen.edu/tickets). Thanks for supporting Goshen College's vision of international friendship and learning!

**Sun, Feb 25** is College Goal Sunday, where Indiana high school students can get free help filing the FAFSA financial aid form online in one afternoon from financial aid experts. This event will take place locally in the Goshen College Union Building from 2-4 p.m.

**Musical Tickets:** Bethany Christian High School will perform the musical, *Working (2012)*, on Thur-Sun, Mar 1-4. This musical is about ordinary people and their jobs: the trucker, the teacher, the delivery boy, the retiree, and many others get a voice and a song. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students, purchased online at [bethanycs.net/tickets](http://bethanycs.net/tickets). Performances are at 7:30pm Thur, Fri, and Sat and 3pm Sun. Assembly's very own Naomi Klassen, Clara Lind, and Sam Ostergren are in the cast.

**You are invited** to Soup of Success graduates' powerful inspirational stories of hope and courage in a monologue style performance, "Silent No More". Tues, Mar 13 at

AMBS Chapel, 3003 Benham Ave, Elkhart. Tickets \$20, buy tickets [here](#) or call 523-1551.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org).

(repeat) **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>.

(repeat) **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](mailto:vonalter2@gmail.com), 574-612-3108 or Lois Dyck, [bhlldyck@gmail.com](mailto: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

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Marlyn Fast. Write "ESL fund" in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your help!

(repeat) **Save the date** for Pathways Retreat's annual Stations of the Cross during Holy Week, Mar 25-31. See [www.pathwaysretreat.org](http://www.pathwaysretreat.org) for more information.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 [533-9720](tel:533-9720), apply at [www.GoldenrodCommunities.org](http://www.GoldenrodCommunities.org)

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