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Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

<p style="text-align: center;">February 25 Lent 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leader: <i>Randy Roth</i> Preacher: <i>Adam Graber Roth</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Cantaloupe & Asabado</i></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 4 Lent 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship leader: <i>Becky Smuts</i> Preacher: <i>Tom Kauffman</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Rad & Derailed</i></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinth 1:18-25; John 2:13-22</i></p>
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CALENDAR

Sun Mar 4 12pm Fellowship Meal
Wed Mar 7 11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Chad Kennedy (7th GMS) turned 13 on Feb 18! Chad loves cars, running, skiing, and playing outside. He is looking forward to dog club with 4-H this year and working agility training with his family dog, Jinx. Want a good convo? Ask Chad to talk about anything car related!

Ellie Hirschler (2nd Waterford) turns 8 TODAY Feb 25! Ellie enjoys playing all kinds of games including tag, soccer and tennis. Gym and recess are her favorite at school. She enjoys reading Geronimo Stilton books. She plays violin and likes to watch animated movies.

Magdalena Horst (2nd Parkside) turns 8 on Feb 28! Magda enjoys playing in her fort, drawing, making books and hopes one day to make a real book. She loves reading Box Car Children. Her favorite color is red and subject is art. She is looking forward to her tea party birthday!

Congratulations to the Yoder Smucker household! Ada Yoder Smucker was born Sat, Feb 17 at 12:21pm, 7lbs 1/2oz. Named after Rebecca's grandma Ada Yoder. Rebecca and Levi would welcome some meals from now through March. You can sign up at takethenameal.com & search for last name "Smucker" with password "Ada2018", or use [this direct link](#).

TODAY is the second 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. 2nd hour

during Lent will focus on resting in God's love and will include Taize singing, small group reflection and/or centering prayer.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: A lot of painted walls! Framing for new bathrooms in the S. Classroom What is planned for the next week: New doors installed (the doors still haven't arrived!). Construction volunteer needs this upcoming week: We can now start painting other rooms at our leisure!

Karl Shelly is on vacation from Feb 25 until Mar 4. Please contact Lora or Tom for pastoral assistance.

Assembly has a new trash disposal system! The dumpster we have always used along with Walnut Hill is larger and more expensive than we need. We are going to use Borden's smaller waste bin(s). We currently have one (gray and black) sitting next to the recycling bin (gray and blue) just outside the North entrance. Please dispose all garbage there and discontinue use of the larger dumpster.

Leadership Selection is upon us! Please discern within small groups both who you would like to recommend and who in your group would be willing to volunteer for various jobs. The link to the worksheet can be found [here](#) and below the link to the worksheet you will find a link to the committees and positions that need to be filled this fall. At the top of this email you can find that document along with a phone list that indicates members with an astrich.

Everyone is welcome to come to a birthday open house for Mary Gilbert who is turning 70 TODAY Feb 25! 3-5pm at [1301 S 15th St](#). Your presence is your present.

Safety Networks, an Assembly based immigrant support structure, is responding to the financial need of young immigrants wanting to refile DACA applications (to shield them from deportation) during what is expected to be a brief window of opportunity, as shared by Lisa Koop at our last Congregational meeting. Because Assembly's process requires 2 meetings to make a decision, we weren't able to allocate any of the 2017 surplus for this need, but Safety Networks has already assisted 3 immigrants and made funds available for more. We're not sure if there will be enough funds to meet the need, so if you're inclined, place a check for Safety Networks in Assembly's offering. All funds in the Safety Network account are earmarked to assist local immigrants, and are managed by the team of Safety Network Coordinators in conjunction with Karl, the pastoral liaison. And if you're still not familiar with Safety Networks, you have another opportunity learn about them on the Literature Table!

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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 1st hour. Please let Naomi know if you can help: office@assemblymennonite.org

(repeat) **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. 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.

(repeat) **Many warm greetings to Assembly** from Calcutta! Thank you so much for your kind support of \$1000. We remembered you during the wonderful celebration of the 75th anniversary of MCC-India! 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 2nd hour early in Dec.

community connections

Join us for the Goshen College Men's Chorus spring break tour home concert on Sun, Mar 4 at 7:30pm in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students and can be purchased at the Music Center Box Office or at goshen.edu/tickets.

Open House at Bethany: Bethany Christian Schools will host a drop-in open house 12-2:30pm Sun, Mar 4, for anyone considering enrolling for fall 2018. Bring your family and invite others from your church or neighborhood who may have interest in Bethany. Stop by after church for a light lunch, and faculty and staff will be available to answer questions and give tours. So we know to expect you for the meal, please register online

(bethanycs.net/admissions/visit) or RSVP to SaeJin Lee in admissions office [534-2657](tel:534-2657) or admissions@bethanycs.net

The annual Religion and Science Conference will take place at Goshen College Mar 9-11 and will feature lectures and conversations with Dr. Muzaffar Iqbal, founder and president of the Center for Islamic Sciences. Free public lectures will happen Fri, Mar 9 at 7:30pm: "Understanding the Islam and Science Nexus: A Discourse on Method," and Sat, Mar 10 at 10:30am: "God, Life, and the Cosmos in

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an Islamic Mirror.” A third lecture and further discussion is open to conference registrants. Learn more or register at goshen.edu/religionscience.

Please join Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MMEDA) for our March Business Tour of Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC) in Nappanee on Sat, Mar 17, at 8:30am. Our morning will begin with a hearty buffet breakfast at Mullet's Dining in Nappanee. Then we will travel just a few miles down the road to tour Aluminum Trailer Company's new 100,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, LEAN manufacturing facility. RSVP by Tue, Mar 13, to info@michianameda.org or 355-3607. \$5 for students, \$15 for Michiana MEDA members, and \$20 for others, payable at the door (cash or check only).

You're invited to join Camp Friedenswald staff on Thur, Mar 15, 6:30pm, in Silverwood Mennonite Church's fellowship hall, for an update on what's been happening over the past year and what's in store in the months ahead. Come and learn how your congregation's support has helped to Renew Friedenswald over the past year!

Citizenship class for immigrants began Wed, Feb 21 at La Casa. Jose Elizalde the Community Engagement Specialist is looking for English-speaking volunteers to practice the applicant's interview for citizenship. The class is every Wed, 6:30-8:30pm at La Casa for 10 weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jose 533-4450, ext 19 or jose.elizalde@lacasainc.net.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shop has wrapped up a record-breaking year and is looking to widen its volunteer base to keep up with the incredible growth. The Depot is currently in need of additional volunteers to cashier, sort, price, stock and assist in our warehouse. If you are available and willing, we will train you! If interested, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Jodi Miller, at [574-349-4774](tel:574-349-4774) today. Become a volunteer, and make a difference.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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.

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