

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 84, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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

WORSHIP

<p>February 4 Worship leader: <i>Jep Hostetler</i> Sermon: <i>Carmen Horst</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Here & There</i></p> <p><i>Scripture: Proverbs 4:23</i> <i>Window & 2 % offerings</i></p>	<p>February 26- CARNIVAL! Worship leaders: <i>Anna Yoder Slabach & Jonathan Schramm</i></p> <p><i>Welcoming & tear-down: Hygge & Rad</i></p> <p><i>Carnival Sunday</i> <i>"Escape to Space!"</i> <i>Intergenerational 2nd Hour (no Sunday School)</i></p>
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CALENDAR

TODAY	Feb 4	2-4 pm Baby Shower for Rebecca and Levi at the Meetinghouse
Tue	Feb 6	7pm Leadership Group Meeting
Wed	Feb 7	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center
Sun	Feb 11	CARNIVAL!! (intergenerational 2 nd hour, no Sunday school)
Sun	Feb 11	Noon Support group for those caring for Adult family members at the Meetinghouse
Wed	Feb 14	7 pm Ash Wednesday Service at the Meeting house
Wed	Feb 14	Small group childcare at the meeting house
Sun	Feb 18	Surprise Luncheons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Penelope Jimenez (3rd, Chandler) turned 9 on Feb. 2nd! Penelope enjoys playing wither friends and drawing afterschool. She likes to play board games like "beat the parents" with her family and scaring her little brother. A few of her favorite things are: math, art and cheese pizza.

TODAY is the last 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 our hearts". 2nd hour will include sermon response. The introduction to this Gates and Gardens series is attached to the top of this email; hard copies are on the lit table.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: Classroom changes, new dividers and bathroom doors in the three big classrooms, beginning painting of north offices and classrooms. What is planned for the next week: Painting (let Naomi know when you are available), Office moving. Construction volunteer needs this upcoming week: The entire building had construction going on this week, so the cleaning needs are greater this week. Join Fri afternoon for rough cleaning. Sat. 3-5 for detail cleaning and painters can come to paint Sat. 9 am.

"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. Carnival will be held NEXT Sun, Feb 11. On Carnival, we sing with more abandon and eat doughnuts. Some of us appear in some sort of costume (or at least we accessorize.) We create intergenerational Bible charades with creativity and lots of laughter. On Carnival we remember that sometimes it's OK to play, and that playing may actually help us begin our Lenten work. *For more on this year's theme, pick up a handout (also attached to the Assemblyline)*

The next support group meeting for those caring for and supporting adult family members will be Sun, 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.

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 2:30-4:00 pm 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.

(repeat) Small group reps met on January 23rd and were asked to solicit feedback from their group about a potential congregational 3-year goal. Instructions for Leader Selection 2.018 were also given, as was information on how your group could serve at Goshen Interfaith Hospitality. Ask your small group rep for details.

(repeat) Please join the Assembly Women for our Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Wednesday February 7 at the Greencroft Community Center. Heather Bridger-Ulloa will share immigrant stories and we will explore ways we can help immigrants in our community.

(repeat) Do you want to know what is happening in our conference? Read the Central District Conference reporter attached at the top of this newsletter.

(repeat) Do you need help with home repairs? If you live within Goshen City limits, you may be eligible for LaCasa's Help-A-House. We are taking applications now from homeowners who need some help and fit the eligibility guidelines. If you need help, or know someone who might, please check out this webpage to see what the requirements are: <http://lacasainc.net/programs/help-a-house/> You can also call [574-533-4450](tel:574-533-4450) for more information.

(repeat) From Beth Landis I know there are many bike riders at Assembly! Would be great to have some join us! MCC Bike Ride in 2018 in Idaho - see <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/west-coast-mcc-bike-ride-2018> website for details. Registration opens on Feb 3, 2018

(repeat) Mothers and Daughters, Mentors and Mentees-save the date: Mennonite Women USA and Dove's Nest are thrilled to announce the upcoming event Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries. This event will take place on July 26-27, 2018 at the Community Engagement Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska. This event is designed for girls ages 13-18 and adult women.

community connections

Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical. on Tues Feb. 13 at 1 pm, 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 and in the Sauder Concert Hall.

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.

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 our world today. The exhibit runs from Feb. 16-April 8.

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.

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.

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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.

(repeat) First Friday Window meal: Come in out of the cold and warm up with a mouthwatering meatball Parmesan sub, seasoned waffle fries, and a slice of sheet cake for dessert. Chef Michael and his crew from The Maples at Waterford Crossing are our host for this fundraiser! The cost for this meal is a suggested donation of \$9.00 and as always, all proceeds benefit The Window's programs!

(repeat) Singing Valentines: Bethany Christian High School's performing arts troupe, *Emmaus*, will deliver singing valentines on Wednesday, Feb. 14. The cost is \$10 and includes two songs and a card with the option of including a message on a card. Recipients need to be within 1 mile of Goshen, and the Valentines will be "delivered" between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The troupe can only do a limited number of Valentines. Orders accepted through Monday, February 5, or until the schedule is full. Registration forms are available in the school office or may be downloaded online (bethanycs.net/emmas-2018-sv)..

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