

AssemblyLine

July 15, 2018

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Lectionary Texts: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship at 9:30am

WORSHIP

July 15	July 22
Worship leader: <i>Shaw Perrin</i> Storytelling: <i>Sandy Fribley & Wilma Harder</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Shine & Teatime</i> Playground supervisors: _____ & _____	Worship leader: Storytelling: <i>Steve Shantz & Naomi Roots</i> Welcome & tear-down: <i>Shine & Teatime</i> Playground supervisors: _____ & _____
Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49	Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

CALENDAR

Thu July 26 7-9pm Training for Children and Worship greeters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Ben Smuts turned 1 on July 9! Ben is very active and adventurous. He loves cruising along furniture and is starting to walk on his own. Ben likes eating, throwing, playing, babbling, and blowing raspberries.

Leah Hochstetler (rising 6th Rock Run) turns 11 on July 20! She will spend her birthday with her family in Lima, Peru, their home for the next year. Leah likes to sing, dance, and read long fantasy novels. Her favorite food is bacon, and she enjoys playing Dutch Blitz with her family.

TODAY we continue our summer worship series, *Growing and Tending*. A reminder that there is no separate second hour or Sunday school. This summer will focus on nurturing the spiritual gifts and fruits of faith; this week's theme is "Courage". This series' intro can be found at the top of this email and paper copies are on the lit table.

Construction Update! What to expect to see today: More groundwork done on the South side of the building.

Volunteer needs: Painting! Please email office@assemblymennonite.org if you can help!

There are no playground supervisors this Sunday. Please be sure that your children are not out on the playground unsupervised, especially during 1st hour.

A painting party! Join other Assembly-ites next Fri, July 20 starting at 8am (come anytime in the morning). The goal is to finish staining the cedar siding (weather permitting) and paint the South classroom before Sunday school starts on Aug 12! RSVP is helpful but not necessary.

Assembly needs one more person to help out with setting up the worship space in Aug, Sept and Oct. Also, one more

person to count cash in Sept is needed. If you would like more info or can help: office@assemblymennonite.org

Just when you wondered how to show folks in this community some support during rough times, along comes Assembly's turn to serve Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network! Our dates are Aug 6, 7, 9. To volunteer or ask questions, contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com

An International Marimba group, "Polyphony Marimba" will be performing at Greencroft Community Center this next Wed, July 18, at 3pm. They would love to have individuals from a wide range of age groups there - especially children and youth. If you have any questions, please contact Norm Kauffmann

Karen Graber Roth is hoping to move her classroom things from storage in an attic on Washington street to my classroom at Waterford Elementary on Mon, July 16. "I am in need of people to help carry, load, and unload boxes and items. I have a minivan but another mode of transportation to haul things would be helpful. I am hoping for 4-6 people and can treat you to pizza or ice cream afterward. Please let me know if you are available and what time of day works best (between 9am-3pm). It should take 1.5-2hrs at most. I would be very grateful for your help! 574-202-9256."

How should Christians respond to polarized times? The Colossian Forum is hosting a conference on this urgent topic to which you are invited. "Moving from Fear to Hope" is Sept 20-22 in Holland, MI. There is also a free public forum Sept 21, 7-9 pm. Featured speakers come from various faith backgrounds (including Mennonite). For info, go to <https://colossianforum.org/conference/> or talk with Karl Shelly.

As some know, Greta Lapp Klassen is taking a gap year before college. Last spring she was accepted into a position as a classroom and library assistant at a school in Managua, Nicaragua with the SALT (Serving and Learning Together) program of MCC (Mennonite Central Committee). We've been expecting for several weeks that the Nicaragua assignment would not be possible due to political unrest in the country. While we remain very concerned for the people of Nicaragua, we are grateful that Greta has now been re-assigned to Santa Cruz, Bolivia. She will volunteer as an educational assistant with MCC's partner Stansberry Ministries. She is working on getting her fundraising website up to date and will share that when it's ready. We thank Assembly for the strong foundation you've given Greta as a nurturing faith community, and for your prayers for her journey ahead. - Beverly Lapp and Dale Klassen

Kara Shields is looking for volunteers to be interviewed about the congregation for her dissertation project. The interviews take from 30-90 minutes and are an open-ended discussion of the congregation. **All** adults invited. (Due to University requirements, only those 18 and up can be interviewed.) There is more info in Kara's mailbox for the curious to take and think about. Spoiler: participation, consensus, the meetinghouse, local politics, and relationship to other churches are open for discussion. Talk to Kara in person at church or email her at jshield5@nd.edu if you have questions. If you are ready to sign up to be interviewed, go to this online calendar to claim a time: jonkarashields.youcanbook.me.

Apartment available in Anne Birky's basement: My housemate is leaving at the end of July and I'm looking to have someone live in the space. There are flyers in my box that describe the space to share with anyone you might know who is looking to find a place to live. This is not a rental apartment because of the zoning in my neighborhood. The most important quality that I'm looking for in a housemate is someone I can trust to live with me in my house. Please contact me at 534-9965. Anne Birky

(repeat) **The pastoral search committee** met with Doug Luginbill, Conference Minister of Central District, in June, to be oriented to the search process and Conference's role. We officially posted the job openings and completed the

Congregational Information Form (a thorough description of our congregation that Conference shares with applicants). We are currently preparing ourselves to review Ministerial Leadership Information Inquiry (MLI) forms (a thorough self-description potential pastors complete and share with Mennonite Church USA). Doug Luginbill reminds us that the search process typically takes 6-9 months, once job descriptions are officially posted. Please keep the search committee and Assembly in your prayers.

(repeat) **Please make note** of our NEW address and NEW phone: Ethel and Edgar Metzler 1225 Greencroft Drive #628 The Haven Goshen IN 46526. Room Phone: 574-537-4905, Cell still the name: 574-323-8919

(repeat) **Thanks for your continuing interest** in and prayers for my granddaughter Margaret June who is 5 1/2 weeks old. Rachel and her husband Luke have a blog which they update every day or two if you want to follow. <https://sweetbabym.wordpress.com/> The password is Margaret, and the pictures are very sweet. Margaret is closely following the Assembly building project as you will note in the blog :) -Mary Lehman Yoder

community connections

In response to the crisis of immigrant children who have been separated from their families, Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship is hosting a rummage sale on July 21, 9am- 3pm to raise funds to reunite detained immigrant families. Money from the sale will be given to two organizations, RAICES and Together Rising. You are invited to attend the sale. And, if you have items to donate, you are welcome to do that as well. Donations can be dropped off at Berkey's office during the week prior to the sale: July 17-20, 8am-2pm.

Opportunities to learn about immigration and respond with MCC. MCC works with the issue of migration around the world and walks with people who migrate, people who struggle not to migrate and people who provide hospitality to migrants in many places. **Learn:** Consider participating in the [MCC Migration Learning Tour to Guatemala and Honduras](#) on Nov 7-17. **Advocate:** [Contact your elected officials](#) to express your desire for more humane immigration policies. **Serve:** Become an [immigration court watcher](#) through the Interfaith Community for Detained

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Immigrants. **Pray:** Pray for the migrants who made the difficult choice to leave their home communities in the hope of a better life, for the detained immigrants as they wait in detention and for the border portal agents to execute their job justly and humanely. **Give:** [Donate](#) money to MCC for ongoing work with issues surrounding immigration. For more information on how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/immigration.

With the MCC Sale fast approaching, continue collecting money for My Coins Count. MCC has available individual quarter collectors and church quarter collectors. Our goal this year is \$200,000. Contact John Martens at johnmccsale@gmail.com for information and for creative ways to collect quarters.

The Relief Sale Choir Committee is welcoming singers, young and old, to join the Men's Choir or Women's Choir for a Sun evening, Sept 23, performance at Sauder Hall. The choirs begin practicing in mid-August on Sun afternoons for 1.5hrs. Further info will be forthcoming.

Would you be interested in learning from and sharing a cultural experience with a young person from another part of the world? Mennonite Central Committee has International Volunteer Exchange Program participants, Deus from Tanzania and Abhinav from India, who will be working at Merry Lea Environmental Center and Veada Industries respectively from Aug 2018 - July 2019. A host family is needed to provide a private bedroom within their home, and serve as a bridge to church, community, activities and places of interest. A monthly stipend of \$350 is available for the host family to assist with the basics of food, toiletries and household expenses. If you are interested and would like more information about being a host for Deus or Abhinav please contact Brooke Strayer at brookestrayer@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Bethany Christian Schools is seeking a grade 7-8 Language Arts teacher for the fall semester to cover a leave of absence. This position is full time, although it may be possible to split into two part-time position. Applicants should hold or be qualified to obtain Indiana licensure in secondary English or elementary education. For more info or to submit a resume, please contact head of school Tim Lehman: tclehman@bethanycs.net, 574-536-8917

(repeat) **Since 1952, MCC** has been blessed to own and operate the only known mobile cannery in the world. During this time, we have yielded over 36 million pounds of canned meat. A crucial part of the mobile cannery has always been MCC service workers. These volunteers donate two years of their time, traveling across the country and sharing this experience with the communities the mobile cannery visits. In recent years, it has become a considerable challenge finding service workers willing to fill this role. It is with some urgency that we look to fill three of the four canner operator positions are currently vacant. Time is growing short as we look towards the beginning of our next canning season in October. Ideal applicants are over 21 and would have mechanical aptitude and be willing to obtain their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with training provided. For this position MCC prefers single men due to living arrangements and travel demands. If these positions cannot be filled, disruptions to the canning schedule may become unavoidable. [Click this link](#) for more.

(repeat) **Join MCC Great Lakes** and Center for Community Justice for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on Aug 5-10. Based in Goshen, IN, the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to Elkhart, Peru and Kokomo. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome. For more information and registration visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison or contact Cyneatha Millsaps at CyneathaMillsaps@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

(repeat) **Registration is now open** for Women Doing Theology 2018 Theme: Talkin' Bout a Revolution: Dialogue, Practice and the Work of Liberation. Date: Nov. 8-10. Location: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. For scholarship and registration, men's application, to submit proposals, and all other details, visit: MennoniteUSA.org/WDT18

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(repeat) **MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director.** Based in Goshen, IN, the Program Director will supervise at least four employees and give oversight to programs in material resources, young adult engagement, immigration, peacemaking and other MCC priorities within the Great Lakes region. For a full job description, visit mcc.org/gl-program-director. Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online by July 30. For more info or questions, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

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