

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship at 9:30am

WORSHIP

July 22	July 29
Worship leader: <i>Marshall King</i> Storytelling: <i>Naomi Roots & Steve Shantz</i> <i>Welcome & tear-down: B, Omega, One</i> Playground supervisors: _____ & _____	Worship leader: <i>Marlette Gomez</i> Storytelling: <i>MYF</i> <i>Welcome & tear-down: Nameless & Cardinal</i> Playground supervisors: _____ & _____
Scripture: <i>James 5:7-11</i>	Scripture: <i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i>

CALENDAR

Thu July 26 7-9pm Training for Children and Worship greeters
Mon Aug 6 5:30 & 6:30pm Children in Worship Parent Orientation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Ira Siemens-Rhodes (rising 3rd, Chandler) turned 8 on July 9! Ira has enjoyed traveling across North America with his family this summer. Highlights include hiking to arches in Utah, seeing a reindeer in Ontario, and visiting Banff, Alberta. He also likes reading "The Underwear Champ," and his favorite candy is Junior Mints.

Cecylia Gomez Wengerd (rising 3rd Waterford) turns 8 on July 24! Cecylia is looking forward to celebrating her birthday with a sleep-over that will include nail painting and a piñata. Cecylia enjoyed Camp Friedenswald but didn't consider it a vacation because she learned things there. She enjoys math, homework and collecting rocks.

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 "Patience". 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: Cement floor has been poured in the new construction area. What is planned for the next week: Steel structures will start to go up! 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.

Karl Shelly (pastor) is away helping his son & daughter-in-law move to New Haven CT. He will be back on Jul 25.

MCC Needs: Due to the needs of refugees we will be switching to making more hygiene kits this year. Johanna Sutter is willing to do the shopping again. With her experience she can find good savings – the cost of a hygiene kit comes to about \$5. We will also make some school kits which cost about \$3. If you write a check to cover expenses for either kit make it out to Assembly Mennonite Church with "MCC Kits" on the memo line. Cash can be put in an envelope and go in the offering or be given directly to Johanna.

(repeat) **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. For more info or to help: office@assemblymennonite.org

(repeat) **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 q, contact SusanMarkLandis@gmail.com

(repeat) **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 are from various faith backgrounds (including Mennonite). For info, go to <https://colossianforum.org/conference/> or talk with Karl Shelly.

(repeat) **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 you for the strong foundation you've given Greta as a nurturing faith community, and for prayers for her journey ahead. - Beverly Lapp and Dale Klassen

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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. Contact me at 534-9965. Anne Birky

community connections

All are invited to the installation service for Glen Guyton, which will take place Aug 1 at College Mennonite Church in Goshen. More information:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/glen-guytons-installation-as-mc-usa-executive-director-to-take-place-in-august/>

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 August 2018 through 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 534-4133.

SEMILLA is looking for extra funds this year. Normally the anabaptist seminary in Guatemala is fairly self-sustaining, but two university groups scheduled for this year failed to recruit sufficient students and cancelled. This will create a shortfall of \$85,000 between July and Dec. There is a DVD in the AMC library that tells SEMILLA's story. Feel free to view it if you'd like to learn more.

This summer as you are going through your quilting/craft materials, remember that The Sewing Box at the MCC Michiana Relief Sale is a great place to donate fabric lengths, extra skeins of yarn, quilt blocks, quilt or craft books and magazines, quilt patterns, stencils & frames, unfinished projects, quilt tops or blocks, embroidery floss, sewing notions. Contact Anita Snyder at 574-642-4422, for more info or to arrange pickup, or bring your items directly to the Sewing Box building on the sale grounds on Fri morning, Sept 21.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **Opportunities to learn** about immigration and respond with MCC. MCC works with the issue of

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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 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.

(repeat) **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.

(repeat) **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. More info will be forthcoming.

(repeat) **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

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