

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Christian Education hour for children and adults will resume in September.

Gathering Prayer

Leader: God, our Shepherd and Rock,

Side 1: who knows us, calls us, and gathers us together,

ALL: be with us this morning as we reflect on who we are, and how you want us to live.

Guide our thoughts and hearts

**Side 2: so that we may know you more deeply, love you more fully,
and follow you more faithfully.**

ALL: In the saving name of Jesus we pray; amen.

FOR PRAYER

Continue to pray for all the students and teachers who have begun a new school year – for energy, positive relationships, and good learning opportunities.

Remember Wendell & Doris as they return from PA and the funeral of Wendell's close cousin. May the comfort and hope of the living Christ be with them.

Pray for Jahsmine Woodsmall and Jared Borders as they anticipate welcoming a baby into their lives next March.

Pray for Forks Mennonite Church in Middlebury, IN as they search for a new pastor.

Pray for Deb Giles mother who has been in the hospital this week and is going to a rehab center recovering from fluid on her lungs. Also please pray for God's presence to be felt by the Giles family as they process the challenges and changes they are facing.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

August 11, 2013

*We welcome all persons
to worship, study and fellowship with us as we continually
seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus*

God's Good Creation: We are like....

Focus: There are many images in the Bible for what people are like. The righteous are like trees that flourish; like plants rooted in God's love.

Gathering to Worship

Song: I Saw a Tree by the Riverside – SS 116

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship – Psalm 8

Gathering Prayer (See back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Lord I am fondly, earnestly – H 514

God, who touches earth - H 511

Offering: Special giving for August goes to Good Samaritan Fund
Penny Power Offering – supports the Foods Resource Bank

Celebrating Shalom – Andrew

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's Time – We are like....

Intergenerational activity

Scripture: Psalm 1 and John 15:5

Meditation: Who are we?

Responses

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayers of the people

Announcements

Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140
Matt Pflederer, Pastor (574) 606-6727
Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723
Mica Beauregard 723-4502
Ted Larrison 723-3826

MINISTERS

All the congregation

CHURCH OFFICE

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OUR COVENANT

In covenanting together, we affirm that Jesus Christ is Lord. We gratefully acknowledge him as our Lord and accept his teaching as the way to live. We recognize the importance of:

- Regular Bible study, worship with others, and prayer as a vital part of our Christian life.
- Taking each other seriously, contributing our gifts and caring for one another in love to strengthen the Christian body.
- Living and sharing the Good News as Christ has taught us and as the Holy Spirit enables.

TODAY August 11, 2013 (worship at 9:30)

God's Good Creation

Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Dana Bumbalough
Greeters: Louise O'Connell
Nursery: Aaron Johnson & Crystal S.
A.V.: Craig Bumbalough

NEXT SUNDAY Aug. 18, 2013 (worship at 9:30)

God's Good Creation

Worship Leader: Jim Beachy
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Matt Pflederer
Greeters: Mishelle Lewellyn
Nursery: Sandi Sears/Jamey Sullivan
AV: Craig Bumbalough

TODAY

Just as the Bible has many metaphors for God, it also has metaphors that give a picture of who we are. How might these images help us find our identity in God and shape us into the people we are called to be?

NEXT SUNDAY

We are concluding our summer series "God's good creation." Next week we will look at how all of God's creation from the fruit trees to the sea monsters praises the Lord.

Sun. 18th - Community Youth Group meeting

THIS WEEK

Tues. 13th, 6:15 pm – Small Group Committee meeting at Craig's house

Wed. 14, 6:30-8:00 pm – Large Group meeting; come at 6:00 to share a simple meal. Agenda to include: PET report, the "Place of Safety" policy, report on creation care, delegate reports from 2 regional conferences, and other updates.

Thurs. 15th, 1:30 pm Circle of Care coordinators meeting at PMF

Sat. Aug. 17 – Yard sale to raise money for FRB/MCC. 8:00 am at Comprehensive Healthcare parking lot. Donations can be placed in the Jr High room. Volunteers are needed that week and day to help price items, set up, and greet customers. Contact Lonnie.

Aug. 17, 3:00-7:30pm – Pork BBQ dinner, entertainment & silent auction at the Paoli UMC; free will offering to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund (helping ease the burden for OC families facing catastrophic medical losses).

UPCOMING

Aug. 22, 7:00 pm – Pastor-Elder Team

The **Summer Campout** will be August 24-25, at Buffalo Trace Park in Palmyra IN. Come for fellowship, outdoor fun, and great food! A flier with details is posted and was in your mailbox. **Registration forms are due** to the PMF office or Deb Giles by Friday, Aug. 16.

Aug 28 – ELF Night – Reflections on MCC learning tour in Colombia, by Milton Borntreger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The video, Weaving Life, will be available for use by individuals and small groups. Schmidt's have it now and then it will be donated to the PMF library.

Southern Care Hospice is now offering a free, drop-in Grief Support Group every 3rd Thursday from 2:00 – 3:00 pm at the Paoli Christian Church. See poster on bulletin board or call 812-334-8343 for more information.

Thus far in the summer we've collected over \$400 through Penny Power offerings. Thank you!

Save the date! PMF is a Partner with Habitat for Humanity's Apostle Build project. We are scheduled to work at the site on Sat. Sept 28. The new home for the Campbell family will be in West Baden.

Please note the Ford's new phone number and address: 812-865-1519, 270 Lincoln St. Orleans, 47452.

Prayer of Confession

All: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned to our own way.

L: Shepherding God, we have wandered in restlessness and busyness,
far from your pastures and waters.
Our souls are troubled.

P: Gather us, Lord.

L: We have preferred our own paths and put our own names first.

P: Lead us, Lord.

L: We fear the evil and death around us and within us.

P: Comfort us, Lord.

L: We are hungry and empty, wounded and thirsty.

P: Feed us, and anoint us, Lord.

L: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned to our own way.
And the Lord has laid on Christ the sins of us all.

P: Forgive us, Lord.

(silence)

L: Surely God's goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives;
God forgives us, and we are invited into the house of God's presence,
this day and forever.

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