

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Christian Education hour for children and adults will resume September 8.

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### Call to Worship

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Leader: We persevere in prayer, anticipating the fullness of God's peace and justice.

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### Benediction

Leader: We go, rejoicing in hope, seeing signs of God's peace and justice.

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### FOR PRAYER

Continue to pray for Deb and the whole Giles family as they grieve the death of Sam Giles. Pray for comfort and healing, that Christ's Spirit would be very near them.

Pray for renewed health and strength for JR Brown as he had an infection earlier this week that required hospitalization. Pray for Gail as she cares for him.

MMN workers Akiko Aratani and Raymond Epp have established a farming community in Japan called Menno Village. They promote small-scale, sustainable agriculture that provides locally grown produce to urban dwellers. Pray for them as they fight against the injustice of a Japanese initiative to grab land in Mozambique.



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 1, 2013

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

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## PEACE SUNDAY

**Focus:** *As citizens of God's kingdom, we celebrate where God is at work in our world.*

### Gathering to Worship

Songs: I Will Stand In The congregation – SS 113

My Soul Cries Out – SS 124

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship – (see back of bulletin)

### Singing Our Faith

We Are People of God's Peace – H 407

If You Believe And I Believe – SJ 32

**Prayer of Confession and Affirmation of Faith** (See insert)

**Celebrating Shalom** - Yolanda

**Offering:** Special offering for September - MCC

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2, 9-12

Meditation: "Properly Maladjusted."

### Response

**Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayers of the people**

### Announcements

**Benediction** (see back of bulletin)

**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**

**Pastors:** Rebecca Kauffman; Office Hours - Tues 9-4, Wed 12-4, Thurs 1-5  
Matt Pflederer; Office Hours – Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00pm  
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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.

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**TODAY** *September 1, 2013 (worship at 9:30)*

**Peace Sunday**

Worship Leader: Ted Larrison  
Music Leader: Keith Gibbons  
Meditation: Matt Pflederer  
Greeters: Larry and Trish Moore  
Nursery: Lonnie Sears/Darlene Larrison  
A.V.: Craig Bumbalough

**NEXT SUNDAY** *September 8, 2013 (worship at 9:30 )*

**Christian Education Sunday**

Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer  
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy  
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman  
Greeters: Doris Weaver and Wendell Lantz  
Nursery: Joanna Woodsmall / Bill Johnson  
AV: Larry Lehman

**TODAY**

We are celebrating Peace Sunday. We will be thinking about what it means "not to conform" to this world. Or to put it another way, "how to be properly maladjusted" to this world.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Sunday School for children and Adult Education will begin next Sunday, from 11:00 am – noon, following a 15 minute fellowship time.

Following the SS hour, there will be a safety training session for all adults working with children and youth. Lunch will be provided. Please see Deb Giles or Matt for more information.

**THIS WEEK**

Note: Matt and Rebecca will be out of the office on Tues. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> to attend a meeting of Southern IN Mennonite pastors. They can be reached by phone that day, or contact an Elder with emergencies.

Sept. 4 – Small Groups begin meeting regularly. For questions or information, contact a member of the committee: Keith, Craig, Darlene, Rebecca.

Sat. Sept. 7 at 10:00 am – All are invited to the **groundbreaking ceremony** for the new Habitat house. The new home for the Campbell family will be located at 7991 W. County Pike Road, West Baden.

**UPCOMING**

Tues. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – PET meeting

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 pm – Community Youth Group meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We will be taking the **Penny Power** offering for August and thru Sept. 22nd to the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. At the sale coins will be counted and a donor may match our giving so we can double our Penny Power giving! Now is the time to get out the coins!

Thanks to all who donated and helped make the **PMF Yard Sale** a success! We raised around \$1,100 which will go to Foods Resource Bank and Mennonite Central Committee to help communities around the world feed themselves. We were also able to donate many leftover items to the Life Pregnancy Center, Re-Sale Store, Goodwill, and Buck-a-book programs.

Sept. 14-15 – First Mennonite Church of Indianapolis invites us to their **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary** celebrations. See bulletin board for details.

**Mentor-Mentee activity!** Pairs are invited to stay after Sunday School on Sept. 22 for a pitch-in meal and activity. More information to follow.

**PMF Women are invited** to attend the annual IN-MI Mennonite **Women’s Fall Retreat**, Oct. 11-13 at Amigo Centre. Jackie Wyse-Rhodes will speak on “Naomi, Ruth, and Orpha: Exploring women’s stories of survival, adventure and faithfulness.” See [www.amigocentre.org](http://www.amigocentre.org) for details. Contact Rebecca if you are interested in attending or being part of a study group on Ruth.

**Adult Education Options this fall:**

- A) Bonnie will be teaching a class looking at the Bible as Story. We will start with Genesis and note what stories are there. People can pick different stories to read and the next Sunday we will discuss them, bringing our ideas and insights to the stories.
- B) The Bible and God’s People, led by Al and Rebecca. What is the importance of the Bible in our lives individually and as the church? What helps us in our understanding of the bible? What hinders us? What difference can reading and study of the Bible make in our daily living? Come as we share and learn together!

### **Prayer of Confession**

Dear God,  
In a time endless war  
when high-tech weapons from our communities  
spill the blood of your children in far away places  
Too often, O God, we have closed our eyes  
In a time of endless war  
when the cries of pain from wounded warriors  
and the sighs of grief from war-torn families rise to the heavens  
Too often, O God, we have closed our ears  
In a time of endless war  
when words of truth need to be spoken  
to the powers that wield the sword of war,  
Too often, O God, we have closed our mouths  
God of Light, open our eyes  
God of healing, unstop our ears  
God of truth, loose our tongues  
God who feeds our enemies and gives them drink  
renew our minds so that we are not overcome with evil,  
but enlivened to share the breadth of your love  
Amen.

### **Affirmation Of Faith**

We Believe it matters to love with mutual affection ...  
like the love between Peter and Jesus.  
We believe it matters to weep with those who weep...  
like Mary and Martha wept with Jesus.  
We believe it matters to live in harmony with one another...  
like the reconciliation between Zacchareus and the community.  
We believe we are citizens of God's kingdom...  
experiencing God's peace and justice even as we wait for its fullness.

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