#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

Class: Teachers:

Adult Classes: The Bible As Story led by Bonnie Beachy.

The Gospel of Luke led by Rebecca Kauffman and Al Mortenson.

#### **For Prayer**

Give thanks to God for his faithfulness to Edna Beachy throughout her life, and for her testimony of victory in Jesus. Please lift Claude and the whole the Beachy family in prayer as they mourn this significant loss.

Praise God for the healthy birth of Esher, grand-daughter of Christiana Matheny.

Pray for healing for Ryan Parsons who is still trying to discover the cause of his illness. He will undergo another test next week.

Give thanks with Chris Schmidt as his adoption of Michael is finalized this Thursday. Pray for God's guidance and joy as they enter this new phase of being family together.

Marilyn Peters, a MMN worker, is adapting to life and a new language in Uruguay. She is learning how her vulnerability in that process opens up mission opportunities. Pray that Marilyn would rest secure in God's protection and allow herself to be guided by God's Spirit.



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

# November 17, 2013

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

Focus: Ruth has neither the army of Joshua nor the strength of Samson. She prevails with a willingness to be vulnerable. Through her we see God upholding the widow and powerless.

# **Gathering to Worship**

Song: Come, now is the time to worship – SJ 9
Welcome and Introductions
Candle lighting and silence
Call to Worship: Psalm 113 - 1-9 NRSV

#### **Singing Our Faith**

I am weak and I need thy strength – H 553 Will you come and follow me – SS 39 I am trusting thee Lord Jesus – H 352

Celebrating Shalom – Wally Shellenberger

## **Opportunities for Generosity**

Special giving for Nov. goes to Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)

### **Hearing God's Word**

Children's Time

Scripture: Psalm 130.1-4, Ruth 2.2, 3.7-9, Luke 9.1-4

Meditation:

## Responses

**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer** 

**Announcements** 

Sending

The lord lift you up - SJ 73

#### **PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

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#### **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** Nov. 17 2013 (worship at 9:30)

#### The Book of Ruth

Worship Leader: Ted Larrison

Music Leader: Hannah Thill

Meditation: Dana Bumbalough

Greeters: Wendell Lantz & Doris Weaver

Nursery: Sherry Schmidt and Dave Mullet

A.V.: Larry Lehman

**NEXT SUNDAY** Nov. 24, 2013 (worship at 9:30)

#### The Book of Ruth

Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson Music Leader: Keith Gibbons

Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeter: Dave and Jan Mullet

Nursery: Doris Weaver and Dave Woodsmall

AV: Larry Lehman

#### **TODAY**

Continuing our study of the Book of Ruth, this Sunday we consider the vulnerability of Ruth and how God's provision and power is displayed through it.

4:00-8:00 pm at PMF – visitation with the family of Edna Beachy

Community Youth group meeting from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, at New Hope Community Church.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

"Redeemer" is another important word in the story of Ruth. What were the rights and responsibilities associated with that position? We will conclude our study of Ruth.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> is our final day to collect items for the MCC Relief Kits. Please bring your offerings for this project, and join in as we dedicate them and send them on their way.

Nov. 24, 12:15 pm – those who are Listeners for Listening Together are encouraged to stay for lunch and a check-in meeting.

Nov. 24, 6:00 pm – PMF will host the Community Thanksgiving Service. All are welcome!

# This Week

Mon. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – memorial service for Edna Beachy

Nov. 19, 7:00 pm - PET meeting

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 – 5:00pm – Chris and Michael Schmidt celebration of adoption, at their house. Chris would appreciate an RSVP if you plan to attend.

#### **UPCOMING**

The Children's Christmas Program this year will on Wednesday December 18th at 5pm. We will be doing a "Las Posadas" (which is Spanish for "the inns). This is a tradition that comes from Mexico and symbolizes the Biblical journey of Mary and Joseph as they searched for shelter in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. Look for more information in the weeks to come.

#### <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

#### **HELP THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES:**

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has begun its response to Typhoon Haiyan, providing funding for immediate needs and supporting partners in an initial assessment team and determining needs for long-term recovery. To donate to this effort, please go to mcc.org/typhoon-response. Thank you for your prayers for people grieving and suffering in the storm's wake.

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<sup>5</sup>Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

<sup>6</sup>who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

<sup>7</sup>He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

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