



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

June 22, 2014

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

Call to Worship

Leader: It is Christ whom we proclaim...

All: the image of God;

Men: the firstborn of all creation;

Women: the head of the church;

All: the beginning and the end;

Leader: the reconciler of all things;

Men: the peacemaker of the cross;

Women: the hope and mystery of glory.

All: It is Christ whom we proclaim!

Song: Praise the One who breaks the darkness - SS 1

FOR PRAYER

Katie Beachy and David Bultman will be married this Saturday, June 27! Pray for them and their families as they celebrate this union and begin a new journey together.

Continue to pray for Kym and Sam Kinsey as they adjust to being parents. Ask God's blessing on them as they care for baby Luke, and nurture his life and one another.

Give thanks to God with Gail for her new home, and pray for her in this time of transition.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: Liberty Christian Fellowship, Summerset Center MI, Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Burr Oak MI, and Madison Mennonite Church, Madison WI.

The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA will meet this week (June 26-28) in Chicago. They invite our intentional prayers for members of the Board and their discussions. They will continue conversation regarding denominational membership guidelines, participation of LGBT persons, and about how individuals and congregations read and interpret Scripture. One of their tasks will be to prayerfully discern how Mennonite Church USA can move forward together in the midst of disagreement. Spend time this week praying for MC USA as a whole, for area conferences, congregations, and church leaders.

Sue and Wally Fahrer (MMN workers) provide a Mennonite / Anabaptist witness within a British charismatic new-church network. Pray for Wally as he also does counseling and for Sue in music ministries.

The Early Church, Our Church

Focus: *We proclaim Christ to be the center of our life as individuals and as a church community. Many voices and influences tend to distract us from living out Christ-centered ways.*

Gathering for Worship

Gathering Song: My Jesus, My Savior

Welcome and introductions

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

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Celebrating God's Shalom

Story of Shalom: Yolanda Yoder

Opportunity for Generosity: special giving for June goes to Habitat for Humanity

Penny Power collection goes to Foods Resource Bank

MCC School Kits

Praise, praise, praise the Lord - SJ 11

Passing the Peace

Singing Our Faith

You are Holy

Gentle Shepherd - H 352

Confessing (see insert)

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Scripture: Col 1:17-23; 2:6-10

Meditation: Finding our bearings, finding our way

Responding

Sharing our thoughts

Intergenerational activity

Sharing our joys and concerns

Sending

Benediction: The **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ, the **love** of God, and the **communion** of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor. 13:13)

God of grace and God of glory (verses 1 and 2) - H 366

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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All the congregation

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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

Today we visit and learn from the believers in the city of Colossae. What can this early church teach us about handling distractions and outside influences in order to keep Christ as the center of our lives? Thank you to Tom Kauffman, former PMF pastor and current Ohio Conference Minister, for bringing our meditation.

The congregation is invited to join the Larrison family as they install a plaque in memory of Roberta (Bert) Larrison at the Memorial Wall. This will take place following this morning’s worship service.

NEXT SUNDAY

Shalom Sunday, June 29 will be at the Butternut shelter at Spring Mill State Park. Worship will begin at 11:00 am followed by a pitch in meal. There will be a bike riding group leaving that morning at 8:00 am for those who are interested.

THIS WEEK

Wed. 25th, 6 – 8:00 pm – ELF night – cookout and Peace Concert fundraiser by the Woodsmall’s to benefit the Peacebuilder Camp at Koinonia Farm in Georgia. ZoraAnn plans to attend the camp, July 21-26.

June 26-28 – Central District Conference annual meeting in Madison, WI. The theme, Transformed Through Text and Table, will be the focus of the time for worship, story telling and fellowship. Rebecca, Duane and Sherry will represent PMF.

UPCOMING

August 23-24 is our annual Summer Campout. This year the campout will be at Tipsaw lake in the Hoosier National Forrest. Detailed information and registration will be in boxes on Sunday July 6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

While Rebecca is at CDC meetings she likely won’t have frequent access to email and will answer voicemail as she is able. She will be on vacation June 29-30.

The children **made bags for school kits** during Vacation Bible School – now we need help to fill them! Please bring school kit items over the next few weeks. Contents (new items only please) include:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5 x 10.5 inch & 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 inch)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

Donations of money are also helpful to enable MCC to purchase items locally when needed.

New in the magazine rack: *The Marketplace* magazine from Mennonite Economic Development Associates. See the bulletin board for: Camp Friedenswald newsletter; and MCC Great Lakes annual report.

Please make note, **Gail Brown** has moved, her new address is: 1142 N Cook Street, Paoli.

<u>TODAY</u> June 22, 2014 (worship at 9:30) The Early Church, Our Church Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Tom Kauffman Greeters: Wally & Evie Shellenberger Nursery: Dave Beachy & Shanna Johnson A.V.: Craig Bumbalough	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> June 29 2014 (worship at 11:00) Shalom Sunday at Spring Mill Worship Leader: Music Leader: Meditation: Greeters: Nursery: AV:
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Confessing

Leader: Centering God, who through Christ, holds all things together,
we confess we often feel we are spinning out of control, pulled
into somebody else's plans, pressed into work we didn't expect and
propelled into countless places of need.

People: Jesus, walk with us in the flurry of our lives.
Teach us how to find you, the Center.

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we confess: that we lose hope in believing that you will bring
our diverse understandings of faith together,
that we have failed to see the beauty of diversity,
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