

### Call to Worship

**All:** *Blessed are you, O God!*  
Leader: You have blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing.  
**People:** **You chose us in Christ,  
before the foundation of the world,  
to be holy and blameless before you in love.**  
Leader: You chose us for adoption as your children  
through Jesus Christ.  
**People:** **In Christ you have provided us redemption,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses.**  
Leader: Put Christ in our hearts; root and ground us in love;  
**All:** *that we may embrace the breadth and length  
and height and depth of your love,  
and share it with one another.*

### FOR PRAYER

Pray for grace and joy for Wally and Evie as they speak today at Boulder Mennonite Church (CO) and promote peace by sharing from their book and experiences in Iran.

Pray for all the students, teachers and school staff this week as they prepare to return to the classrooms. Pray for good relationships to develop, and for a safe and encouraging learning environment.

Remember in prayer Hannah and Audrey Thill, Sophie Sears, Lacey Brinegar, Wendell and Doris as they spend Aug. 2-9 traveling and backpacking in Colorado. Wally will also hike part of the trail with them. They especially request prayer for dry tents and sleeping bags, safety, and good health. May each one also be blessed with deeper faith, trust, and love as they interact with one another and Creation.

Continue to remember Terry and Sarah in your prayers in their ongoing journey with Terry's illness. May God's grace and love fill their lives.

Ask for God's protection over those in our community and world who are vulnerable to violence or abuse. Pray for peace, justice, and restoration of hope in places that are torn by war and hatred.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: Naubinway Christian Fellowship, Naubinway MI, New Foundation United in Christ Mennonite Church, Elkhart IN, and Morning Star Church, Muncie IN.



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

July 27, 2014

*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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### The Early Church, Our Church

*Focus:* Partnering with the Holy Spirit and with other believers strengthens us in times of challenge and adversity.

### Together in One Place

Gathering song: Holy Spirit Come With Power - H 26  
Welcome & introductions  
Call to worship (see back of bulletin)

### Singing Our Praise

Christ is Alive and Goes Before Us – SS 89  
God Fill Me Now - SS 63  
Yaweh, I Adore You

### I Will Pour Out My Spirit

Celebrating Shalom – Yolanda  
Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving for July goes to Jubilee Clinic  
Penny Power collection goes to Foods Resource Bank  
Song: If You Believe and I Believe – SJ 32

Confession and Assurance  
Passing the Peace

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Time  
Scripture: Acts 20: 17-38 and Ephesians 3: 14-21  
Meditation

### Sent With the Spirit

Responses  
Sharing joys and concerns / prayer  
Announcements  
Sending blessing

**All are invited to stay for a pitch-in meal and Inter-generational activity.**

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140  
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Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723  
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**MINISTERS**

All the congregation

**CHURCH OFFICE**

**Pastors:** Rebecca Kauffman; Office Hours - Tues 9-4, Wed 9-1, Thurs 1-5  
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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**

Paul and the believers in Ephesus faced many challenges, yet they worked together and encouraged one another to live faithfully with Jesus as their Lord.

Everyone is encouraged to stay and share in a **pitch-in meal** following the service. Then participate in the **inter-generational activity** which will be an opportunity to do cooperative games or the ropes course.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday we learn from the early church in Corinth. In preparation for worship read Acts 18: 1-18a and II Corinthians 5: 14-20.

Aug. 3 – Youth Council meeting

Aug. 3, 3:00 – 5:00 pm – MYF activity

Aug. 3, 5:00 pm – Back-to-School Pitch-in meal & Ice Cream Social

**UPCOMING**

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 -8:00 pm – Circle of Care will host an ELF night focusing on Hospice care. Enjoy fellowship over a meal from 6 – 7:00. Then there will be a presentation for adults on Hospice services, as well as a Grief Workshop for children K-5. Both presentations will be led by staff members of Southern Care Hospice. Please join us, and feel welcome to invite friends or family whom you think would be interested.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please make note of Jaime and Crescencia **Nunez’s new address:** 1015 SW First St. Paoli.

Our **Penny Power offering** goes to Foods Resource Bank which is a faith-based organization supporting local communities overcome food insecurity. Mennonite Central Committee and 15 other churches work together to make it happen. FRB has invited someone from PMF to attend the national gathering in Kansas City on August 1 and 2. For more info see [foodsresourcebank.org](http://foodsresourcebank.org).

We are looking for adult volunteers to serve as children’s **Sunday school teachers and helpers**. Sunday school will resume on September 7. Anyone interested should contact one of the Children’s Ed Committee: Veronika Sukup, Stori Sullivan, Joanna Woodsmall or Deb Giles.

**Summer Campout** information and registration flyers were put into mail boxes and sent out via email. If you have any questions or did not receive a flyer contact Deb Giles.

**HELPING FAMILIES IN GAZA:** In the second week of the most recent Israel-Hamas conflict, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) through one of its long-time partners in Gaza, Al Najd Development Forum, began distributing locally purchased food to 230 families, and is preparing for a longer-term response. You can give to this effort at [donate.mcc.org/gaza](http://donate.mcc.org/gaza), or by calling [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676), specifying “Gaza response.” Pray with us for peace for Palestinians and Israelis.

**New on the website.** We will now be posting Retreat flyers, nursery list, greeters, etc on our website. You will find it under Media, Memos and Notes.

<p><b><u>TODAY</u></b> July 27, 2014 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>The Early Church, Our Church</b></p> <p>Worship Leader:</p> <p>Music Leader: Marlene Beachy</p> <p>Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman</p> <p>Greeters: Dave and Marlene Beachy</p> <p>Nursery: Wendell Lantz/Deb Giles</p> <p>A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p><b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b> August 3, 2014 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>The Early Church, Our Church</b></p> <p>Worship Leader:</p> <p>Music Leader: Joanna &amp; Dave Woodsmall</p> <p>Meditation: Matt Pflederer</p> <p>Greeters: Gail Brown</p> <p>Nursery: Curtis Thill/Mary Beth Gibbons</p> <p>AV: Craig Bumbalough</p>
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