



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

July 6, 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

All: Show us the way to fullness of life, Lord Jesus;
Leader: that our hearts may be filled with joy,
hope, and peace;
People: that we may be strengthened to face challenges;
Leader: that we may become the persons
we are called to be;
People: that we may learn to love our brothers
and sisters as you love us;
All: that we may see the needs of others
and give help. Amen.

FOR PRAYER

Pray for the staff and volunteers at our church camps as they guide campers in activities and Bible study. May they have energy and wisdom as they show the love of God to others. Kyle Johnson, Noah Ford, and Parker Sullivan were campers at Amigo this past week; ask them about their experience. Madeline Ford will attend this coming week.

Give thanks as Jahsmine and Jerrod celebrated their wedding yesterday. Ask God to strengthen them with deep love as they journey through life together.

Remember in prayer those in our congregation and community who are recovering from surgery (JR Karnes and Jamey Sullivan) and those who face health concerns.

Continue to keep Terry and Sarah Whiteman and their family in your prayers as they continue their journey with Terry's cancer. Give thanks to God for the Spirit's presence and sustaining power. They are grateful for the various forms of caring they have received from the Circle of Care team and others.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: Maple River Mennonite Church, Brutus MI, Marion Mennonite Church, Shipshewana IN, and Maplewood Mennonite Church, Fort Wayne IN.

Deb Bergen, MMN worker based in Ghana, works with a mobile care team that helps people who minister in traumatic situations in West Africa. Pray for Deb as she serves as an agent of healing through the tools of neuroscience, spiritual disciplines, and family systems therapy.

The Early Church, Our Church

Focus: *Jesus will rescue our suffering world and make things right. This is our hope.*

Gathering for Worship

Gathering Song: Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him - SJ 3
Welcome and introductions
Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

How Can We Be Silent - SJ 61
Oh For a Thousand Tongues - H 110
Father God, You Are Holy - H 78

Celebrating Shalom - Andrew Blount

Opportunity for Generosity:

Special giving for July goes to Jubilee Clinic
Penny Power collection goes to Foods Resource Bank
MCC School Kits

Song: Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord - SJ 11

Confessing (see insert)

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time
Scripture: Acts 17:1-9; 1Thessalonians 1: 8-10, 2: 1-8; 5: 9-10
Meditation

Responding

Sharing our thoughts
Intergenerational activity

Sharing our joys and concerns

Sending: Go Now In Peace - H 429

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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Ted Larrison	723-3826

MINISTERS

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 July 6, 2014 (worship at 9:30)

The Early Church, Our Church

Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson
 Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
 Meditation: Matt Pflederer
 Greeters: Wally & Evie Shellenberger
 Nursery: Esprí Bender/Beauregard & Larry Lehman
 A.V.: Larry Lehman

NEXT SUNDAY July 13, 2014 (worship at 9:30)

The Early Church, Our Church

Worship Leader: Hannah Ford
 Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
 Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
 Greeters: Veronika Sukup
 Nursery: Cristy Ford & Ted Larrison
 AV: Larry Lehman

TODAY

Today we will be hearing about the Church in Thessalonica, a small and beleaguered community that was much loved by Paul. Despite the social conflicts that fell upon this community Paul assures them not to lose hope in Jesus.

NEXT SUNDAY

Join us as we learn from the early church in Philippi, a congregation characterized by joy and generosity which was rooted in their faith and identification with Christ. Note: our inter-generational activity will involve using cloth dye so please dress accordingly.

THIS WEEK

Wed. 9th, 1:00 pm – PET meeting at PMF

UPCOMING

August 6, Elf Night. There will be a presentation on Hospice.

August 23-24 is our annual Summer Campout. The detailed information and registration form is in your mail boxes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is welcome to an **open house/house blessing to celebrate Jaime and Crescencia's new home**. The open house will be Thursday July 10th from 11:30-12:30pm with the house blessing starting at 12.

See **the bulletin board** for: newsletter from Jorge and Lynn Mogrovejo; and a letter from OC Habitat for Humanity.

New in the **magazine rack**: *The Marketplace* magazine from Mennonite Economic Development Associates; July issue of *The Mennonite*; and *Behind the Hammer* from MDS.

Next Sunday will be the last to bring items **to fill the school kit bags** the children made during Vacation Bible School. 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.

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.

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.

Prayer of confession

God our Maker, we are your creatures;
at night we grow weary;
in the morning you restore our strength.
God our Savior, we are the ones you rescue
from aimless wandering and despair.
God our Keeper, we are the ones you protect
from our own good intentions
and our foolish, self-centered dreams.

We are yours—
fragile, finite, vulnerable.

Words of assurance

Hear these words of assurance:
Our merciful God made us,
fragile, finite, and vulnerable though we are.
God longs to cleanse us and set us free;
God wants to open our hearts to the healing truth.
We are God's beloved; and God makes us whole.
Let us receive God's grace!

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