



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

August 10, 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: O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are your judgments, and your paths beyond tracing out!

Leader: Who has known your mind, O Lord? Or who has been your counselor?

People: Who has ever given to you, that you should repay them?

Leader: From you and through you and for you are all things.

People: May you receive all glory forever and ever. Amen!

FOR PRAYER

Pray for those who face health challenges, including: Melissa L., Bonnie B., Ray B., Kent Brantley, and others. Remember also those in our community who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Pray for Sarah, Terry, Alex, Emme and Zach that the deep peace of Christ and the comfort of the Holy Spirit surround them, embrace them and hold them. Sarah's surgery is scheduled for 7:30am on Monday in Indy to remove the mass that was discovered last week. Pray for the medical staff caring for her, and for a good outcome.

Pray for peace, justice, and restoration of hope in places that are torn by war and hatred. Pray that many people will have courage to speak truth, to forgive, to resist stereotyping others and the temptation of violence. Pray for God's mercy.

Mennonite Church of Congo held a youth Bible camp in Tshikapa in July. Pray that each camper would find ways to apply what they learned in their daily lives to strengthen their congregations. Pray also that God would renew the energy of organizer Robert Irundu.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: North Goshen Mennonite Church, Goshen IN, North Leo Mennonite Church, Leo IN, and North Danvers Mennonite Church, Danvers IL.

The Early Church, Our Church

Focus: Christians will have differing views on many issues. But if we trust that we are all trying to be faithful to our God then we can still be the church together.

Together in One Place

Gathering song: My Life Is In You, Lord

Welcome & introductions

Call to worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - H 70

Just A Closer Walk with Thee - SJ 106

I Will Pour Out My Spirit

Celebrating Shalom – Dana Bumbalough

Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving for August goes to OCCF Good Samaritan Fund

Penny Power collection goes to Foods Resource Bank

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

Confession and Assurance

Song: Rain Down - SJ 49

Passing the Peace

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Scripture: Romans 14:1-12; 15:1-7

Meditation

Intergenerational activity

Sent With the Spirit

Responses

Sharing joys and concerns / prayer

Announcements

Sending

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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

We will be hearing from Paul's letter to the believers in Rome. The believers in Rome were having trouble relating to each other based on different understanding of the law. Paul admonished all to have mutual respect for each other.

NEXT SUNDAY

What does it mean to “serve”? What forms can “learning” take? This Sunday we will hear from Lacey Brinegar about her time of study in Costa Rica; and from Audrey Thill about her upcoming year in Cambodia with MCC’s SALT (Serving and Learning Together) program. We will have a commissioning for Audrey Thill as she enters SALT, and all are invited to stay for a **fund-raiser meal** following worship to help cover her expenses.

THIS WEEK

Note: the ELF night that was originally planned for this Wed. has been postponed.
Monday 11, 7 pm, Worship Com. Mtg. at Sear’s.
Tuesday 12, 11 am, Small Group Com. Mtg.
Fri. 15th – **deadline to RSVP for the Summer Campout** meal on Sunday lunch. Please give your registration to Deb Giles if you plan to attend.

UPCOMING

August 20, ELF night with Rachel Gerber, denominational minister for youth. Rachel will share from her book “Ordinary Miracles” and her insights on “awakening to the Holy work of parenting”. All ages are invited to this evening of food, discussion, and activities.

Sept. 7 - Christian Education hour begins for adults and children. During worship that day we will have a commissioning for Children’s Education teachers, and also commission those serving on PMF committees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New in the magazine rack: July/August issue of *The Marketplace* from Mennonite Economic Development Associates; and *Today* from Hesston College.

PMF Women and girls: You are all invited to a **Bridal Shower for Clara Sears** on Saturday, August 16 at 1:00 at the Sears' house. Please bring an appetizer or salad to share. Let sandi know if you plan to attend.

The 7th annual Family, Food and Fun event will be held on August 16, 2014, 3:30 – 7:30 pm, at the Paoli Methodist Church. A Barbecue dinner will be available and entertainment, including our own Dave and Joanna Woodsmall. Cost: A freewill offering to benefit THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND, which benefits families in Orange County faced with catastrophic medical losses.

MCC thanked us for the **14 school kits** plus additional school supplies that we sent from our summer collection. See bulletin board for their letter which describes situations where MCC material aid is being distributed. There is currently a high need for hygiene kits, relief kits, and blankets to assist thousands of displaced people n Northern Iraq, Syria, South Sudan, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. See mcc.org for more details.

<u>TODAY</u> August 10, 2014 (worship at 9:30) The Early Church, Our Church Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Ted Larrison Greeters: Craig and Dana Bumbalough Nursery: Veronika Sukup/ Jon Shellenberger A.V.: Craig Bumbalough	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> August 17, 2014 (worship at 9:30) The Early Church, Our Church Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Audrey Thill & Lacey Brinegar Greeters: Deb Giles Nursery: Aaron Johnson/Dessica Albertson AV: Craig Bumbalough
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