

### Call to Worship

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.**

Leader: Your judgments are like the great deep.

**People: How precious is your steadfast love.**

**All: *May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings, O God!***

### FOR PRAYER

Pray for all the students, teachers and school staff as they 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.

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.

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.

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.

Pray for AMBS professors (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary) who spend the summer months exploring new research and beginning new projects. May the Spirit guide their study to inspire them as they prepare to educate leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: New Hope Community Church, Midland MI, Ninth Street Community Church, Saginaw MI, and MSU Mennonite Fellowship, Mason MI.



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

**August 3, 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: God entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.*

#### Together in One Place

Gathering song: Be Thou My Vision – H 545

Welcome & introductions

Call to worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Praise

My Soul is Filled with Joy – SJ 13

What a Friend We have in Jesus – H 574

Come Thou Fount – H 521

#### I Will Pour Out My Spirit

Celebrating Shalom – Andrew Blount

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

Penny Power collection goes to Foods Resource Bank

Confession and Assurance

Passing the Peace

#### Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Scripture: Acts 18:1-18a; 2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Meditation

Intergenerational activity

#### Sent With the Spirit

Responses

Sharing joys and concerns / prayer

Announcements

Sending

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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**

This Sunday we follow Paul to the city of Corinth. There were many problems within the churches at Corinth but Paul still urges the believers there to be become ministers of reconciliation and ambassadors who represent a different value system based on God reconciling work through Christ.

MYF activity, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. meet at the church. We will walk up the hill together to the ice cream social.

Back-to-School Pitch-in meal and Ice Cream Social, 5:00 pm, in the open space and play area between Shellenberger's, Schmidt's and Mosemann's. Bring finger foods to share, toppings for ice cream, and lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Drinks will be provided.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Paul’s letter to the believers in Rome addresses the relationship between Jews and Gentiles within the church. They were to be patient and seek to build one another up, always focusing on honoring the Lord. In preparation for worship read Romans 14: 1-12 and 15: 1-7.

**THIS WEEK**

Wed. 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.

Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – PET meeting at Matt’s

**UPCOMING**

During worship on August 17 we will have a commissioning for Audrey Thill as she enters SALT (Serving and Learning Together) which is a one year program of MCC. Following orientation in PA she will live and serve in Cambodia. There will be a fund-raiser meal following worship to help cover her expenses.

**Summer Campout** registration and fees are due August 15.

August 20, ELF night with Rachel Gerber and discussion on “Holy Work of Parenting”.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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.

<b><u>TODAY</u></b> August 3, 2014 (worship at 9:30) <b>The Early Church, Our Church</b> Worship Leader: Yolanda Yoder Music Leader: Joanna & Dave Woodsmall Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Gail Brown Nursery: Curtis Thill /Mary Beth Gibbons A.V.: Craig Bumbalough	<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b> August 10, 2014 (worship at 9:30) <b>The Early Church, Our Church</b> Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Ted Larrison Greeters: Craig and Dana Bumbalough Nursery: Veronika Sukup & Jon Shellenberger AV: Craig Bumbalough
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