

PMF Announcements and Prayers

August 31, 2014

Next Sunday

We will begin a worship series entitled "Dwelling in the Word". We will be looking at Old Testament lectionary passages centering on the story of Moses.

This Week

Tues 2nd, 10 am PET at Rebecca's

Sun 7th, 8 am Finance Committee

Sun. 7th - **Sunday School Begins.** 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.

Upcoming

Sept. 8- PCRC

Sept. 10- Large Group

Shalom Sunday

Sunday Aug 31 is Shalom Sunday. Worship will start at 10am. We will be hearing from Zoraann Woodsmall on her experience at Peacebuilders Camp this summer. Larry Lehman will be leading RiverWatch for all who are interested after the service. Also, for those who don't go on the Riverwatch there will be an opportunity to view a documentary of the story of Koinonia Farms (the place where Peacebuilder camp was held). Contact Matt if you have any questions

Large Group

Wednesday September 10 there will be a large group meeting. A light supper will be provided at 6:00 pm and the meeting will follow from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Agenda will include: reports from PET, Gifts Discernment Committee, and Finance committee; a report from PCRC/PET on changes to PLT responsibilities; a report from delegates to the IN-MI and Central District Conference's annual meetings; the children /youth plan; and reviewing PMF's actions regarding the Peace Pledge.

MYF will meet on September 10 during Large Group meeting.

Funds from our Mutual Aid fund were recently disbursed to assist the B & B Johnson family with truck repairs. We are grateful for the way they have made their truck available to participants. If you would like to make a gift above your Faith Promise amount to help replenish the Mutual Aid fund you are welcome to do so.

MCC RELIEF SALE

The 47th Annual Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale is September 26-27, 2014 at the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds. The sale begins Friday from 5p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, opens at 7:00 a.m. until mid afternoon. Come and make this weekend a family event. For more information about the sale or to download printable forms, see the MCC website: www.mennonitesale.org

Announcements Continued

Women's Retreat at Camp Friedenswald, Sept. 12 – 14. **Black Mennonite Women Rock!** Finding self-identity through the lives of black women. This retreat is for all women and is an opportunity to enjoy black culture, learn through the lives and stories of black women, and celebrate the leadership gifts of black women in the Mennonite Church. For more info go to www.friedenswald.org and click on "programs." Financial aid is available and women under 25 are invited to come at no cost. **Sherry Schmidt** is interested in attending; contact her or the church office to express your interest.

New in the **magazine rack**: September issue of *The Mennonite*.

See **bulletin board** for: Menno-Hof summer newsletter; and a Thank You card from Audrey T.

Card from Audrey Thill: "Dear PMF, I cannot adequately thank you all for your amazing support and generosity. Thanks to you I exceeded my fundraising goal, and I also love the calendar and can't wait to read your comments! I hope you all have a blessed year and I look forward to reconnecting in the future. Thank you x a million. Love Audrey. P.S. I'm going to 'try' to keep a blog – see audreyet.wordpress.com.

Prayers

Continue to pray for Leslie and the whole Wilson family as they grieve the death of Robin Wilson. Pray for comfort and healing, that Christ's Spirit would be very near them.

Pray for Audrey T. as she travels to Cambodia and gets oriented to life there and her SALT service assignment. Pray for confidence as she travels and meets new people.

Continue to pray for God's strength and grace to be with the Whiteman family, especially for Emme, Zach, and Alex as they continue to provide care for one another.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: Olive Mennonite Church, Elkhart IN, Parkview Mennonite Church, Kokomo IN, and Shalom Community Church, Ann Arbor MI.

Pray for political, religious, and community leaders in countries and regions that are torn by war and hatred. Pray that they will do what makes for justice and peace. Pray for God's mercy.

Give thanks and pray for SOOP volunteers (Service Opportunities for Older Persons) serving at Menno Hof in Shipshewana, IN, a ministry that presents the Anabaptist faith story to visitors from around the world. May their contacts with people from all walks of life point visitors to Jesus.