CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class: Teachers:

Junior High (*Grades 7&8*)...... Jamie Sullivan, Aaron Johnson, Bonnie B.

Youth (Grades 9-12)..... Matt Pflederer

Adult Classes: When Helping Hurts, led by Lonnie Sears

Call to worship

Leader: As your Body, the church, gathers across generations and

geography, unite our hearts in wonder as we praise you, our

creator.

All: Unite our lives in joy as we meet you, reconciling Lord.

Leader: Unite us now in worship by your Holy Spirit's grace.

All: We celebrate your presence with us here and in the rest of your

world. Amen.

FOR PRAYER

Give thanks to God for the work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in many counties. Ask God to strengthen, inspire and protect those who serve as volunteers, and their local partners. Pray that the relief kits and other supplies will reach those who need them most in a safe and timely way, so that they can bring relief and hope to the recipient communities.

Pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, including Steve and Diane Babcock and their family, Leslie W., and Sarah W., and others.

Ask for God's protection over those in our community and world who are vulnerable to violence or abuse.

Pray for the Ecuadorian Mennonite Church as its executive board works together with congregational councils to establish a national Mennonite structure in Ecuador. Also, ask God to give wisdom to those who are assuming leadership of the Quito Mennonite Church's refugee project.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: Sunnyside Mennonite Church, Elkhart IN, Talcum Mennonite Church, Talcum KY, and Trenton Mennonite Church, Trenton OH



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

October 5, 2014

We welcome all persons to worship, study and fellowship with us as we continually seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus

World Communion Sunday

Focus: Tending to the presence and potential of the Kingdom of God is not just about tending the vineyard, but tending something that is beyond your control.

Gathering to Worship

Song: Alabare

Welcome and introductions

Call to worship - (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Faith

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ – SS 124

Father God, you are Holy – H 78

Opportunities for Generosity: Special giving for October goes to Congo Orphanage

Song: Hakuna Wakita Sa Jesu

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's Time

Celebrating Shalom – Peter and Delicia Wigginton

Scripture: Matthew 21:33 - 46

Meditation

Communion

Sharing joys and concerns / intercessory prayer

Announcements

Sending Song: Siyahamba

Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140
Matt Pflederer, Pastor 653-4131
Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723
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 October 5, 2014 (worship at 9:30)

World Communion Sunday

Worship Leader: Yolanda Yoder Music Leader: Marlene Beachy

Meditation: Matt Pflederer

Greeters:

Nursery: JoAnn Borntrager/Evie

Shellenberger

A.V.: Craig Bumbalough

NEXT SUNDAY Oct. 12, 2014 (worship at 9:30)

"Where, O death, is thy sting?"

Worship Leader: Ted Larrison

Music Leader:

Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeters: Louise O'Connell

Nursery: Dana Bumbalough/Jamey Sullivan

AV: Craig Bumbalough

TODAY

We celebrate World Communion Sunday – a time to acknowledge that we are part of a global church and to thank God for the gift of unity made known to us in the breaking of bread, and making of us, sometimes despite ourselves, a body that lives in and through the power of a healing, reconciling God.

This morning we welcome **Peter & Delicia Wigginton** (from Shalom Mennonite church in Indy) as they share with us about their call to ministry and preparations for service with Mennonite Mission Network in Ecuador, beginning in 2015. They will present more during the **adult education time** so that we can have opportunity to get to know them and consider ways PMF might partner with them.

All are invited to stay for a **pitch-in meal** and fellowship following Christian education hour.

NEXT SUNDAY

We as a Fellowship are learning how to create an "unbroken circle of care" around people facing illness, death, and grief. These are common human experiences, and our faith should shape how we respond to these circumstances and seasons of life. For the next four weeks, our worship times will include scriptures, songs, reflections and actions which will equip our hearts and hands to respond in caring, faith-filled ways to illness, death, and grief. Next Sunday our focus will be the role of the Christian community in times of illness.

MYF will have a service day following church services. The next meeting will be October 22 at 6 pm.

THIS WEEK

Tues. Oct. 7 - Rebecca and Matt will be out of the office to attend a meeting of southern IN Mennonite pastors in Kokomo.

UPCOMING

Save the NEW date! Sat. Oct. 25 – PMF Fall Work Day!

Sun. Oct. 26, noon – 2:00 pm – **Mentor-Mentee Pumpkin Day**. Bring a pumpkin food to share with the group for lunch and then carve a jack-olantern to fit your mood.

Mon. November 3rd – PMF will host several people from Armenia who are part of our Foods Resource Bank network. We will meet at PMF for a meal at 6:00 pm, followed by a time to learn about Armenia and our FRB involvements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New in magazine rack: October issue of *The Mennonite*; *The Marketplace* from Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA); and *Behind the Hammer* with stories from MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service).

We extend our grateful thanks to Wendell,

Doris, and their family for allowing PMF to use
their piano for many years. May it be a blessing
in its new home! And much appreciation goes to
Robin and Leslie for their gift which enabled
PMF to purchase the new piano we have with us
today. May all our music glorify God!

Service of Confession

Leader: But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. As a prisoner for the Lord, then,

I urge you to live a life

worthy of the calling you have received.

Be completely humble and gentle;

be patient,

bearing with one another in love.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit

through the bond of peace.

People: There is one body and one Spirit—just as we were called to one hope when we were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: God of Grace,

We grieve that the church which shares one Spirit,

one faith, one hope, and one calling,

has become a broken communion in a broken world.

The one body spans

all time, place, race, and language,

but in our fear

we have fled from and fought one another,

and in our pride

we have mistaken our part for the whole.

Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work,

that you bless us with joy,

with growth,

and with signs of unity.

Forgive our sins as we commit ourselves

to seeking and showing

the unity of the body of Christ.

In his Jesus', Amen.

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And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

People: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen.

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