



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

August 2, 2015

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

## 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. Spend time this week praying for the children of PMF.

Continue to pray for Connie Gilliom – for physical healing following her fall and surgery, as well as for grace through the grieving and adjusting process.

Pray for the Elders, the congregation, and Rebecca during this leadership transition time.

John and Julie request our prayers as they have faced both joy and a lot of sorrow in recent weeks. They celebrated Julie's mother's birthday; have attended funerals of Julie's aunt and John's cousin; and Jason's car was totaled when rear-ended, though thankfully he is okay. May the Holy Spirit sustain and encourage their spirits.

Continue to pray for strength and comfort for those who are living with cancer, including Mickey L., and Donald Parsons.

Mennonite Mission Network and Central Plains Mennonite Conference recently sent Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton and their daughter, Aliyah, to Ecuador. Pray for them as they move into the role of coordinating relationships with Ecuadorian Mennonite churches and international partners

## **Worship themes** coming up this month:

- Aug. 9 "On the Way"; the MYF and Rebecca will share reflections from the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City.
- Aug. 16 "Walking with God"; reflections from the Mennonite World Conference
- Aug. 23 Modeling healthy male/female friendships
- Aug. 30 11:00 am worship at Tipsaw Lake as part of our summer campout

## **This I Believe**

*"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Frederick Buechner*

### **Gathering to Worship**

Gathering Song: Everlasting God  
Welcome and Introductions  
Call to Worship

Singing Our Praise:  
Beautiful One  
We Sing to You O God – SJ 1  
You are my all in all

### **Celebrating Shalom** – Andrew Blount

### **Opportunities for Generosity** - Special giving focus for August is Good Samaritan Fund

Penny Power: Coins for Foods Resource Bank

Song: We are giving with the heart of God  
Grant us Lord the grace of giving – H 388

### **Recognizing special days for August** (birthdays and anniversaries)

### **Hearing God's Story**

Scripture: Acts 18: 1-3, (18-21), 24-28; Romans 16: 3-5a  
Children's Time

### **Sharing from Our Story**

This I Believe: Al Mortenson  
Responses

### **Going Out to Tell the Story**

Sharing joys and concerns / intercessory prayer  
Announcements  
Sending song: Now go in peace – SJ 74  
Benediction

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

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Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723  
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**MINISTERS**

All the congregation

**CHURCH OFFICE**

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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.

<p><b>TODAY</b> August 2, 2015 (worship at 10:00)</p> <p><i><b>This I Believe</b></i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson Music Leader: Marlene Beachy I Believe Al Mortenson Greeters: Larry Lehman Nursery: Curtis Thill/Mary Beth Gibbons A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> August 9, 2015 (worship at 10:00)</p> <p><i><b>“On the Way”</b></i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation Youth and Rebecca Greeters: Deb Giles Nursery: Veronika Sukup/Jon Shellenberger AV: Jamey Sullivan</p>
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**TODAY**

Priscilla and Aquilla were early disciples who were passionate about teaching the gospel and building up the church. How might we, like them, be witnesses and show hospitality in the midst of ordinary life? And Al M. will share about a belief that was developed in his early rural context and how he has sought to live it out in an urban setting.

After worship, each person is encouraged to join a **mentor-mentee** pair as they dedicate and mount their newly-made plaque on a tree.

**Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** – 5:00 pm, gather at the hill for this annual time to bless our students and teachers. Bring finger foods to share and ice cream toppings. Contact Jamey if you are able to bring ice cream.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

The theme "On the Way" and the story of Jesus with the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35) guided worship and interaction at the recent Mennonite Church USA bi-annual convention in Kansas City. This Sunday, 3 of our youth, 2 sponsors, and Rebecca will share from their experiences in KC.

**THIS WEEK**

Wed. Aug. 5, 6:00 pm, **ELF Night** featuring Audrey Thill sharing from her experiences in Cambodia through MCC's Serving & Learning Together (SALT) program.

Fri. Aug. 7, 5:00 pm – Sat. Aug. 8, 8:00 pm, **Silent Retreat.**

**UPCOMING**

Aug. 19 - **Large Group** meeting

**Summer Campout, August 29 – 30**, Tipsaw Lake. Please get your registration and any related fees to Deb Giles by August 16.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rebecca** will be in Goshen for an IN-MI Conference meeting this Fri. afternoon through Sat. evening. Contact an Elder in case of urgent pastoral care need.

Toss your loose change into our **“Penny Power”** collection this summer and help people around the world produce their own food through Foods Resource Bank. This year you can contribute to the boys jar or the girls jar (or both!)

If you would like to **help replenish PMF’s Love Fund**, by which we provide assistance to people in the Paoli community, label your gift “Love Fund” and place in the offering. Thank you.

Many hands make light work! Aug. 10-15 - members of **Sam and Kym's** small group are helping them coordinate a work week to do some repairs and cleaning at their house. There are a variety of tasks including cleaning, painting, and carpentry. Contact Sam or Wendell to let them know when during that week you can help. More details will follow.

The **Good Samaritan Fund Annual Pork Barbecue** will be held 3:30-7:30 p.m. **August 15** at Paoli United Methodist Church. Please sign up to help serve/clean-up and/or provide desserts (no cookies or cupcakes, please). Several key players are not able to be present, so your assistance is definitely needed. We are especially seeking someone to be sure the beverages are made and refilled. Sarann Weeks would like to have a count of desserts and workers by Monday, August 3 so sign up today or call her at 723-3294. Contact Sherry Schmidt if questions.

**New in magazine rack:** Bluffton University magazine, Spring issue on “cross-cultural learning”

