



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

August 23, 2015

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

Call to Worship

- Reader 1: We gather here to celebrate the God in whose image we are created. Our God is a God of love, a God of compassion, a God of justice, and a God of relationships.
- Everyone:** We celebrate that we are created in the image of God.
- Reader 2: We gather here to celebrate God's deep love for everyone regardless of their gender, age, physical ability, sexual orientation, or ethnic background.
- Everyone:** **We celebrate that we are created in the image of God.**
- Reader 3: We celebrate that God is involved in all human relationships, calling us to honesty, tenderness, mutual respect and equality.
- Everyone:** **We celebrate that we are created in the image of God.**
- Reader 4: We celebrate our covenant which calls us to take each other seriously and to care for one another in love.
- Everyone:** **The living God, the living, moving Spirit of God has called us together, in witness, in celebration and in struggle. Thanks be to God!**

For Prayer

Remember Sophie Sears and Hannah Thill in prayer as they begin another year of classes at Goshen College, and Logan Parsons as he studies at IUPUI. May God grant them energy, wisdom and joy as they pursue interests and develop relationships.

Continue to pray for Duane and Sherry and their family as they journey through this unknown time. May the Holy Spirit grant them strength and peace. Give thanks for the blessing of visitors, and for the ongoing work of the Good Samaritan Fund.

Pray for those who are struggling with pain or health concerns.

Jean Felix Cimbalanga, president of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo, is working toward unity in his denomination. Pray for new energy for ministry as this church heals from the fractures of past years.

Building Shalom Friendships Between Women and Men

Focus: We are created for relationship. God intends for all people – single, married, younger, older, disabled, able-bodied, men and women – to experience life-giving relationships.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: For the beauty of the earth – H 89

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship: (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Praise:

New earth, heavens new - H 299

For we are strangers no more - H 322

Help us to help each other - H 362

Celebrating Shalom – JoAnn Borntreger

Opportunities for Generosity: Special Giving for August is for Good Samaritan Fund
Penny Power: Coins for Food Resource Bank

Prayer for the offering: SJ 147

Listening

Children's Story

Scripture: John 4: 3-14, 27; Luke 8: 1-3; Mark 10: 41-44

Reflecting on Cross-gender Friendships

Responding

Song of Response: Will you let me be your servant – H 307

Other Responses

Sharing our joys and concerns

Praying

Sending

Announcements

Blessing

Song : Shalom Chaverim – SR 108

Passing the Peace

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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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.

<p>TODAY August 23, 2015 (worship at 10:00)</p> <p><i>Building Shalom in Friendships</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger Music Leader: Sandi Sears I Believe Panel Discussion Greeters: Aaron & Shanna Johnson Nursery: Sandi Sears/Jamey Sullivan A.V.: Jamey Sullivan</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY August 30, 2015 (worship at 11:00)</p> <p><i>Summer Campout – Tipsaw Lake</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Dave & Joanna Woodsmall Meditation Greeters: Nursery: AV:</p>
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TODAY

As a congregation we have decided to have one worship service each year that focuses on some aspect of our sexuality. Today we look at building shalom in friendships between men and women. The High School youth will begin a series of sexuality classes in September and the topic of healthy friendships between women and men is an important concept. How do we understand and model healthy cross-gender relationships within the congregation?

MYF & Parents will meet after church. Sullivan's will host and we will do a pitch-in meal, swim, and go over future schedule, including live-in and service project. This years MYF will be grades 6-12; some activities will be for combined Jr/Sr High and some will be just for Jr. or Sr High.

NEXT SUNDAY

Aug. 30 – 11:00 am worship at Tipsaw Lake as part of our summer campout

THIS WEEK

Sat. Aug. 29-30, Summer Campout at Tipsaw Lake.

UPCOMING

Sept. 13, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Sexuality Classes for Youth will start and continue for the next four Sundays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, Sept. 6 **our worship time** will shift back to our normal schedule and begin at 9:30 am. Also, Christian Education hour for all ages will begin again on Sept. 6. Come be nurtured and challenged in your walk of faith through corporate worship and study of God's word.

A pancake breakfast will be held on Sun. Sept. 6th at 8:30 am to celebrate our Penny Power collective achievement!

Sunday, September 13: All interested persons are invited to a lunch meeting to plan together for ways to assist others seeking personal **budgeting and debt management assistance**. We will explore options and resources. For more information see Rebecca or Ted.

IN-MI Mennonite Women and Girls retreat will be held on October 9-11 at Amigo Centre. The theme is Growing (up) Together in Christ. This year's retreat invites girls 3rd grade and up to attend. For more information and registration check www.amigocentre.org/in-mi-mennonite-women-fall-retreat.html or call Amigo Centre at 269-651

New in magazine rack: Heston College Magazine.

New on the bulletin board: Article about PMF in the Mennonite World Review!

Camp Friedenswald Women's Retreat, Sept. 25-27, and Camp Friedenswald Men's Retreat Oct. 16-18.

Growing (up) together in Christ, retreat for women flyer.