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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PMF Family and Youth Initiative** (FYI) is a new Facebook page where you can learn about what is happening with this program, give your thought and ideals. Please like us and be a part of this exciting new journey.

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has a critical need for volunteers in Bastrop, Texas.** Both short & long-term volunteers are needed immediately through mid-December to help with repairs and rebuilding before cold weather sets in. In May heavy rain flooded a large area of Texas including Bastrop. In October wildfires swept through the area damaging more homes. In early Nov. more heavy rain and flooding hit. MDS has lodging at the First Baptist Church nearby. Contact Wendell Lantz or MDS (800-241-8111) to volunteer

For Prayer

Remember Gail Brown in prayer as she has begun treatment for cancer. Pray for others you know who have health concerns, and for those who provide care for them.  
  
Pray for those who are living with or fleeing violence. Pray that Christ's spirit of compassion would be demonstrated at national and local levels.

Pray for Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton, and their daughter Aliyah, as they build relationships with Ecuadorian Mennonite churches and international partners.

<b>TODAY</b> Nov. 29, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> Dec. 6, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)
<i>Freedom Bound</i>	<i>Freedom Bound</i>
Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger	Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger
Music Leader: Joanna & Dave Woodsmall	Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation Rebecca Kauffman	Meditation Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Deb Giles & children	Greeters: Gail Brown
Nursery: Mica Beauregard/Danny Parsons	Nursery: Jan Mullet/Jim Beachy
A.V.: Larry Lehman	AV: Jamey Sullivan

