



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

June 12, 2016

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

## Call to Worship

“Seeds and Soil” *(from Words for Worship 2)*

Leader: A dry, lifeless speck  
blown by the wind,  
settles to earth.

**People: Sunlight, soil, rain.**

**Roots! Shoots! Flowers! Fruit!**

Leader: Mysterious God,  
we marvel at the miracle of new life from seeds.

**People: We marvel that your kingdom grows even while we sleep.**

Leader: Scatter your good seed in our hearts this day,  
O Spirit of God.

**All: Then let our hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
center of unbroken praise.**

## Prayers

Milton B. will travel with the Mennonite Central Committee USA board to Haiti on June 18 - 25.  
Pray for safe travel, productive board meetings, and an ability to see and hear the stories of MCC  
partners as they tour various projects.

Remember Glenda Lindley and the family in prayer as they grieve Joel's death. May God grant  
healing, hope and comfort. Pray also for others who are grieving a loss.

Pray for Claude as he anticipates a time of transition and waits for the details of his house sale to  
go through. May God's Spirit continue to guide and direct his paths.

Pray for those who are traveling this summer, that God would grant times of rest as well as  
awareness to notice the beauty and needs we encounter. Pray for those who continue with  
routines close to home, that God would grant joy in our everyday labors.

Pray for the Spirit's continued leading as GDC words to fill a few more positions that are still  
vacant. May those who are taking on new roles be given grace as we find our way, and may we all  
be led by God's direction and wisdom

Pray for the congregations and delegates of IN-MI Mennonite Conference (to whom PMF  
belongs) as we meet to worship and share stories of God's activity in our midst. Pray especially  
for the Spirit's presence and leading as we discuss ways to live into a renewed vision for the  
conference.

## Parables and Sayings of Jesus

**Focus:** *God's Kingdom starts small and grows.*

### Gathering to Worship

Blessed be the name

Welcome and introductions

Call to Worship *(See back of bulletin.)*

### Praising

Songs: Jesus is a friend

Our God is a God who makes friends

Hey O

Celebrating Shalom: Wally Shellenberger

Opportunities for Generosity – *June Special giving is for Mercy Center/Grace Haven shelter  
Coins for Foods Resource Bank*

My offering I bring to you

### Hearing and Experiencing Jesus's Words

Children's time

Scripture: Matthew 13: 31-33

Meditation: “Seeds and Yeast”

Response

### Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

### Announcements

**Sending:** This little light of mine

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor  
Elders (In process)

653-4140

**MINISTERS**

All the congregation

**CHURCH OFFICE**

**Pastor:** Rebecca Kauffman; Office Hours - Tues 9-4, Wed 9-1, Thurs 1-5  
**Director of Youth:** Evie Shellenberger; Office Hours: Thur. 9 – 1. Cell: 812-653-9703  
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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> June 12, 2016 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><b><i>Parables &amp; Sayings of Jesus</i></b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson          Music Leader: Joanna &amp; Dave Woodsmall          Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman          Greeters: Trish &amp; Larry Moore          Nursery: Cristy Ford / Dave Woodsmall          A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> June 19, 2016 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b><i>Parables &amp; Sayings of Jesus</i></b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman          Music Leader:          Meditation:          Greeters: Louise O’Connell          Nursery: Deb Giles / Shanna Johnson          AV: Larry Lehman</p>
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**TODAY**

This summer our worship will center around the parables and sayings of Jesus, which invite us to discover new understandings of the reign of God. This week there are two similar parables that point to the unexpected and exponential way the kingdom of God grows. Where have you observed God's activity growing and acting to shelter and feed many? Songs and highlights from Vacation Bible School will also be shared.

**La clase en español,** Lección # 2 esta noche, 6:00-7:15. ¡Bienvenidos!

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Following along in Matthew's gospel, in Matt 13: 44-50, we come to more parables. These illustrate what great value is found in being part of God's reign, as well as how costly it can be to gain the "treasure" of God. We are challenged to enter the story and move toward our own deeper commitment to Jesus.

**La clase en español,** Lección # 3, 6:00-7:15

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, June 14, 1:00,** PET meeting

**Wednesday, June 15, 5:00 pm:** All high school students will meet at the Sullivans at 5 p.m. to view the DVD, *Dying to Live, A Migrant's Journey*. A meal and swim time will follow the DVD, with a time to discuss MYF plans for the next several months. It is important for all high school students to be there!

**Rebecca** will be out of the office this Thurs - Saturday to attend the **IN-MI Conference Annual Sessions** in Elkhart. Mary will also attend in her role as Regional Conference Minister, as well as Phil.

**UPCOMING**

**June 29, Wednesday:** Keep the date open for an ELF night where we will explore communication problems among people in different cultural settings. Come prepared to have fun as we eat, play and learn together.

**July 9** will be the date for the FYI garage sale. Please bring items that can be sold at the sale to the preschool Sunday School room. We are hoping this will be a great fundraiser for FYI.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This summer our FRB / penny power offering includes a focus on MCC work in the Chiapas region of Mexico. We will coordinate with our FYI journey to the borderlands by looking at places immigrants are coming from and how we can help those communities increase food security. Coins given in the FRB offering will support MCC and local leaders in providing training for conservation agriculture, rain water harvesting, patio gardening, healthy cooking, using medicinal plants, community organizing, and leadership skills. We will collect coins from the offering in a pinata to end the summer with a celebration!

