

Call to Worship

Leader: The word of God is solid ground
People: Open our ears to listen, Lord.
Leader: The words of Jesus are our foundation
People: Let us act on them, Lord.
**All: May we never stray from your wisdom
and plant our feet firmly on rock instead of sand,
through Christ our Lord. AMEN**

Prayer of Confession

"Fear mixed with hope" (from Words for Worship 2)

All: Holy God, we stand in your presence today.

- 1: This is a day of new beginnings
- 2: a day for trusting your Holy Spirit,
 - 1: a day for considering the wisdom of the ages
 - 2: and dreams and visions for your new world.
- 1: We confess that fear is mixed with our hope.
- 2: Even as we seek together your new work,
 - 1: we find ourselves clinging to the old and familiar.

**All: Embrace us in our hopes and fears,
And set our feet on the path of your new creation. Amen.**

Prayers

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.

Give thanks for those who have agreed to serve in various capacities to fulfill the work of PMF in the coming year! Pray for the Spirit's continued leading as a few more positions 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 our sister congregation, First Mennonite Church of Bluffton (OH) as Steve Yoder, one of their pastors for 13 years, died this past week after a long illness and awaiting a heart transplant.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

June 5, 2016

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

Parables and Sayings of Jesus

Focus: *Build your life on Jesus' teaching. We help build the church community.*

Gathering to Worship

We sing to you O God SJ #1
Welcome and introductions
Call to Worship *(See back of bulletin.)*

Praising

Songs: We worship God the rock SJ #28
Don't build your house on the sandy land
Love the Lord your God SS # 55
Jesus rock of ages H # 515
Celebrating Shalom--Jim Beachy
Recognizing June Birthdays and Anniversaries
Opportunities for Generosity – *June Special giving is for Mercy Center/Grace Haven shelter*
My offering I bring to you

Confessing and Reconciling

Silence
Prayer of confession *(See back of bulletin.)*
Silence
Words of assurance - H #708

Hearing and Experiencing Jesus's Words

Children's time
The wise man built his house upon the rock
Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27
Meditation
Building Activity
Response
Song: My hope is built on nothing less H # 343

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

Sending: The Lord lift you up SJ #73

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor
Elders (In process)

653-4140

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 June 5, 2016 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><i>Parables & Sayings of Jesus</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Phil & Mary Mininger Nursery: Stori Sullivan/Veronika Sukup A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY June 12, 2016 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><i>Parables & Sayings of Jesus</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Trish & Larry Moore Nursery: Cristy Ford/Dave Woodsmall AV: Larry Lehman</p>
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TODAY

Jesus was a storyteller who spoke in parables to the whole range of his audience - the disciples, the crowds, and to those who opposed him. There was a message for each one. We are equally challenged to enter the story and move toward our own deeper commitment to Jesus. This summer our worship will center around the parables and sayings of Jesus, which invite us to a new understanding of the reign of God. Today we think about what kind of foundation our "house" is built on.

Lynsey Rice’s graduation party at PMF, 5:00-6:00 this evening.

Spanish classes begin this evening 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm. See announcement for details.

NEXT SUNDAY

Jesus began his ministry by announcing that the kingdom of God had arrived (Mark 1:14-15). Some of Jesus' parables use ordinary objects of life, like seeds and yeast, to illustrate the unexpected nature Jesus' ministry, and how the kingdom of God grows. Songs and highlights from Vacation Bible School will also be shared.

THIS WEEK

PMF's Vacation Bible School will be held Wednesday, June 8 and Fri. June 10, from 1:00 - 5:30 pm. VBS is open to children age 5 thru Jr. High.

UPCOMING

The **annual session of Indiana-Michigan Conference** will take place June 16-18 in Elkhart, IN. Rebecca, Phil & Mary will attend from PMF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next fundraiser for the FYI grant will be a **yard sale to help meet our grant** match. We are planning for that this summer and would like to invite you to bring any yard sale items you could contribute to the church and place them in the preschool Sunday School room. We have a group of adults and youth willing to organize items for the sale. Thanks for helping us in this way. We will announce the date soon.

Our FYI grant has provided all of us with an **opportunity to learn Spanish**. Beginning June 5 all interested children, youth and adults are invited to meet at the church from 6:00 to 7:15 to begin our learning. Each class will consist of a lecture from a DVD, produced by The Great Courses, which will take about 45 minutes. Fifteen minutes of each session will be used to practice conversational Spanish with Spanish speakers within the congregation. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity.

New in the magazine rack: Hesston College’s *Today*; a new issue of *The Mennonite* which features young Mennonites under age 40 who are committed to following Jesus and Christian faith; and *Marketplace*, a magazine that links business practices and faith. This presents an inspirational alternative to the usual business model.

