



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

August 21, 2016

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

Prayer of Thanks (unison)

God of grace,
give us clean hearts, forgiving hearts, praising hearts.
With thanksgiving we come to your table.
Thank you Jesus, for giving your life to us in word and deed,
even unto death.
Come Holy Spirit, feed us with your love
that we may be filled with power and joy as we abide in Jesus the Vine.
Through this meal, strengthen us to be followers of Christ,
a community of peace in a broken world.
Amen.

Prayer of Response (unison)

We have come to the Lord's table,
we have tasted the bread and fruit of heaven.
Gardener-God, continue to prune and transform us
so that we can see with Jesus' eyes
reach out with Jesus' hands,
speak with Jesus' mouth;
so that we can be the body of Christ in the world,
bearing the fruit of the Spirit
and proclaiming the good news of your kingdom.
Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

Prayers

Give thanks to God for the safe arrival of Davis Oliver Stahly, born August 15. Proud grandma is Louise O'Connell.

Be in prayer for our upcoming time of fellowship, fun and learning at Summer Camp-out next weekend. Pray for God's blessing on Jason and Rhiannon as they prepare to lead us.

Pray for people affected by the flooding in Louisiana, and also those affected by fires in California. May God grant strength, protection and hope. Pray for healing for the earth.

The Vine and the Branches

Focus: *We abide in Jesus.*

Gathering to Worship

Song: Blessed be the name (Heri ni jina) – SS 75
Welcome and introductions
Call to Worship: SJ 119

Praising

Be Thou my vision – H 545
I've got peace like a river
What a friend we have in Jesus - H 573

Celebrating Shalom – Phil Mininger

Opportunities for Generosity – *August special giving is OCCF-Good Samaritan Fund
Last Sunday of coins for Foods Resource Bank*
Song: My offering I bring to you

Confessing and Reconciling

Prayer of confession – H 692
Silence
Words of assurance – H 707

Hearing and Experiencing Jesus' Words

Children's time
Scripture: John 15: 1-17
Meditation
Response: celebrating communion (see back of bulletin)

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

Benediction – H 752

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 Aug. 21, 2016 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><i>Parables & Sayings of Jesus</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Lonnie Sears Music Leader: Joanna & Dave Woodsmall Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Gail Brown Nursery: Patsy Heinz & Lonnie Sears A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Aug 28, 2016 (worship 10:00 am)</p> <p><i>Summer Camp Out</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Jason & Rhiannon Harrison Music Leader: Meditation: Greeters: Nursery: AV:</p>
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TODAY

The gospel of John doesn't contain parables and short sayings about the kingdom of God, instead Jesus speaks in long, difficult monologues about himself, his relation to God, and the need to believe in him. But his purpose is still to point people to the God.

NEXT SUNDAY

There will be no worship service at the PMF building. Instead, gather for worship at Patoka Lake, Marina #1 Pavilion, as part of summer camp out. Worship begins at 10:00 am. Lunch will follow at 11:30.

THIS WEEK

Summer Camp-out at Patoka Lake. Saturday 27th, beginning at 3:00 pm through Sunday. Jason and Rhiannon Harrison will lead various activities with an international theme. Bring a side dish to share and your own table service for Sat supper, camp chairs, etc. Primitive camping sites available. See the email for more details; contact Jon, Donna, Darren, or Noah Ford with your questions.

UPCOMING

A memorial service and plaque dedication in memory of Nic Allen, former PMF participant, will be held at PMF on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Save the Date! Sat., October 1st is PMF's turn to help with the Orange Co Habitat for Humanity Apostle's Build. This year the house is being built in French Lick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note Connie has a **new phone number** at her new apt; it is 812-723-8644. Her old number still reaches her when she is at the house.

The **Small Group** coordinators are beginning to form new groups for the coming 2-year cycle. Please respond by Aug 24 to the email regarding your tentative placement.

Interested in learning more about the roots of Anabaptism and its meaning for today? AMBS invites you to join us for the **Anabaptist History and Theology** short course. This is an online, 6 week, non-credit short course led by Jamie Pitts, assistant professor of Anabaptist Studies. Course runs Sept. 14 - Oct. 25. See ams.edu for details.

La clase de espanol will not meet for several weeks. It will resume in early Sept. In the meantime, continue reviewing and practicing the things you have learned. It's amazing how quickly this kind of knowledge can leave your brain if you don't use it! A special thanks to our coaches, (Jon, Crystal, Mica, Ray, Bonnie, Dietrich, and the Nunezes) for the help they have given.

New in the magazine rack: August issue of *The Mennonite*. Also, Christian Peacemaker Teams newsletter highlighting Iraq, Colombia, Palestine, and more.