

Call to Worship

Leader: God loves me,
People: And there are no strings attached!
Leader: God loves you!
People: And so should I.
Leader: Our love has limits,
People: God's love is limitless.
All: We are God's beloved, Praise the Lord!

I Corinthians 13: 1-8

Leader: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
Men: And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love,
I am nothing.
Women: If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.
Leader: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
Men: It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
Women: It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
All: Love never ends.

Prayers

As the search committee for the position of Pastor of Youth Formation continues its work, please pray for committee members (Phil, Doris, Evie and Rebecca) as well as potential candidates. May God's Spirit grant wise discernment.

Pray for Milton B. as he recovers from knee replacement surgery this past Wednesday, and for Jo Ann as she offers care. He reports that all went well.

Did you know that, globally speaking, the "typical Mennonite" is a young woman from Congo? Current violence is on the rise in the Kasai regions in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where most of the Mennonite congregations are established. This leaves some members abused, others dead, and many in hiding. Our Congolese brothers and sisters request our prayers and solidarity in this time of danger. Pray for protection, strength and faithfulness.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

July 23, 2017

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

Love is a Verb

Gather to Worship

Song: 10,000 Reasons
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)
Song: Praise the Lord

Singing our Faith

Oceans
As I went down to the river to pray – SJ 79
Som'landela (We will follow) – SS 40

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for July goes to Food Resource Bank
Song: Penny Power song

Celebrating Shalom – Youth

Hearing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: John 13: 34-35; 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8 (see back of bulletin);
Matthew 5: 14-16
Sharing from Convention: Youth and sponsors

Reflecting and responding

Response Song: Gravity of Love

Sharing Joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

Announcements

Sending Song: "Seeds"

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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 July 16, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><i>Love is a Verb!</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Youth Meditation: MC USA convention participants. Greeters: Youth Nursery: Crystal Shellenberger A.V.: Aaron Johnson</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY July 31, 2017 (worship at 11:00)</p> <p><i>Shalom Sunday at Spring Mill</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Music Leader: Meditation: Greeters: Nursery: AV:</p>
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TODAY

The youth who attended the Mennonite Church USA convention in Orlando will lead our worship this morning, sharing songs, stories and aspects from their experience. Following worship there will be desert and punch to thank the congregation for their support in making this opportunity possible for our youth.

Youth Council will meet following worship.

NEXT SUNDAY

Shalom Sunday, July 30, Spring Mill State Park, Sycamore Shelter. Worship will be at 11:00 am followed by a pitch in meal at 12. Following lunch there will be games/activities, Spring Mill offerings and swimming for all those interested. If you have any questions please contact Deb Giles, Dave Woodsmall or Mary Mininger.

THIS WEEK

FYI finale! We will **celebrate and reflect on the completion of our grant cycle** on Wednesday, July 26. We will begin with games for all ages at The Hill from 5 to 5:50. Supper will be served at 6 in the church building followed by a time of reflection at 7. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of this celebration and your thoughts and reflections about how we have experienced the grant within the congregation will be greatly appreciated.

Thurs. July 27, 7:30 pm – PET

UPCOMING

August 6 – Commissioning of committee members. Also, our annual **Back-to-school Ice Cream Social**.

August 9, **Large Group** meeting.

Summer Camp-out, Sat. Aug. 26 - Sun. Aug. 27 at Tipsaw Lake.

Sept. 22-23 – Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale in Elkhart to benefit MCC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food is needed for the meal before Large Group on August 9. Please sign-up on the sheet provided in the foyer if you are able to bring sandwiches, vegetables or fruit. Thank you. Hospitality Committee.

A thank you note from Nadine Zook Miller, MCC, for the 23 Immigration detainee Kits we donated: *Thank you, your donation has already been sent to our partner in Chicago. Thank you, so needed! – Nadine.*

New in magazine rack: *A Common Place* (from MCC), *The Marketplace* (from Mennonite Economic Development Associates), and *Christian Peacemaker teams* report.

New on the Bulletin Board: *Giving Back to Africa Gala invite. Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale poster.*