



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

July 8, 2018

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Are you thirsty?
People: Our souls are thirsty for God.
Leader: How thirsty are you?
People: We thirst as if there's no water in this land.
Leader: Lift up your hands and call on God's name.
**All: Our souls will be satisfied as with a rich feast,
for God has been our help,
and in the shadow of God's wings we sing for joy.**

Prayers

On Saturday, July 14, Berenice Nunez, family and friends, will be traveling to Michigan to celebrate her 15th birthday, "Mis Quince Anos." This is an important celebration for Berenice, which she has been planning for a long time. Pray for safety as they travel and for a meaningful celebration time.

Jon, Crystal, Jonathan and Emmett returned home from Puerto Rico Tuesday evening. They, and the PMF volunteers, will be sharing about their work there on Sunday, July 15. Please continue to remember the work of MDS in Puerto Rico, as much work still needs to be done.

Continue to remember Peter and Delicia and their work in Ecuador. An update about their work is posted on the bulletin board.

There continues to be much violence in many parts of our world. Pray for all the children and families who have been separated while trying to find safety in our country. The children and people of Yemen also continue to suffer devastating effects from the war in which the [U.S.](#) is supporting. Continue to pray for the people of Syria who are suffering greatly from the war in their country. May our hearts and the hearts of our leaders burn with justice and compassion for all people.

Practicing Faith

Focus: Spiritual practices focus our vision so that the rest of life can come into perspective.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: I'm pressing on the upward way – SJ 96
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Lord I am fondly earnestly – H 514
I sought the Lord – H 506
Cornerstone

Celebrating Shalom: Doris Weaver

Opportunities for generosity – Special “noisy offering” for July goes to Food Resource Bank.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-20; 5:6-11; I Timothy 6:10a.
Intergenerational activity
Meditation

Response time

Sharing joys & concerns/Intercessory prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Before leaving please put all songbooks under your seat and be sure the tables are cleaned. Thank you!

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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 8, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><i>The America We Love</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Aaron Johnson Greeters: Marlene & Dave Beachy Nursery: Darlene Larrison/Keith Gibbons A.V.: Espri Bender-Beauregard</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY July 15, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><i>Practicing Faith</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Jon & Crystal Shellenberger Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Puerto Rico Group Greeters: Dave & Joanna Woodsmall Nursery: Sherry Schmidt/Larry Moore A.V.: Aaron Johnson</p>
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TODAY

If our vision is clouded or distracted by a million things, how do we see clearly with the eyes of God’s vision? How do we “practice” living the Christian life as Jesus taught us? Spiritual practices (or disciplines) are actions that help us create space for God, and tune us into the divine Spirit and the patterns of Jesus. This summer we will explore a few of the many spiritual practices – bringing the holy into our ordinary rhythms of life.

NEXT SUNDAY

Jon, Crystal, Jonathan, Emmett Shellenberger and PMF volunteers will share their work experiences in Puerto Rico.

THIS WEEK

Wed. July 11, **Circle of Grace training**, 7-8:30 pm.

Wed. July 11, **Isaiah study group will meet**, 7 pm, at PMF.

UP COMING

Sister Care breakfast, July 21, 9:30 am at Christianna Matheny’s home. Christianna will provide a breakfast casserole and everyone else is to bring a pitch in item. There is limited parking so car-pooling is recommended. Please call Christianna for directions and to RSVP. Phone: 812-365-9139.

Shalom Sunday, July 29, Red Cross shelter at Spring Mill, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Pitch in lunch.

Three youth (Matthew Ford, Hannah Albertson and Quinton Albertson) registered to attend **Know Jesus** at Goshen College on July 27-29, along with two adult sponsors (Veronika Sukup and Darren Bender).

Annual PMF **Summer Campout** will be held August 25-26 at Tipsaw Lake. Mark your calendars now, and stay tuned!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wally & Evie have begun their service as Short-term Coordinators for PMF, during this transition time. In this role they will help keep the various “pieces” of PMF in touch with each other. They will also be responsible for overseeing, providing, or delegating congregational care. Contact them if you have a need. Prayer requests that you’d like shared on the Prayer Chain should be directed to Evie or Wally. If you have a logistical or schedule question, contact Deb at the church office.

Sherry Schmidt is coordinating **care for Glenda Lindley’s mother**, Juanita, who is 90 years old and needing some in-home care. If anyone is interested and available to sit with Juanita on a regular basis until longer term arrangements can be made, please contact Sherry within the next few days.

On Wednesday evening, July 11, nine adults from the congregation will be attending a training session on the **Circle of Grace curriculum** which will be implemented in September. The goal of this curriculum is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. We will be hearing more about this curriculum later in the summer.

Several members of the Immigration Task Force delivered the many items collected for **La Casita** on Pentecost Sunday. The Director was very grateful for this gift from our congregation. We will hear more about the work of La Casita, in Louisville, in an up-coming ELF night.

New in magazine rack: July issue of *the Mennonite*, and *The Marketplace*.

New on Bulletin Board: Update from the Wiggintons.