

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth

People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing

Leader: Know that the Lord is God

People: It is God who made us. We are God's people; we follow like sheep in the pasture.

Leader: Enter these gates with thanksgiving, and the courts with praise.

People: Give thanks and bless God's name.

Leader: For the Lord is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Prayers

Luke Mosemann and Chad Sullivan are our newest Mentor-Mentee pair. Remember them in your prayers as they begin this important relationship together.

Donna Mosemann's step-mother died last week in Pennsylvania. Donna was not able to attend the celebration of her life due to surgery on her nose. May the healing presence of our loving and gracious God surround Donna and her family during these days.

Mennonite Mission Network has a monthly Prayer Vine with daily prayer requests for mission workers and congregations. The September, Prayer Vine, is posted on the bulletin board.

On August 18, 2018, Glen Guyton was installed as the first African American to serve as an Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA. His installation marks a significant moment in our denomination's history. May he be surrounded with our prayers as he takes on this important work on behalf of the Mennonite Church.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 2, 2018

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

Practicing Faith – Celebration

Focus: Living into Jesus' promise of abundant life, we celebrate with joy the life we are given.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: The Celebration Song

Awake, arise, O sing a new song – H 56

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

I know my sheep

My soul is filled with joy – SJ 13

Santo, Santo, Santo – SJ 15

Christ we do all adore Thee – H 105

Celebrating Shalom – Phil Mininger

Opportunities for generosity - Special giving for September goes to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time: Darlene Larrison

Scripture: John 10:10, Psalm 100, Matthew 9:14-17

Meditation

Response

The Celebration Song

Sharing joys & concerns/Prayers of the People

Announcements

Sending

Song: Joyful, joyful we adore thee – H 71

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

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MINISTERS - All the congregation

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CHURCH OFFICE

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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.

TODAY Sept 2, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)

Practicing Faith

Worship Leader: Dave Beachy
 Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
 Meditation: Ted Larrison
 Greeters: Deb Giles
 Nursery: Yolanda Yoder/Wally Shellenberger
 A.V.: Espri Bender-Beauregard

NEXT SUNDAY Sept 9, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)

Circle of Grace

Worship Leader: Evie & Darren
 Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
 Meditation: Evie & Darren
 Greeters: Curtis Thill & Yolanda Yoder
 Nursery: Darlene Larrison/Donna Mosemann
 A.V.: Espri Bender-Beauregard

TODAY

Henri Nouwen writes that spiritual practices are “ways to create a room where Christ can invite us to feast with him at the table of abundance.” It is time to celebrate that abundance, simply delighting in God and letting God delight in us.

NEXT SUNDAY

Our new Circle of Grace curriculum for all children/youth begins during the Sunday School hour. This curriculum is a Christian safe environment curriculum, recommended by Mennonite Church USA, to help form and educate children and youth about the value of positive relationships with God and others. During worship we will attempt to enlarge our understanding of GRACE and the Circle of Grace that surrounds everyone.

Adult Education will begin with a study of Journey Forward.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 4, 9:30: **Small Group Coordinators** meet at PMF.

Wednesday, September 5, 7-8 p.m.: All parents and other interested persons are encouraged to attend a meeting to understand the philosophy of the **Circle of Care curriculum** and what will be taught to the children/youth attending these classes. Parental involvement in the program is essential for the best outcomes for our children/youth.

Thursday, September 6, 7:00 p.m., **PET Mtg.**

UP COMING

ELF Night, September 12, 6-8 p.m. will focus on learning more about **Journey Forward**, Mennonite Church USA’s church-wide renewal process of engaging in Scripture, storytelling and sharing how God is at work in the lives of people and congregations across MC USA. It grows out of the Future Church Summit and the Renewed Commitments of Mennonite Church USA.

Large Group, Wednesday, September 19.

September 29: Habitat for Humanity **Apostle’s Build**.

September 23-27 our **high school youth** will be living in our PMF building, sharing life together with **Darren, Jon and Stori**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Small Group** coordinators have read your responses to topics around which Small Groups could form. We are recommending five different Small Groups for 2018-2019, two Sharing and Caring Groups, one Enneagram Group, and two groups whose focus will be studying books, the Bible, articles from the Mennonite and hymns. Due to the fact that all Wednesdays in September have been filled with other church items, new Small Groups will begin October 3. A list of all Small Groups will be sent out this week.

Sunday School rooms for the next year need to be cleaned and ready to begin a new year. If you would be willing to help prepare the rooms, please come on Thursday September 6, at 9 a.m.

Welcome to Beth & Maurice Walden-Fisher and their children Rachel and Emory. They can be contacted at 812-292-6886 or email: bethwaldenfisher@yahoo.com.