



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 16, 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

(based on Isaiah 40:28-31)

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?
People: *The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the Earth.*
Leader: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
People: *He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.*
Leader: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fail exhausted;
**All: but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

Prayers

Prayers for North and South Carolina as they experience hurricane Florence and what may follow. Prayers for Puerto Rico as they continue to rebuild and come back from hurricane Maria. May God give all the courage, strength, resources and hope needed to endure and recover.

Pray for Glenda Lindley as she continues to grieve the loss of her mother. May God give her comfort and peace.

Pray for PMF as we enter into a time of transition. May God give us the wisdom to make good decisions, the courage to make and accept change, and the faith to trust each other.

Isaiah 40-55

Focus: Yahweh is doing something new. From suffering comes healing and hope for all people!

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: They that wait upon the Lord – H 584
Welcome and Introductions
Call to worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

I sing the mighty power of God – H 46
New Earth, Heaven's New – H 299
By the waters of Babylon – SJ 22

Celebrating Shalom – Mary Mininger

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

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time: Espri Bender
Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-4; 43:19-19; 52:13-15; 53:1-7
Meditation: Wally, Veronika, & Keith

Response

Sharing joys & concerns/Prayers of the People

Announcements

Sending – practicing Circle of Grace

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

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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Deb Giles	865-5480
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Crystal Shellenberger	723-2035

MINISTERS - All the congregation

SHORT TERM COORDINATORS: Evie & Wally Shellenberger H: 723-3925, Cell: 812-653-9703

CHURCH OFFICE

Short term coordinator: Evie Shellenberger; Office hours – Tues.& Thur. 8am-12pm
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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 16, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)	NEXT SUNDAY Sept 23, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)
<i>Book of Isaiah</i>	<i>Book of Isaiah</i>
Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup	Worship Leader:
Music Leader: Mary Mininger	Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Wally, Veronika, Keith	Meditation: Al Mortenson
Greeters: Dave, Debbie & Patsy Heinz	Greeters: Joanne & Allen James
Nursery: Marlene Beachy/Wendell Lantz	Nursery: Shanna Johnson & Darren Bender Beauregard
A.V.: Aaron Johnson	A.V.: Aaron Johnson

TODAY

Read and reflect with imagination, creativity, wonder and awe Isaiah chapters 40-53, especially 42 and 43, 49, 50: 4-11, and 52: 11-53:12. Several places Yahweh speaks of doing something new. What do you notice which is new, different or changed? How did their understanding of God change? Can we, ourselves, have a dynamic, changing experience of the Holy One? How is it that the Servant of Yahweh can accept suffering? How is it that this suffering can be redemptive?

NEXT SUNDAY

The focus of the meditation next Sunday will be on Isaiah 55: 1-2. Like the people of Isaiah's day, we often lose sight of what truly matters and seek fulfillment in the wrong places. Just as God's people who had been in exile were being called to lives filled with purpose and love, we also have this calling.

THIS WEEK

Large Group, Wednesday, September 19. The primary agenda item is a recommendation from PET for a transitional pastor at PMF. All are invited to participate in discussion of the recommendation. Participants can enjoy a light supper from 6:00-6:30.

LG will begin at 6:30. Childcare will be provided.

UP COMING

September 23-27 our **high school youth** will be living in our PMF building, sharing life together with **Darren, Jon and Stori**. If you're able to prepare an evening meal during this time, please contact Stori.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exciting news: Later today (Sunday), a PMF All email will finally announce the name of the person that PET is recommending as **transitional pastor**. We (PET) have wanted to share this information with you for several weeks, but we have postponed this as the candidate had some communication logistics to take care before this information became public.

PMF will be hosting Rachel Brink Conley and Steve Smith from **Foods Resource Bank** on Tuesday Sept. 18 at 6:45 pm. Following the meal at 6:45 they will present on FRB work and future directions including a name change to Growing Hope Worldwide to better reflect the mission. Food will be provided and all are welcome. RSVP to Lonnie for meal planning.

New in magazine rack: *the Mennonite* and *The Marketplace*.