



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 23, 2018

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

Prayers

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the availability of Tom Kauffman as our new transitional pastor. For the leadership of PET in guiding the process we give thanks! May God grant us wisdom and discernment as we move ahead during this transitional time.

Floods and hurricanes have had devastating effects on the people in North and South Carolina, India, Indonesia and Japan. May God grant courage, strength, resources and hope needed to endure the losses from these storms.

Announcements Continued

At Large Group on Wednesday, participants affirmed the recommendation to hire Tom Kauffman as transitional pastor. He will begin working part-time with PMF this fall. The current plan is that he will commute to Paoli for several days every week, keeping his home base in Goshen. More information to come in the next weeks about Tom's time with us! We praise God for the intersection of PMF's need and Tom's availability. -PET

Book of Isaiah

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

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: Fill us with your feast
Welcome and Introductions
Call to worship/prayer

Singing Our Faith

O let all who thirst – H 495
Take, O take me as I am – SJ 81
I will come to you in the silence – SS 49

Celebrating Shalom – Phil Mininger

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

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time:
Scripture: Isaiah 55
Meditation

Response

Sharing joys & concerns/Prayers of the People

Announcements

Sending

Song: You shall go out with joy – H 427

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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Phil Mininger	278-4741
Crystal Shellenberger	723-2035

MINISTERS - All the congregation

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

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 23, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)	NEXT SUNDAY Sept 30, 2018 (No worship)
<i>Book of Isaiah</i>	<i>Shalom Sunday</i>
Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson	Worship Leader:
Music Leader: Sandi Sears	Music Leader:
Meditation: Al Mortenson	Meditation:
Greeters: Joanne & Allen James	Greeters:
Nursery: Shanna Johnson & Darren Bender Beauregard	Nursery:
A.V.: Aaron Johnson	A.V.:

TODAY

The focus of the meditation today is 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.

Live-in begins today for all high school youth and sponsors. The youth will be occupying the church building from Sunday night through Wednesday night. An important tradition of hanging crystals for all new high school students will take place at 6 p.m. this evening. Everyone is invited to participate in this event.

Today is the last Sunday for our **Sunday School** focus on Circle of Grace. Take time to ask our children and youth about their experience in this curriculum. Regular Sunday School classes for children/youth will begin on October 7.

NEXT SUNDAY

For our **Shalom Sunday celebration on September 30** we will have the opportunity to meet in homes for a meal together, fellowship and a short discussion time. This is the opportunity for a more intimate experience of fellowship. If you haven't signed up to participate please do so today! If you have questions please contact Mary Mininger, Deb Giles, or Dave Woodsmall.

THIS WEEK

Youth Live-in continues until Thursday morning, September 27.
Thursday Sept. 27, **PET mtg.** 7:00 pm.

UP COMING

Small Groups will begin on Wednesday, October 3. If you have questions about your Small Group contact Julie Harrison, Ted Larrison or Evie Shellenberger.

Wally and Andy Gerber will be hosting an **ELF night on Wednesday, October 10**. They will acquaint us with Hebrew, Persian and contemporary poetry. The focus for the evening is "Love's Face: The Word Becomes Flesh." Keep the date open for an opportunity to eat, fellowship and learn!

September 29: PMF will work together with Bonds Chapel United Methodist Church for the **Apostles Build program** for Habitat for Humanity. All skill levels are welcome. The build will start at 8 a.m. The address is: 917 Indiana Ave., French Lick. This is another important intergenerational experience for everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Friedenswald is offering a retreat October 12-14 for men and boys on "Healthy Masculinity: On Being a Man." If you are interested, you can read more about this on the bulletin board. Camp Amigo is offering a retreat for women and girls the same weekend with the theme "Consider it all Joy." These two retreats are wonderful opportunities for mentor-mentee pairs, parents and youth or other intergenerational pairs.