

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator God, you call us, *body* and soul, to worship.
Thank you for our *bodies*; children's *bodies*, young *bodies*,
middle-aged *bodies*, old *bodies*.

All: Thank you that we are somebody in your sight.

Leader: Thank you for our church *body* gathered here today.

All: Thank you for your Spirit, embodied in each of us here today.

Leader: Bless our worship and every *body* here.

Song: Here in this body

Prayers

Remember in your prayers Glenda Lindley whose mother, Juanita, died this week at the age of 90. Cards of support can be sent to Glenda at, 3295 W Co. Rd. 25 S, in Paoli.

During the month of September all of our youth and children will be participating in the Circle of Grace curriculum during the Sunday School hour. Your prayers for the teachers and students are appreciated. Pray that all the participants will experience the love and grace of God that surrounds them and empowers them to make choices that promote safety.

We are embraced by arms that find us, even when we are hidden from ourselves. We are touched by fingers that soothe us, even when we are too proud for soothing. We are counseled by voices that guide us, even when we are too embittered to hear. We are loved by an unending love. (Rabbi Rami Shapiro) For this gift of grace we give thanks.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 9, 2018

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

Enclosed in God's Circle of Grace

Focus: Somewhere along the way, the depth and significance of the human body as God's chosen dwelling place has been lost. How might we (children, youth, adults) reclaim our bodies as clothed in the amazing circle of God's grace?

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: Loving Spirit – SJ 34
Welcome and Introductions
Call to worship for every *body* (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Amazing grace – H 143
God of grace and glory – H 366

Celebrating Shalom – Berenice Nunez and Adalie Giles

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

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time: Crystal Shellenberger
Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20; John 1: 16; Ephesians 3: 14-20
Meditation: Welcoming Grace

Response

Song: Thy holy wings – SJ 118

Sharing joys & concerns/Prayers of the People

Announcements

Sending

Grace is on our lips and in our hearts this morning, Gracious One: your grace surrounds us. We welcome it, spreading thankfulness wherever we go. We go in grace and peace. Amen.

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 Sept 9, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Circle of Grace</i></p> <p>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</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Sept 16, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Practicing Faith</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Meditation: Wally Shellenberger Greeters: Dave, Debbie & Patsy Heinz Nursery: Marlene Beachy/Wendell Lantz A.V.: Aaron Johnson</p>
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TODAY

Sunday School for adults, youth and children will begin today following worship. All youth and children will be participants in our new Circle of Grace curriculum which will continue through September. This curriculum is built on the concept of grace and a circle of grace that surrounds each of us. It is an opportunity for all of us to enlarge our understanding of grace. How would you define grace? How have you experienced grace in your own life? What stories of grace are significant in your life?

Adult Education will begin a study of Journey Forward.

NEXT SUNDAY

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?

THIS WEEK

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.

Thur. Sept. 13, **PET** mtg. 7:00 p.m.

UP COMING

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**. If you're able to prepare an evening meal during this time, please contact 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.

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 on Bulletin Board: The Menno-Hof Newsletter *reunion*.