

Shalom Mennonite Church

September 8, 2013

Back to School

Christian Formation Sunday

*Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
-Psalm 1:1-3*

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Emily Kerbs

Gathering Music and Procession

*We carry in a flame, the Bible, and a prayer cloth. May we trust the
Light to guide us, the Word to teach us, and prayer to knit our lives
together with God as we begin our time of worship.*

Call to Worship HWB 811

Psalm 1:1-6

Opening song STJ 112

I owe my Lord a morning song

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Andrea Yoder Graber

First Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Hymn HWB 640

This is a day of new beginnings

Second Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Quiet Reflection

*The periods of silence will begin and end with the ringing
of a chime.*

Meditation

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Hymn of Response HWB 548

Teach me thy truth

Responding to the Word

Offertory & Prayer

Blessing for Sunday School teachers and youth sponsors (see insert)

Sharing Time and Introductions

*During this time in the service we welcome visitors, invite
responses to the worship service, and share prayer concerns
and joys. Please sign the Welcome Pages (black books) in the
pews so we can learn each others' names.*

Prayers of the People

Sending Song HWB 418

Move in our midst

Benediction

Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.

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The kingdom which was the theme of Jesus' preaching and teaching is not a low-risk, blue-chip investment created for our consumption. It can't be calmly considered and casually digested. It can't be domesticated, nor can its leader be restrained from his continuous challenge to our way of life.

Source: *Prologue, The Cotton Patch Parables of Liberation* by Bill Lane Doulos



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Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt,
Marlene & Stan Smucker
Musicians: Chris Dick, Anita Bohn
Visual Arts: Doris Weber
Sound and Closing: Russ Neufeld

Pastor: Sara Dick
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

Our purpose is to worship and praise God together, to pray for and encourage each other to live our covenant with God and to share Christ's good news with others. As Anabaptist Christians we will reach out to others, welcome all people, be aware of our neighbors and respond to their needs, and give ourselves to service.

9:30 a.m.- Sunday School 10:45 a.m.- Worship
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