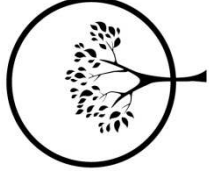

Preaching Series

From January 1 through February 12 the preaching and worship on Sunday mornings will focus on the Spirit making Us Whole," based on selected passages from the book Acts. The focus will be on personal and corporate spiritual wholeness that comes from life in the Spirit of God. We will continue to use the visual used during Advent (the circle with a tree as a symbol of wholeness) during this series, for this reason the four banners above the pews in the Sanctuary will be left in place for the coming weeks. Read the brief message on those banners and reflect on their meaning for our spiritual growth,

Theme-"The Spirit making Us Whole" (Sermons from the book of Acts)

January 1 - (Epiphany) Spirit expands the body of Christ-Acts 10-11
January 8 - Spirit gives courage for ministry-Acts 3-4
January 15 - Spirit prepares leaders for ministry-Acts 6-7
January 22 - Spirit transforms lives -Acts 8:26-9:31
January 29 - Spirit motivates for mission - Acts 13-14
February 5 - Spirit guides in resolving differences -Acts 15:1-41
February 12 - Spirit Keeps renewing people -Acts 19:1-20
February 19 - Bethesda Bible Series David Boshart, Central Plains Mennonite Conference Executive Minister

The Peace Lamp lit this morning is a gift from Mennonite Church USA to encourage congregation to pray for peace in the world.



The Spirit Making Us Whole!

Bethesda Mennonite Church February 5, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Laura Steingard

"The Glory of the Father" Hovland

Chancel Choir
Accompanied by Laura Steingard; directed by Rod Drews

Call to Worship

Pastor Andrea Wall

* "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

HWB 285

Congregational Prayer

Arlin Hiebner

"Peace Like a River" Buryl Red

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Acts 15:12-30 Scott and Cindy Erb
Reader: This is the word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

* "Filled With the Spirit's Power"

HWB 289

Children come forward on verse 3

Children's Focus

Pastor Jim Voth

Sermon

Pastor Jim Voth

"**Catching Up with the Spirit**"

* "For We Are Strangers No More"

HWB 322

Offering to God - Mission & Service Mennonite Church USA
Offertory

*Prayer of Dedication

*"Go in the Grace of the Lord" James Barnard

Chancel Choir

Greeting one another - Passing the Peace

As the choir is dismissed

*Those able, please stand

Today during the Christian Education Hour the congregation will meet for the Annual Business Meeting in the sanctuary. A Sunday School class will be held for K- 8th grade, in order for all adults to attend the business meeting.

All are invited to participate in the Christian Education Hour and stop by the Coffee Spot, located in the Fellowship Hall

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