**Assembly Mennonite Church**

October 20, 2019

Fall Bible Study: Ephesians

**Gathering**

Welcome

Call to worship (drawn from 3:14-19)

This we ask of our Creator, who loves all beings: **That the Spirit strengthens our inner selves with the fullness of glory.** That we may lead lives reflective of Christ because of our faith. **That our rootedness in Love continue to reveal that immense, knowledge-exceeding love, along with our fellow believers.** And that we be filled to the brim with the boundless presence of God.

Opening Song – STJ 27 *God of the Bible*

**Adoring and Confessing**

Song – STJ 35 *O Breath of Life*

Peace Lamp – Systemic brokenness

L: In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in our God.

**P: We too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by the Spirit.**

Song of Response - STJ 65 *Let justice flow like streams*

**Offering ourselves and our gifts**

Offering Song – STJ 17 *Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

**Hearing God's word**

Children’s time - letters from sister churches

Scripture: chapter 2: 1-10

Sermon

**Responding to the Word**

Song of Community - STJ 72 *One is the body*

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

**Sending**

Introduction of visitors

Announcements

Benediction (drawn from 3:20-21)

To God, whose power- now at work in us, can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine-- to God be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end. Amen

Sending song – STJ 74 *Now go in peace*

**Serving in worship today:**

Worship leader - Jonathon Schramm, Song leader – Jeanne Leichty, Peace lamp – Karl Shelly, Children’s time – Scott Coulter, Scripture reader – Kathy Meyer Reimer, Preacher – Regina Shands Stoltzfus, Pastoral prayer – Scott Coulter

**2nd Hour Elective options:**

**Ephesians**- Join each Sunday's preacher for further discussion and exploration of the Ephesians text. Worship Space

**Departing Consumer Culture** is based on the book *An Other Culture*, and discusses some of the questions of finances, ethics, just living and ecology raised in our recent stewardship of money series. North end of the multipurpose (MP) space, East side.

**Asking the Big Questions** Join a pastor to discuss this week's question: "How do we engage the Bible faithfully when we've moved beyond a literalistic reading?" North end of the MP space, West side.

**Contemplative space**- We have designated Room 14 to be space for quiet prayer, reflection and sitting. Please enter and leave in silence.