

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is being offered each Sunday before church in the classroom between the offices and Jubilee Hall). Prayer time will promptly run from 9:00-9:20 a.m. If arriving late, you are still welcome to join in silently. A quick information sheet will be available at the door with more information.

EXTENDING THE TABLE: *We All Belong*

*Spring/Summer 2017
Worship Series*

Our vision at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship is to: Live Christ's loving, caring, healing presence in the world. Two primary ways we seek to live this out is through intimacy with God and invitation with other people. Faithfulness to our vision inherently means that we need both.

This spring/summer series on hospitality will focus on the image of the table as one place where this happens, as we inhabit and embody the roles of guest and host. Jesus Christ, through the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit, is the ultimate host of the Table.

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Summer Schedule

JULY 2

Immigrant Stories

Elisabeth and Rafael Barahona, Facilitators

We build relationship and begin to know “the other” when we hear stories and invest in one another. Join us as we host four special guests who will risk vulnerability in sharing their stories of immigration in a circle process. The irony about God’s table is that the hosts actually become the guests when we mutually listen and learn about how to better belong to God’s family as we sojourn together.

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JULY 9

Being guests in other churches

At times, Christians can mistakenly adopt being hosts for “our church” table rather than remembering that we are guests and hosts of God’s table. Being the guests at God’s table in other congregations helps us reflect on our own ability/inability to host, as well as actively recall who is our ultimate Host.

JULY 16

The Inverted Table of Suffering

Joe Sawatzky, preacher

Church picnic with mixer games

Jesus ate at many tables where the religious leaders would not. Jesus didn’t just eat with those who were suffering, vulnerable, on the margins; he inverted the power by making them the hosts. He radically invited the religious leaders as guests to learn from and be led by those that suffer.

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JULY 23

Sanctuary Movement

Julia Schmidt

Join us as Julia Schmidt will inform us about the Sanctuary movement.

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JULY 30

The Table of Solidarity

Dan Schrock, preacher

Guess who is coming to lunch?

We all find belonging as guests at God’s abundant Table. At this Table, we are transformed by God’s radical love for us. At this Table, we learn to belong to each other as God’s beloved. We remain guests and are invited to share the Table as hosts.

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Engage in Extending the Table

- Welcome visitors and new members
- Sit in a different place in our service
- Participate in “Guess who is coming to lunch?” on July 30
- Fellowship with a new person each week (Conversation starters can be referenced in the bulletin)
- Get to know a neighbor in your own neighborhood
- Pray for God’s guidance as you consider what extending the table may mean in your life

