

## What is the purpose of Fellowship 55?

Fellowship around the table - as Jesus shared meals with many people, so our gathering around the table is an expression of hospitality and mutual sharing.

Fellowship in worship - Menno Haven is the perfect setting for the quiet time you've been missing. Come join us as Todd and Curtis lead us in worship.



Fellowship through service - there will be opportunities to put your skills towards the ministry of Menno Haven. Choose from a variety of service projects for all ability levels: from wood-splitting to mailing, from sewing to building...



## Schedule

(subject to change)

### Tuesday, October 4, 2011

10:00-12:00 Registration & Check-in  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Welcome & Session 1  
 2:30 Service Projects  
 4:30 Hayrack Ride  
 5:30 Supper  
 6:45 Campfire & Kettle Corn  
 8:00 Hymn Sing  
 9:00 Fellowship Time

### Wednesday, October 5, 2011

8:00 Breakfast  
 9:15 Session 2  
 10:30 Service Projects  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Session 3  
 2:30 Optional field trips including:  
     Hennepin Canal Visitors Center  
     Bureau County Museum  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:00 "The Cotton Patch Gospel" musical

### Thursday, October 6, 2011

8:00 Breakfast  
 9:30 Session 4  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Pack-up & Check-out

**\*\* Please register by September 27. \*\***  
**However, late registrants will be welcome.**

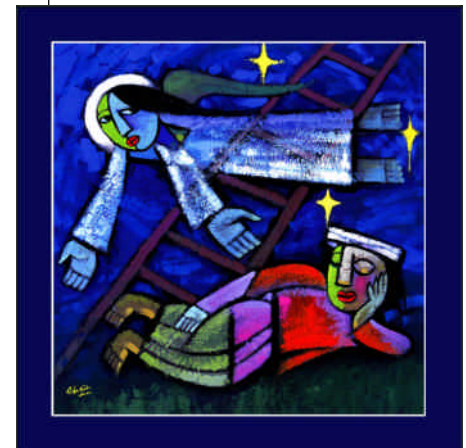
### Comments from last year's participants:

- ◇ My first experience - I want to come for the next Fellowship 55!
- ◇ Try it - You'll Like It!

## 5th Annual Fellowship 55

Oct. 4-6, 2011

### Awakening to the Spiritual Invitations Of Our Later Years



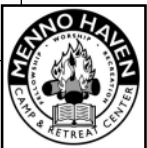
He Qi, *The Dream of Jacob*

"Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it!"  
*Genesis 28:16*

A retreat designed especially for, but not limited to, those ages 55 and older.

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## 2011 Registration—F55

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

**1st participant:** Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

**2nd participant:** Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

*Registration fee is per person and includes lodging, meals, and performance.*

Fellowship 55 Retreat: Tues—Thurs, Oct 4-6

Fellowship 55 Retreat @ \$100 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

F55 Day Use \* @ \$75 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

F55 per day fee @ \$35 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Days attending: (circle) Tues. Wed. Thurs

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee After Sept 27 @ \$10 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

\* Day Use is for those attending all three days but choosing other sleeping arrangements.

There is a **\$25 non-refundable deposit** per person.

### Publicity Release

I give permission for Menno Haven to use any photographs taken of the attendees for publicity.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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### Awakening to the Spiritual Invitations Of Our Later Years

If you think about it, our culture gives us a pretty depressing vision for life: we reach our prime of attractiveness and talent quite early and then spend the rest of our lives trying to hide the reality that we are aging. In contrast, the Bible casts an inspiring vision in which we never stop learning and growing as we journey through life toward God. As 2 Cor. 4:16 says: "Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day."

At this highly participatory retreat—through meditating on the lives of Bible characters, singing hymns, sharing stories, and praying together—we will explore the spiritual invitations of our later years. What are these? *To reflect on the unique meaning of our life, to make peace with ourselves and others, to accept our mortality, to mentor the next generation, and to prepare for our final homecoming with God.*



#### Retreat Leaders

This event will be led collaboratively by Todd Friesen and Curtis Funk. Todd serves as lead pastor at Lombard Mennonite Church and is passionate about spiritual formation and contemplative prayer. Curtis Funk is a retired professor of music and finds great joy in making music in community. He serves as LMC's congregational co-chair and choir director.

There will be a \$10 late registration fee for those registering after September 27

## The Cotton Patch Gospel!

Our special event this year is the Cotton Patch Gospel performed by Phil Kaufmann. A member of Willow Springs Mennonite Church, Phil has recently taken on a big challenge; doing a one man musical. With the use of audio and video recording he performs all the music and sings the backup vocals.

This full length, two act musical experience has its origins in the vernacular translation of the book of Matthew done by Koinonia Farms founder, Clarence Jordan. Tom Key expanded the story which brings Jesus to life in 20th century Georgia. Harry Chapin then turned it into a musical!

Phil has been traveling around to various churches and venues performing this musical and sending 100% of the proceeds to local food pantries, WHYHunger, and MCC. Come enjoy this awesome performance and support a great cause at the same time!



For more information go to:  
[www.cpgfoodproject.org/](http://www.cpgfoodproject.org/)

## Wednesday, October 5, 2011

"Cotton Patch Gospel" tickets are included in the Fellowship 55 registration fee. You do not need to register separately.