

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

Early Childhood (Ages 0-3 years)..... Parents
Preschool (Ages 4-5 years)..... Joanna Woodsmall, Debbie Giles
Primary (Grades 2 & 3)..... Veronika Sukup, Bonnie Beachy
Middler (Grades 4 & 5) Jim Beachy, Doris Weaver
Junior High (Grades 6, 7, & 8)..... Dana Bumbalough, Matt Pflederer
Youth (Grades 9-12)..... Evie Shellenberger

Teachers:

Adult Class: Winter Quarterly Bible Study “*Jesus is Lord: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians,*”
Facilitated by Craig Bumbalough

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith, steadily seeking to walk in The Way of Jesus.

People: **We come, opening ourselves to God’s presence and guidance as we walk The Way.**

Leader: We acknowledge that the journey of maturing faith is often demanding and unpopular, requiring patience and obedience.

People: **We acknowledge, as well, that as we strive to seek and experience the Living God, it is God who seeks and finds us.**

All: **We desire to persist in the journey of maturing faith, looking always to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Affirmation of our Faith

God created us in the image of God
In the image of God, God created us.
Male and female God created us. Gen. 1:27

Because of this, know,
that you have divine attributes,
For you have been formed
In the image of God,
The source of these qualities.

God’s attributes of strength,
knowledge and determination,
They are in you, O you!
Servant of joy and wealth.

The Hearer, The Seer, The life,
The Speaker, The Eternal,
You have all these, but not of you
But to you from beyond.
Shabastari, a 14th century Persian mystic



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

January 13, 2013

*We welcome all persons
to worship, study and fellowship with us as we continually
seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus*

Covenant Life: a long obedience in the same direction

Focus: ***As a community of faith we have committed ourselves to a covenant of faith. How do we persevere in maintaining the spiritual disciplines which are a vital part of our Christian life?***

Gathering to Worship

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Welcome and Introductions
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Singing our Faith

Come, walk with us SJ 2
I sought the Lord H 506

Offering - *Special giving for January goes to Mennonite Disaster Service*

Song - Hungry, I come to you

Hearing the Word

Children’s Story
Scripture: *Psalms 130*

Meditation: *Sustaining spiritual practices*

Song – As the Deer

Affirmation of our Faith – *back of the bulletin*

Responses

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer

Announcements

Sending

Go into the world doing what the Lord requires: living with kindness and justice, walking your path humbly with God. Then you will find yourself blessed.

Know that yours is the kingdom of heaven, yours the strength and mercy of God, yours all the blessings given to God’s beloved children.

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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OUR COVENANT

In covenanting together, we affirm that Jesus Christ is Lord. We gratefully acknowledge him as our Lord and accept his teaching as the way to live. We recognize the importance of:

- Regular Bible study, worship with others, and prayer as a vital part of our Christian life.
- Taking each other seriously, contributing our gifts and caring for one another in love to strengthen the Christian body.
- Living and sharing the Good News as Christ has taught us and as the Holy Spirit enables.

TODAY *January 13, 2013 (worship at 9:30)*

A Long obedience in the same direction

Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger
Music Leader: Sandi Sears
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman & Julie Harrison
Greeter: Bob & Connie Gilliom
Nursery: Trish Moore & Cristy Ford
A.V.: Larry Lehman
Visual: Evie Shellenberger

NEXT SUNDAY *January 20, 2013 (worship at 9:30)*

A Long obedience in the same direction

Worship Leader: Jim Beachy
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation:
Greeters: Wendell Lantz & Doris Weaver
Nursery: Curtis Thill & Cristy Ford
AV: Larry Lehman

TODAY

Today we begin a 3-week series in preparation for our Covenant renewal service. Persevering in Christian faith and life is not always easy. What practices sustain your spiritual life? How do you sustain those practices?

NEXT SUNDAY

We will continue preparation for our Covenant renewal service by looking at how we persevere in being present to God and to each other. How do we sustain our life together in community?

THIS WEEK

Fri. 5:00 pm – Sat. 9:00 pm – Silent Retreat at the church

Friday – Sunday Jr. Youth Snow Camp at Camp Friedenswald

Thursday 6:00 PM -PET

UP-COMING EVENTS

Jan. 23 – Large Group meeting

Jan. 27 – PMF Covenant Service

Feb. 2-3 – PMF Winter Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the participant list on the Bulletin Board for corrections, additions, or subtractions. The updated 2013 copy will be distributed at the end of January.

It's time to sign up for Winter Retreat! A brochure is in your mail box. Please return the registration form to John Harrison by Sunday Jan 20th.

PMF is a member of the IN-MI Conference & Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. Each group will hold regional (in March) and annual (summer) meetings in 2013. If you have interest in attending any of these sessions as a delegate or visitor please let a member of PET know.

Contributions to the Mutual Aid Fund are welcome at this time in order to replenish the fund as the new year begins and to be ready to respond to needs in the congregation. Each gift makes a difference! Thank you for your generosity throughout 2012!

New in the magazine rack are recent issues of: *The Mennonite*, and "Behind the Hammer" from Mennonite Disaster Service.

PMF received an invitation to the wedding of Seth Welty & Emilie Taylor which will be Feb. 8 in New Orleans. See the bulletin board for details.

FOR PRAYER

Give thanks that Sam Giles is able to receive care at Bridges, and that their Medicaid application received initial approval. Continue to pray for Deb and the family in this time of change.

Pray for Mickey & Mishelle Lewellyn as they await further tests to determine treatment for Mickey. Remember Meika as she adjusts to school and life in ND.

Pray for students, teachers, and school staff that there would be a positive learning environment and good relationships nurtured.

Pray for those who hope for physical and emotional healing, including: Danny Parsons, Bonnie Beachy, Hannah Ford.