

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 come to worship and wait.

People: We wait for the Lord.

Leader: We wait in silence. We wait in song. We wait in prayer.

People: We listen, straining to hear God's voice in the darkness.

Leader: God said, "Jesus is my Son, my Chosen."

People: "Listen to him!"

Leader: So come, let us be present to God with thanksgiving and praise,
offering our worship with joy!

FOR PRAYER

Pray for those in our congregation with health related needs: Dietrich Sears, Hannah Ford, Mickey Lewellyn, Danny Parsons, Sam Giles, and others.

Give thanks that Mickey Lewellyn got a good report from his doctor. The tumor behind one eye was removed, and there is no sign of cancer behind the other eye anymore! The remaining tumors have grown slightly so will be monitored. Continue to pray for relief from pain in his kidneys, and ongoing healing.

Pray for Melissa Lewellyn who is seeking a new place to live; pray also for emotional strength.

Pray for those experiencing loss or grief, including Leslie Wilson, Deb Giles, Betty Thill, and others.

Pray for mission workers who are promoting literacy and indigenous languages, and working to translate the Bible so that more people can have access to Scriptures in their first language.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

February 24, 2013

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

Anticipating Resurrection

Focus: We will take courage and wait on the Lord

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Songs – Sweet hour of prayer - HWB 11
Thuma mina – HWB 434

Call to Worship - (*back of bulletin*)
Welcome and Introductions

Singing our Faith

O Sing to the Lord - SJ 12
God of our strength - HWB 36
The Lord is my light - Folder 53

Offering - *Special offering for February is for Child Abuse Prevention and the Congo orphanage.*
Special music - Zachary Giles

Hearing the Word

Confession and Assurance
Children's Story
Scripture: *Genesis 15: 1-12; Luke 13: 31-35*
Meditation – *The vision of the hen*

Responses

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer

Announcements

Sending Song - Thuma mina – HWB 434

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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Ted Larrison 723-3826

MINISTERS

All the congregation

CHURCH OFFICE

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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 Feb. 24, 2013 (worship at 9:30)

Lent 2: "Anticipating Resurrection"

Worship Leader: Ted Larrison
Music Leader: Rebecca Kauffman
Meditation: Matt Pflederer
Greeter: Louise O'Connell
Nursery: Jan Mullet & Lonnie Sears
A.V.: Craig Bumbalough
Visual:

NEXT SUNDAY Mar. 03, 2013 (worship at 9:30)

Lent 3: "Anticipating Resurrection"

Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer
Music Leader: Andrew Blount
Meditation: Corporate reflection on the text
Greeters: Mishelle Lewellyn
Nursery: Darlene Larrison & Bill Johnson
AV: Larry Lehman

TODAY

On this second Sunday of Lent we will see how a mother hen can offer up a vision of how to live that challenges some of our society's assumptions.

The final orientation session for new participants will be held following Christian Ed hour. This week's focus is on Life at PMF.

Community Youth Program – 6:00 – 7:00 pm at Paoli United Methodist Church. All PMF children and youth are invited for a time of worship followed by a scavenger hunt and snacks. For more information talk to Matt.

NEXT SUNDAY

Continuing our Lent series "Anticipating Resurrection" we will look at Luke 13: 1-9 and engage in corporate interpretation. See insert for questions to guide our conversation.

Youth Council meeting right after Christian Ed hour; bring a sack lunch.

THIS WEEK

Tues. 26th – Matt will be out of the office to attend a Camfell regional pastors meeting.

Wed. 27th 5:00 pm – Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC)

Wed. 27th 6:00 pm – ELF night on Mennonite Church USA polity

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers are needed for Susan Classen's Cedars of Peace reconstruction project. Dates are March 14, 15, & 16, for one day or multiple days. Contact Wendell Lantz to volunteer or for more info.

Rebecca will be serving as a mentor in a weekend learning event at AMBS in Elkhart from Fri. evening through Sunday noon, March 1-3. Please contact Matt for immediate pastoral care needs during that time.

One of the two special giving opportunities for February is Prevent Child Abuse Orange County. The council sponsors an annual Vigil in memory of children who have died as a result of abuse. We sponsor Sgt Terry Hall who offers "Body Safety" programs for all county schools. We donate backpacks to all children entering kindergarten with information for parents and provide ongoing education.

Mary Beth Gibbons.

A thank you letter and photo from PULSE is posted on the bulletin board. See if you can find Leah Thill in the photo!

How can it be that within Mennonite Church USA some conferences include congregations that are open and welcoming of GLBT members, while others discipline or expel those same congregations? **The answer comes from understanding MC USA polity.** Join us for ELF night February 27. We'll be seeing and discussing a DVD on Mennonite Church USA prepared by Janeen Bertsche Johnson, AMBS Chaplain and co-chair of Central District Conference Missional Church committee. - PET

Interested in a family friendly spring break trip to Mississippi, March 25-29? Talk to Lonnie.

Peacebuilders Camp for youth at Koinonia Farm in GA – dates set: June 17-22 for ages 13-14; and June 24-29 for ages 11-12. PMF has some campership funds available to assist with registration and transportation. Talk to Ted or Matt if interested.

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