

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

Early Childhood (Ages 0-3 years).....	Parents
Preschool (Ages 3-5 years).....	Evie Shellenberger, Stori Sullivan
Primary (Grades 1-3).....	Crystal Shellenberger, Darlene Larrison
Middler (Grades 4 & 5)	Doris Weaver, JoAnn Bornttrager
Junior High (Grades 6&7)	Andrew Blount, Mary Beth Gibbons
Youth (Grades 8-12).....	Matt Pflederer

Teachers:

Adult Classes: The Bible As Story led by Bonnie Beachy.

The Bible and God's People led by Rebecca Kaufman and Al Mortenson.

Blessing for children receiving Bibles:

Receive these Bibles. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and its words speak to us all. We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Bible in your home, in your classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

For Prayer

Pray for all those, near and far, who are grieving the death of loved ones. May God console them and give us all confidence in the love and life you offer us through Jesus.

Pray for renewed health and strength for JR Brown as he receives therapy at Paoli Health and Living. Pray for Gail as she cares for him and makes decisions.

Participants with Mennonite Voluntary Service, a Mennonite Mission Network program, are beginning their service assignments this month. Pray that as they learn to live in community in a new city, their relationships with Jesus and the church will grow deeper.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 8, 2013

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

Focus: *We are called to teach and nurture faith at all ages and stages of life so that we might be equipped to praise and service God, and proclaim the Good News of Christ.*

Gathering to Worship

Song: Thy Word
Call to Worship
Welcome and Introductions

Singing Our Faith

I'm pressing on the upward way – SJ 96
Take O Take Me As I Am – SJ 81

Opportunity for Generosity

Special giving for September goes to MCC
Penny Power offering goes to Food Resource Bank

Song: Take My Gifts

Celebrating Shalom – Dana Bumbalough

Commissioning our Sunday School Teachers

Song: Lord We Bring to You Our Children – SJ 90

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time
Presentation of Bibles
Scripture: Joshua 4:15-24 and 2 Timothy 3:10-17
Meditation: "Equipped for every good work"

Responses

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayers

Announcements

Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140
Matt Pflederer, Pastor (574) 606-6727
Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723
Mica Beauregard 723-4502
Ted Larrison 723-3826

MINISTERS

All the congregation

CHURCH OFFICE

Pastors: Rebecca Kauffman; Office Hours - Tues 9-4, Wed 12-4, Thurs 1-5
Matt Pflederer; Office Hours – Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
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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 *September 8, 2013 (worship at 9:30)*

Christian Education Sunday

Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Wendell Lantz & Doris Weaver
Nursery: Joanna Woodsmall & Bill Johnson
A.V.: Larry Lehman

NEXT SUNDAY *September 15, (worship at 9:30)*

How Then Shall We Live?

Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Matt Pflederer/Susan Classen
Greeter: Evie and Wally Shellenberger
Nursery: Dana Bumbalough & Keith Gibbons
AV: Larry Lehman

TODAY

Sunday School for children and Adult Education begins today, from 11:00 am – noon, following a 15 minute fellowship time. All are warmly invited to join one of the classes.

Following the SS hour, there will be a safety training session for all adults working with children and youth. Lunch will be provided. Please see Deb Giles or Matt for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sun. 15th, 6:00-7:30 pm – Community Youth Group meeting at Paoli UMC.

We will begin our Fall Worship series titled: “How Then Shall We Live: explorations in Mennonite identity”. We will look at four areas that Anabaptists/Mennonites historically have emphasized and how that applies to us today.

THIS WEEK

Tues. 10th, 6:30 pm – PET meeting at Matt’s house

UPCOMING

Mentor-Mentee activity! Pairs are invited to stay after Sunday School on **Sept. 22** for a pitch-in meal and activity. More information to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Penny Power** offerings in Aug & Sept will be taken to the Michiana MCC Relief Sale to be counted and matched by a donor. Now is the time to get out the coins!

Sept. 14-15 – First Mennonite Church of Indianapolis invites us to their **60th anniversary** celebrations. See bulletin board for details.

Do you have a hobby, interest, or service project that you would like to share with others? Jr and Sr High youth group would like to plan activities with PMFers as part of our monthly meetings and need your ideas! We hope to build relationships, learn from each other, and have fun together. Talk to Jill or Lonnie with your ideas.

Habitat for Humanity is looking to PMF again as an Apostle Partner in the fall build (**Sept. 28**, beginning at 8:00 am) with the Campbell family in West Baden. Window installation and porch building are on the schedule and all skill levels are welcome. Also needed is a food coordinator to work with Bonds Chapel UMC who will be constructing interior walls. Contact Duane to volunteer.

PMF Women are invited to attend the IN-MI Mennonite **Women’s Fall Retreat**, Oct. 11-13 at Amigo Centre. Jackie Wyse-Rhodes will speak on “Naomi, Ruth, and Orpha: Exploring women’s stories of survival, adventure and faithfulness.” Contact Rebecca if interested in attending or being part of a study group on Ruth.

Adult Education Options this fall:

A) Bonnie will be teaching a class looking at the Bible as Story. We will start with Genesis and note what stories are there. People can pick different stories to read and the next Sunday we will discuss them, bringing our ideas and insights to the stories.

B) The Bible and God’s People, led by Al and Rebecca. What is the importance of the Bible in our lives individually and as the church? What helps us in our understanding of the bible? What hinders us? What difference can reading and study of the Bible make in our daily living? Come as we share and learn together!

Commissioning our Sunday School Teachers

Children's Christian Education Committee

Today we celebrate the educational ministries in our congregation by giving thanks to those who teach and those who learn.

Adult Christian Education Committee

We remember we are all teachers. We are all learners. As we grow and live through each new life experience, God remains with us, and we come to know God in new ways.

Representative from both Committees

We thank you Sunday School teachers for saying "YES" to the call of growing faith in our children, youth and adults. Your gift of time and your teaching talents are essential to our continued growth in being followers of Christ. May God bless you richly with abundant joy in this work!

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We affirm that the teaching ministry in our congregation is a gift from God as well as our own responsibility. We will tell our children what we have heard and known about the glorious deeds and wonders God has done.

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