

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

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

Teachers:

Adult Classes: The Bible as Story led by Bonnie Beachy.
"Jesus and the Scriptures" - Understanding Jesus in light of the Old Testament

For Prayer

Pray for those who are traveling this week or enjoying spring break in other ways. May our eyes be open to encountering God in times of rest and renewing relationships.

Pray for Jan and Dave Mullet as they attend the memorial service for her sister, Rosemary, today. They will also gather with family to remember and bury her father this Saturday 29th.

Continue to hold Sarah and Terry Whiteman in prayer, that God would sustain them and give them comfort. Pray for those in our fellowship and community who are facing health concerns, including: Mica's mother, Deb Giles' step-father.

Ask for the Holy Spirit's direction as we engage in discerning gifts to carry out the various ministries of PMF.

Pray for Hannah Ford and Hannah Thill as they participate in the baptism exploration class.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: Community Christian Fellowship Ministries, Detroit MI, East Goshen Mennonite Church, Goshen IN, Evanston Mennonite Church, Evanston IL.

Pauline Ngalalula and Nenette Kankolongo began studying theology at the Protestant University of Congo this year. Pray that God would abundantly provide for the needs of their families so that these two women can immerse themselves in their studies and prepare to become Mennonite pastors.

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP



March 23, 2014

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

Lent 3

Encountering God: What have we witnessed...through nourishment that meets our needs?

Focus Statement: In our thirst, we witness God's miraculous provision.

Encountering God

Prelude music and gathering song - As the Deer Panteth
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see insert)
Praising with Song
 Joys Are Flowing Like A River - H 301
 What Wondrous Love is This - H 530
 Jesus Rock of Ages - H 575
 You Are All There Is

Opportunities for Generosity
 Special Giving for March is Paoli Food Pantry

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7
Confession and assurance (see insert)

What have we witnessed?

Celebrating Shalom:
Children's Time
Scripture: Romans 5:1-11 and John 4: 5-30
Meditation: Brad Pickens
Responding

Sent as witnesses

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer
Announcements
Sending

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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All the congregation

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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.

<p>TODAY March 23, 2014 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><i>Encountering God: What have we witnessed?</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Kym Kinsey Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Brad Pickens Greeters: Trish and Larry Moore Nursery: Evie Shellenberger/Trish Moore A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY March 30, 2014 (11:00 am)</p> <p><i>Shalom Sunday</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Music Leader: Meditation: Greeter: Nursery: AV:</p>
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TODAY

Lent is usually seen as a time for self examination, solemnity and mourning; yet it is also a time for sharing, provision, community and an abundance of life. This morning we are happy to have Brad Pickens with us to offer his reflections and insights into these two themes.

NEXT SUNDAY

Shalom Sunday on March 30 will be a time to fellowship, eat, and (re)discover parts of our beautiful church grounds. Meet at the church at 11am for some singing and then we'll have a pitch-in meal at noon. After the meal there will be a number of options for interacting with the land surrounding the church building. An activity for children is being planned. Wear clothes that you'll be comfortable walking around and doing some light work in. There will be a seated activity for those not wanting to be active. In event of rain, we'll have board games and a hymn sing inside. -Shalom Sunday Committee

THIS WEEK

March 27, 7:00 pm – PET meeting at Rebecca’s house.

UPCOMING

Save the date: on April 9th the choir from Iowa Mennonite School will share a concert with us, and also spend the night at the PMF building as they are on choir tour. More details to come.

April 17, 7:00 pm – You are invited to encounter God and journey with Christ this Holy Week through our Maundy Thursday service of communion and foot washing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sexuality classes for youth in 5, 6, and 7 grades are scheduled as follows: Girls will be held Friday April 25 - Saturday April 26. Boys classes will be held on Friday, May 9 – Saturday May 10. Detailed information on times, and what to bring will be provided later.

Sign up sheets for **summer camp** are located on the bulletin board. If your child plans on attending one of the camps at Camp Amigo or Camp Friedenswald, please sign them up as soon as possible. We need to start planning fund raising activities accordingly. If you have any questions please contact Stori.

During this season of Lent in March, we are **collecting soap, towels and fabric for MCC** as one way of gratefully remembering what Jesus gave for us. Details are in your mailbox.

Facing illness, death, and grief are both unavoidable and a natural part of being human. Yet these are often painful times that leave us feeling bewildered or alone. As a Christian community we turn to our faith and one another to help us walk these journeys. PMF's Circle of Care committee has set up a **new Resource Shelf**. It will feature "Care Notes" which you are welcome to take for yourself or give to a friend.

**Call to Worship
(from Psalm 95)**

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His
also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

People: Come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.

Confessing our sin

Leader: When will this journey be over?
Where is the end of all our traveling?
How long will we wander, thirsty and hungry,
strangers in a strange land?
Deliver us, Lord, from our misery.

You have said that you will give us water that flows from the rock;
that you will quench our thirst,
that never again will our souls be parched.
Dry and thirsty, we look for a drink that will satisfy.

Lost and confused, we strive for direction and purpose.
May we draw from wells that truly satisfy;
As the deer pants for life-sustaining waters,
so our souls long to drink deeply from the Source.

God renew us and grant us new life;
We make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
Lord, hear our prayer. [Silence]

Claiming our assurance

All: You have met us at the well
and offered us a spring of water gushing to eternal life.
Thank you for refreshing us, God.
Help us remember your life-giving mercy is always available
To quench our soul's thirst.

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