

## 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 &amp; 5</i> ) .....	Doris Weaver, Veronika Sukup
Junior High ( <i>Grades 6&amp;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.  
Ask the question of Jesus "Who are you?" Psalms 89: 30-37, Isaiah 9: 1-7 and  
Matthew 1: 18- 2:6.. Led by Wendell Lantz.

### **Announcements Continued**

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.

### **For Prayer**

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

Remember Larry and Trish in their ongoing sorrow and frustration at unanswered questions around the well-being of two of their grandchildren. Ask for God's protection over them.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: Church Without Walls, Elkhart IN, Clinton Brick Mennonite Church, Goshen IN and English Street Mennonite Church, Goshen IN.

Mennonite Mission Network thanks you for praying for the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo mediation process that took place in December. Praise God for a good outcome and for the cooperation among the three Mennonite denominations in the country. Pray that church unity would continue to grow.

Your prayers for Jahsmine W. and Jerrod B. are welcome as they make the adjustments to being parents of Maya Jilliann. Pray they might experience God's nearness and love in this time of change and learning.



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

**March 9, 2014**

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

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**Encountering God: What have we witnessed...in temptations?**

*Focus Statement: Times of temptation and frailty can be opportunities to encounter God.*

### **Encountering God**

Prelude music and gathering song: I Sought the Lord - H 506

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship (see insert)

Praising with Song

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship - SJ 9

Father I Stretch - H 529

Precious Lord Take My Hand - H 575

Opportunities for Generosity

Special Giving for March is Paoli Food Pantry

Psalm reading – Psalm 32

Confession and assurance (see insert)

### **What have we witnessed?**

Celebrating Shalom: Yolanda Yoder

Children's Time

NT reading – Matthew 4:1-11

Meditation

Responding

### **Sent as witnesses**

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Announcements

Sending Song: How Firm a Foundation - H 567

Benediction (see insert)

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

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Matt Pflederer, Pastor (574) 606-6727  
Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723  
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Ted Larrison 723-3826

**MINISTERS**

All the congregation

**CHURCH OFFICE**

**Pastors:** Rebecca Kauffman; Office Hours - Tues 9-4, Wed 9-1, Thurs 1-5  
Matt Pflederer; Office Hours – Mon, 1-3 pm, Tues, Wed, Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Secretary:** Deb Giles; Office Hours – Wed. and Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 noon  
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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**

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. We start off this Lenten season looking at the temptation of Jesus. How does our encounter with God prepare us for temptation? How do we even know what temptation looks like? Maybe one answer starts with realizing that temptation is less about being tempted to do something wrong as it is being tempted to do something right but for the wrong reasons.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

We will continue our Lenten journey by looking at how we encounter God in our blessings.

**All parents of youth** in grade 5, 6, and 7 are invited to stay for lunch following the education hour, March 16, to discuss and learn more about the up-coming sexuality classes. If you cannot make it please contact Evie.

March 16, Community Youth Group, 6:00 pm.

**THIS WEEK**

March 10, 7:00 pm, Worship Committee mtg.

March 12, 2:30 pm – Circle of Care coordinators meeting

March 12, **ELF Night**. Sherry and Duane Schmidt and Bill Johnson will share their experience of living in a family where the sexual orientation of a family member is not strictly heterosexual. Meal at 6pm; sharing and questions 6:30 - 8:00.

Friday March 14th: Youth Movie Night 6-8:30pm

**UPCOMING**

March 30, Shalom Sunday, details to be announced.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Adult Sunday School:** Beginning on March 2 and continuing to the summer break, the class in the library will study a series called JESUS AND THE SCRIPTURES (Old Testament). This is a Bible Survey to explore how the life and teachings of Jesus relate to the Old Testament. The other Adult class “The Bible as Story” is continuing.

If you or someone you know is interested in more information about becoming a **licensed foster parent** in Indiana, contact the church office or see the bulletin board for a flyer from the Indiana Department of Child Services.

An Informational **webinar entitled: “Retiring Soon?”** will be presented by Everence on March 26 and 27. It will include basic information on Medicare, signing up for Social Security, working after age 65 and more. If you are interested, contact Wendell Lantz for more details.

**Gift Discernment response forms** have been placed in your mailbox. Please read this carefully. Prayerfully consider your own gifts and interests, as well as those of others; and think about how to apply these gifts to fit the needs of our committees. Forms should be turned in by March 16.

The new March issue of “**the Mennonite**” is in the magazine rack.

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.

There will be a **Youth Movie night** at the church Friday March 14th from 6-8:30pm. All youth are invited. We will be watching "Ender's Game".

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<p><b><u>TODAY</u></b> March 9, 2014 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><i>Encountering God: What have we witnessed?</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Dave and Jan Mullet Nursery: Yolanda Yoder/Keith Gibbons A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p><b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b> March 16, 2014 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><i>Encountering God: What have we witnessed?</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Lonnie Sears Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeter: Trish and Larry Moore Nursery: Jamie Sullivan/Trish Moore AV: Larry Lehman</p>
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### Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, sometimes we stumble into your presence;

**People:** grant us refuge from the raging storms of life.

Leader: Lord, we come before you tired, frail, confused, hungry;

**People:** grant us strength, and instruct us in your ways.

Leader: Lord, we want to witness your redeeming love and strength.

**All:** Grant us pure hearts and attentive minds as we worship you now.

### Confession

**All:** Lord Jesus, our lives are cluttered by too many things and too much to do.  
We are driven by the need to succeed and distracted by our service.  
We have lost our way. Forgive us.

One: In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself,  
that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death  
and accept the life of your kingdom.  
(silence)

### Assurance

**All:** The Lord is our hiding place;  
God preserves us from trouble and surrounds us with glad cries of  
deliverance.  
Thanks be to God who forgives our sin, and surrounds us with steadfast love!

### Benediction

By God's Word and our worship we have been strengthened to resist temptation.  
May God guide us through these 40 days that we would not avoid struggle,  
but open ourselves to repentance, cleansing, and blessing.  
Let us go then as witnesses to God's redeeming and steadfast love.

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