

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

Congregational response

“Our bones are dry now, picked clean by scavengers.
All hope is gone. Our nation is lost.”

For Prayer

Pray for Terry and Sarah Whiteman and their family as they are traveling this weekend; pray for God’s spirit to bless this precious time together. Give thanks to God as Terry celebrates 65 years of life.

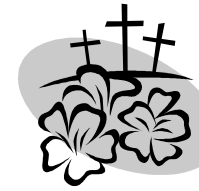
Ask for the Holy Spirit’s direction as we engage in discerning gifts to carry out the various ministries of PMF.

Mary Raber, MMN worker, requests prayer for the churches in Ukraine that are dividing over the current political conflict. In general, the north and west lean toward Ukraine while the east and south are sympathetic to Russia. Pray that churches will be able to remember and act on their unity in Christ.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: Emma Mennonite Church, Topeka IN, Fairhaven Mennonite Church, Fort Wayne IN, Faith Mennonite Church, Goshen IN.

Today we join with other MCC constituents and our sisters and brothers in Colombia in a Day of Prayer for Colombia. Pray for the current peace negotiation process between the Colombian government and FARC (the country’s largest guerrilla group). Pray that Colombian and U.S. policy makers would promote peace with justice in Colombia. (see www.washington.mcc.org for more info).

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP



April 6, 2014

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

Lent 5

Encountering God: What have we witnessed...in our need for renewal?

Focus Statement: We encounter God in our mortality and our need for renewal. As we breathe, we witness God's breath which restores creation.

Prelude music – We Come (by Jim Croegaert)

Encountering God

Gathering Song: Jesus, We Are Here – SJ #6

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship (see insert)

Praising with Song

Holy Spirit, come with power – H #26

Breathe on me, breath of God – H #356

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing – H #110

Opportunities for Generosity

Special Giving for April is HOSPICE.

Confession and assurance (see insert)

What have we witnessed?

Celebrating Shalom: Andrew Blount

Children’s Time

Song: Dry Bones

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14, (see back of bulletin) John 11: 1-6; 17; 32-44

Meditation: Ted Larrison

Story of Encounter: Julie Harrison

Sent as witnesses

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Announcements

Sending

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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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

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 Matt Pflederer; Office Hours – Mon, 1-3 pm, Tues, Wed, 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 April 6, 2014 (worship at 9:30)	NEXT SUNDAY April 13, 2014 (worship at 9:30)
<i>Encountering God: What have we witnessed?</i>	<i>Encountering God: What have we witnessed?</i>
Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer	Worship Leader: Jim Beachy
Music Leader: Rebecca Kauffman	Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Ted Larrison	Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Larry Lehman	Greeter: Wally and Evie Shellenberger
Nursery: Crystal Shellenberger/Wally Shellenberger	Nursery: Jon Shellenberger/Stori Sullivan
A.V.: Craig Bumbalough	AV: Craig Bumbalough

TODAY

We will be hearing about "dem bones", the story of Ezekiel and the valley of the dry bones. A story of renewal and restoration. Where are those spaces and places in our community and in our lives where we need God's breath to restore us.

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Listening, sharing and discerning. We will hear sharing by Chris S., Danny B. and GK Rowe. The summer campers will provide the evening fellowship meal as a fundraiser for their camp experience.

NEXT SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday we remember the strange way Jesus entered Jerusalem prior to his crucifixion. Many people worshipped Jesus as a prophet and King would save them. In what ways do we show Jesus our adoration? Who is Jesus to you?

THIS WEEK

Mon. 7th, 7:00 pm – PET meeting at Ted's house

Wed. 9th, 7:00 pm – Iowa Mennonite School's touring choir will offer a worshipful concert for us titled "Like a Tree Planted by the Water." Come and invite your friends and family! Note: The students will spend the night at the PMF building as they are on choir tour.

UPCOMING

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.

New in the magazine rack: *Behind the Hammer* newsletter from MDS including the Annual Report; *Bread For The World* newsletter; Heston College Alumni newsletter *Today*; and April issue of *The Mennonite*.

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. If you have any questions please contact Stori.

From Camp Friedenswald: "Just a note of thanks for your recent gift. Your support is very much appreciated! School groups start soon and then summer camps. We also have many guest group rentals that keep us busy. Why not consider a visit to camp? We'd love to host you!"

The SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program is now hiring summer staff. Positions include Job Site Coordinators & Meals Coordinators. Time frame is for up to 10 weeks from the last week of May until mid August. Applicants must be 19 year of age or older and have a willingness and aptitude to learn construction. Experience is very helpful, but not necessary. Working with SWAP is a transformational experience in one's Christian faith walk, specifically in developing one's servant heart. Contact Coletta Estep at [606-633-5065](tel:606-633-5065), email AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or visit the website <http://swap.mcc.org/> for more information.

Sign up for **Easter breakfast** is on the bulletin board. Please sign up for ways you can help. Thank you, the Hospitality committee.

Call to worship

Leader: Today we come before you God, dry and brittle.

People: *Lord, breathe new life into our aching bones.*

Leader: We come into your presence, fatigued and numb.

People: *Lord, breathe new life into our tired living.*

Leader: We come to the table, desperate and hurting.

All: **Today Lord, breathe into us a new hope!**

Confession of sin

Leader: Out of the depths, we cry to you O Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our voice.**

Leader: We are but bone and sinew and skin; our souls are empty without you.

People: **Breath, come to us on the four winds.**

Leader: We set our minds on the things of the body; we delight in the flesh.

People: **Spirit, dwell within us and make us whole.**

Leader: Our soul waits for you, oh Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

People: **More than those who watch for the morning, our soul waits for you.**

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.* [Silence]

Words of assurance

Leader: Our soul waits for you.

People: **In your Word, we hope for you.**

Leader: For in the Lord there is steadfast Love.

People: **For in the Spirit there is eternal life.**

All: *And it is the Lord who will redeem us from our wrongdoing.*

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