

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

Terry Whiteman ended his radiation treatments this week. He experienced increased confusion and nausea and is now under hospice care. Both Terry and Sarah are grateful for your on-going prayers.

Pray for rest that renews them and for God's love and comfort to be very near.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: First Mennonite Church, Sugarcreek OH, Germfask Mennonite Church, Germfask MI, Good News Community Church, Pickney MI.

Pray for our college students who are wrapping up another year of study: Audrey Thill, Logan Parsons, Lacey Brinegar, and Sophie Sears. May God grant them wisdom for the decisions ahead, joy as they develop their gifts, and hearts that are tuned to praising and serving Jesus.

Pray for staff and incoming summer staff at Amigo Centre, Camp Friedenswald, Peace-builder's Camp, and other church camps as they prepare for the upcoming summer camp season. May God's Spirit be active and evident through the worship, fellowship, and recreation that will take place in these communities.

In the village of Tin, Burkina Faso, Norm Nicolson's reputation as a fix-it-man continues to grow. The stream of people needing repairs has become so demanding that Norm has set aside Tuesdays for this work. Pray that God's love will flow through Norm to heal hurting souls as well as mechanical malfunctions.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

May 4, 2014

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

Baptism: A covenant of new life

Focus: In baptism we are born anew by water and by God's Spirit; this is a mystery.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song Holy Spirit, Come with Power - H 26
Call to Worship
Welcome and Introductions

Singing our Faith

Christ's is the world - SJ 62
Will you come and follow me - SS 39
We are called

Opportunity for Generosity

Special giving for May is for PMF's College Mutual Aid

Celebrating Shalom – Andrew Blount

Hearing the Word

Children Story
Scripture: John 3: 1-8
Meditation: The Mystery of New Birth

Baptism Service for Hannah Thill (See insert)

Come thou fount of every blessing - H 521
Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow - H 118

Responses

Sharing joy and concerns/Prayer

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 9-1, Thurs 1-5
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 May 4, 2014 (worship at 9:30)

Baptism: A covenant of new life

Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Gail Brown
Nursery: Doris Weaver/Danny Parsons
A.V.: Larry Lehman

NEXT SUNDAY May 11, 2014 (worship at 9:30)

The Word that Feeds and Leads Us

Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Andrew Blount & Wendell Lantz
Greeter: Jim and Bonnie Beachy
Nursery: Dave Woodsmall/Mica Beauregard
AV: Larry Lehman

TODAY

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Hannah Thill. Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of commitment and discipleship. So let us rejoice in this step of faith Hannah is taking.

12:15 pm – Youth Council meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

Our exploration and sharing of formative scriptures will continue as a small group leads worship on the theme of the Greatest Commandment. Other small groups will share formative scriptures during worship on May 18 and June 1.

THIS WEEK

Monday 5th, 7:00 pm – Worship Committee meeting at Bumbalough house.

This Tuesday, May 6, Matt and Rebecca will join IN-MI conference pastor-peers at a meeting at Shalom Mennonite Church in Indy. Pray for safe travel and that they would be blessed through this time of learning and fellowship.

May 9-10 – Sexuality classes for boys in grades 5, 6, and 7. Detailed information on times, and what to bring will be provided later.

UPCOMING

May 17 – come lend a hand at our Spring Work Day.

Save the Date! June 13-14 – PMF’s Vacation Bible School

June 20-22 – You are invited to worship and fellowship during IN-MI Mennonite Conference Annual sessions in Goshen, IN. The theme is “Broken ... Beloved.”

June 26-28 – Central District Conference annual meeting in Madison, WI. The theme, *Transformed Through Text and Table*, will be the focus of the time together for worship, story telling, and fellowship. (Contact a PET member if interested in attending.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New in the magazine rack: May issue of *The Mennonite* magazine.

See the **thank you card** from Audrey Thill on the Bulletin Board.

Anyone wanting a **CD recording** of the sharing and listening meetings regarding homosexuality should contact Stori Sullivan.

Please let Deb Giles know if you would be interested in subscribing to the daily devotional **periodical Rejoice**. The cost is \$26.95 per person.

The **Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** will take place Sept. 26-27, 2014 at the Fairgrounds in Goshen. Volunteers (and shoppers!) are always appreciated. The board is currently seeking persons to serve as Marketing coordinator and Penny Power coordinator. If you feel called to serve in this way or know someone who has gifts in these areas please contact the Sale board at 1-888-503-8559.

Desserts needed: **Backpacks of Blessings** is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Our second annual chicken barbecue is scheduled for 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the O.C. Community Building. We are in need of cakes, pies, cobblers, etc. to sell as part of the dinner. The desserts will need to be dropped off at the community building between 12:00 - 4:00, on the day of the event. We can also use special desserts for our auction that happens during the dinner. If you can help, please let me know. Thank you! Mary Beth.

Litany for Baptism

Leader: All life is a call and response.
Side 1: a dance between God and us.
Side 2: God calls us into being,
All: **How we live is our response to God.**

Leader: God calls us to love
Side 1: to plunge ourselves into the hurt and the joy,
Side 2: to give ourselves fully and vulnerably to relationships.
All **God calls us this day!**

Leader: God calls us to Dance
Side 1: to follow the path that is set before us
Side 2: to remember we belong to God
Side 1: to journey along confidently,
All: **knowing God is with us.**

Leader: God calls us to Community
Side 1: to gather to pray,
Side 2: to speak the good news,
Side 1: to bind broken hearts
Side 2: to celebrate
All: **and share the journey**

Leader: On this Day, God calls us here to celebrate Hannah's Baptism
All: **God calls all of us this day.**

Leader: Amen
All: **Amen**

Congregational Response

As we have now witnessed your baptism
we make this covenant with you as we renew our own covenant with God:
to bear each others' burdens,
to assist in times of need,
to share our gifts and possessions,
to forgive as Christ has forgiven us,
to support each other in joy and sorrow,
and in all things to work for the common good,
thus making known Christ's presence among us to the glory of God.
As we unite with each other now, may we all be joined with Christ, our Lord.

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