

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

Early Childhood (<i>Ages 0-3 years</i>).....	Parents
Preschool (<i>Ages 3-5 years</i>).....	Evie Shellenberger, Patsy H, Crescencia N
Primary (<i>Grades 1-3</i>).....	Veronika Sukup & Andrew Blount
Middler (<i>Grades 4, 5, & 6</i>).....	Jim Beachy & Marlene Beachy
Junior High (<i>Grades 7&8</i>).....	Jamie Sullivan, Aaron Johnson, Bonnie B.
Youth (<i>Grades 9-12</i>).....	Matt Pflederer

Teachers:

Adult Classes: When Helping Hurts, led by Lonnie Sears

Call to worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
who comes to our aid in times of need,
who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,
who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us
and confess Jesus alone as Savior and Lord.
This is our God!
Let us worship together.

FOR PRAYER

Continue to remember Leslie Wilson in prayer as she grieves Robin's death. May the Holy Spirit provide comfort, courage and strength in the days and weeks ahead.

Pray for Audrey T. as she gets oriented to life in Cambodia and her SALT service assignment there. Pray for confidence as she meets people and learns to communicate in a new language.

Pray for political, religious, and community leaders in countries and regions that are torn by war and hatred. Pray that they will do what makes for justice and peace. Pray for God's mercy.

Pray that God would grant energy and wisdom to Moriah Hurst, Mennonite Mission Network worker, as she assumes more responsibility in Praxis, the community development training program where she teaches in Australia. She requests prayer for some of her students who are facing major mental health issues.

Remember Claude Beachy in prayer as he will have cataract surgeries this Monday and the following Monday.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: Peace Community Mennonite Church, Detroit MI, Pine Grove Mennonite Church, Battle Creek MI, and Shalom Mennonite Congregation, Harrisonburg VA.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 7, 2014

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

Focus: Faithfulness to God is about to doing ordinary things in extraordinary ways.

Gathering to Worship

Song: Everlasting God
Welcome and introductions
Call to worship – (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Faith

Come, Now is the Time to Worship - SJ 9
As the Deer Panteth
Santo (Holy) - SJ 15

Celebrating Shalom

Opportunities for Generosity: Special giving for September goes to MCC

Commissioning of committee members – H 795
Commissioning Christian education teachers (see insert)

Song: One is the Body – SJ 72

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's Time
Scripture: Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10
Meditation: Subversive midwives, dissident daughters and the salvation of a people

Responses

Sharing joys and concerns / intercessory prayer

Announcements

Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140
Matt Pflederer, Pastor 653-4131
Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723
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

We are starting a series looking at Old Testament Lectionary passages which center around the story of Moses in the book of Exodus. Today we will hear how two midwives and a daughter of a Pharaoh saved a people.

Christian Education hour begins for adults and children, from 11:00 till noon. Children’s names are listed on the door of their classroom. The adult class will gather in the sanctuary for a study titled “When helping hurts” led by Lonnie; it will be a 5-week session.

NEXT SUNDAY

We will look at the story of the call of Moses at the burning bush. In preparation, please read Exodus 3:1-15

THIS WEEK

Mon. 8th, 7:00 pm – PCRC meeting at Sherry’s house

Wed. 10th, 6:00 pm meal; 6:30 – 8:00 **Large Group** meeting. See email for agenda and relevant documents.

UPCOMING

Thurs. 18th, 10:00 am PET meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Note of Thanks from Leslie Wilson: I would like to thank PMF for their prayers, visits, cards, food and words of encouragement for me and my family. I greatly appreciate Rebecca, Doris, and Evie for their help in planning Robin’s service. I also wish to thank Phil and Mary for their help with sharing and music. I feel blessed by my church family and Paoli Community friends.

Funds from our **Mutual Aid fund** were recently disbursed to assist the B & B Johnson family with truck repairs. We are grateful for the way they have made their truck available to participants. If you would like to make a gift above your Faith Promise amount to help replenish the Mutual Aid fund you are welcome to do so.

Women’s Retreat at Camp Friedenswald, Sept. 12 – 14. **Black Mennonite Women Rock!** Finding self-identity through the lives of black women. This retreat is for all women and is an opportunity to enjoy black culture, learn through the lives and stories of black women, and celebrate the leadership gifts of black women in the Mennonite Church. For more info go to www.friedenswald.org and click on “programs.” Financial aid is available and women under 25 are invited to come at no cost. **Sherry Schmidt** is interested in attending; contact her or the church office to express your interest.

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

See bulletin board for: Menno-Hof summer newsletter; and a Thank You card from Audrey T.

Card from Audrey Thill: “Dear PMF, I cannot adequately thank you all for your amazing support and generosity. Thanks to you I exceeded my fundraising goal, and I also love the calendar and can’t wait to read your comments! I hope you all have a blessed year and I look forward to reconnecting in the future. Thank you x a million. Love Audrey. P.S. I’m going to ‘try’ to keep a blog – see audreyet.wordpress.com.

<p><u>TODAY</u> Sept 7, 2014 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p>Standing on Holy Ground</p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Wendell Lantz & Doris Weaver Nursery: Joanna Woodsmall & Bill Johnson A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> Sept 14, 2014, (worship at 9:30)</p> <p>Standing on Holy Ground</p> <p>Worship Leader: Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Ted and Darlene Larrison Nursery: Darlene Larrison and Keith Gibbons AV: Larry Lehman</p>
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Commissioning our Christian Education Teachers

Children's Christian Education Committee

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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 commit to nurturing our own faith so that we can demonstrate and pass on this faith to our children, and share our faith journey with each other as we grow together in God's love.

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