CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class: Teachers:

Adult Classes: When Helping Hurts, led by Lonnie Sears

Affirmation of Faith

God calls us to be followers of Christ,
and, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace,
so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

FOR PRAYER

Remember Milton Borntrager in prayer as he travels to the Middle East (Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq) with an MCC learning tour. Pray for safety and health for all the travelers; may their visit be an encouragement to MCC's partners in the area. Pray for an end to greed, violence and hate. May God's mercy and justice flow.

Praise God for the life of Mia Diane and that Jami and Mike were able to adopt this little girl and bring her into their family. Ask God to bless them with wisdom and joy, and lead them in their new role as parents.

Clara Sears and Nick Wesman were married yesterday, Oct. 18. Pray for them and their families as they celebrate this union and begin a new journey together.

Pray for those who are struggling with sickness or disease including: Wade G., Sarah W., Ray B., and others.

Mennonite Mission Network workers Mark and Mary Hurst find that people are intrigued by Anabaptism and the hope it offers for living in today's conflicted world. Pray for them as they travel on teaching tours throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Fellow Conference congregations to pray for this week: Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, Goshen IN, Wasepi Mennonite Chapel, Centreville MI, and Convenant Mennonite Fellowship, Sarasota FL.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

October 19, 2014

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

"Where O death, is thy sting?"

Focus: When we walk through "the valley of the shadow" the act of lament gives expression to our grief and confusion. By crying out "My God, my God, why ...?" we name the reality of suffering and affirm Christ's greater power of enduring love.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: In the morning O God - S&R 45 Psalm 5:1-4, 8, 11 Welcome and introductions

Singing our Faith

Save us O Lord - SS 6 When I'm lonely and defenseless - SJ 93

Celebrating Shalom – Wally and Louise

Opportunities for generosity – special giving for October goes to Congo Orphanage Children's Time

Scripture: Psalm 44: 13-26, and Job 19: 1-7, 13-21

Reflection

Song: O thou, in whose presence – H #559

Scripture: Psalm 69:1-4, 13-18; Habakkuk 1: 1-4

Reflection

Writing our laments and carrying them to God

Song: All who are thirsty

Scripture: Psalm 22: 1-11

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith (see back of bulletin)

Sharing joys and concerns / intercessory prayer Announcements Benediction

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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.

TODAY October 19 2014 (worship at 9:30)

"Where, O death, is thy sting?"

Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman

Music Leader: Marlene Beachy

Meditation: Rebecca and Matt

Greeters: Wally & Evie Shellenberger

Nursery: Wally Shellenberger/Bonnie

Beachy

A.V.: Craig Bumbalough

NEXT SUNDAY Oct. 26, 2014 (worship at 9:30)

"Where, O death, is thy sting?"

Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup

Music Leader: Rebecca Kauffman

Meditation: Matt Pflederer

Greeters: Veronika Sukup

Nursery: Crecencia Nunez/Jon Shellenberger

AV: Craig Bumbalough

TODAY

As we continue our worship series on illness, death and grief, we explore the theme of "Lament." Lament is often the result of the disconnect we feel when who God is and promises to be, does not match up with our reality. The scriptures themselves give space and examples of crying out and complaining against God when we feel this disconnect. Our service will include an opportunity to write your own lament.

NEXT SUNDAY

Our focus next week will be on Healing. If Lament can be characterized as a place of disorientation or as the Psalmist puts it "in the pit"; then Healing can be seen as a "new orientation." A new place in which we realize that God has lifted us out of the pit and are full of gratitude and awareness about our lives and our God.

Oct. 26, noon – 2:00 pm – It's time for carving pumpkins next Sunday after church. First we will eat lunch that will include pumpkin soup. Mentor mentee pairs should bring some pumpkin related food to share with everyone. Then the carving begins. pumpkins will be supplied.

THIS WEEK

Wed. 22nd, 6:00 pm – MYF meeting at PMF.

Wed. 22nd, 7:00 pm – PCRC meeting at Sherry's house

Fri. 24th, 1:30 pm – Circle of Care coordinator meeting

Sat. 25th, 8:00 am – noon – PMF fall work day. Everyone is invited to come help rake leaves and do other tasks to get our building and grounds ready for the winter.

UPCOMING

Mon. November 3rd – PMF will host several people from Armenia who are part of our Foods Resource Bank network. We will meet at PMF for a meal at 6:00 pm, followed by a time to learn about Armenia and our FRB involvements.

Wed. Nov. 12 – Large Group meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New email address for Carolyn Brinegar: crlynbrngr@yahoo.com

Please prayerfully consider the ways you are able to contribute to the ministries of PMF, and return your **Faith Promise card** (which was sent in the mail) to Louise O'Connell or Dave Mullet by Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Thank you! -from the Finance Committee

New in magazine rack: Fall 2014 issue of *A Common Place* featuring Mennonite Central Committee stories from Indonesia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

See bulletin board for: Michiana Anabaptist Historians fall newsletter