

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

### ***Class:***

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

### ***Teachers:***

**Adult Class:** Conversations about end of life issues, led by Doris Weaver

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### **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 Borntreger in prayer as he travels in the Middle East (Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq) with an MCC leadership learning tour. Pray for safety and health for all the travelers, including on their return trip on Tues. 4<sup>th</sup>. May their visit be an encouragement to MCC's partners in the region.

Give thanks for the dedicated work of MCC country directors, field workers, and partner organizations. Ask God to bless their efforts to be "salt and light" in the name of Christ. Pray for an end to greed, violence and hate. May God's mercy and justice flow.

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

Pray for Christians around the world who gather in homes to praise God, deepen their understanding of the Bible's good news, and encourage one another. Pray for the new small groups of PMF, that they would foster deeper relationships and spiritual growth.

Edward Dartey, a MMN prayer partner from Ghana, asks us to pray for the people of West Africa who live in fear of the expanding Ebola epidemic. Although Ebola has not been detected in his country, cholera is claiming many lives.



# **PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**November 2, 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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### **"Where O death, is thy sting?"**

*Focus: Believers through the ages have felt empowered to face death because they understand Christ's resurrection as having power to give new life here on earth and in heaven.*

#### **Gathering to Worship**

Gathering Song: Christ is alive and goes before us - SS 89  
Welcome and introductions  
Call to Worship (see insert)

#### **Singing Our Faith**

Give thanks for life - SJ 108  
Christ is Risen! Shout hosanna - H 272  
Christ the Lord is risen today - H 280

#### **Confession and Assurance**

#### **Celebrating Shalom**

#### **Recognition of birthdays, anniversaries and milestones**

**Opportunities for Generosity** - special giving for Nov. goes to Christian Peacemaker Teams

#### **Hearing and Experiencing God's Word**

Children's time  
Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2; I Corinthians 15: 35-42, 48-58; Philippians 3:20-21;  
I Peter 1:3-5  
Meditation

**Response action:** writing names for "remembrance banner"

Song: In the bulb - H 614

#### **Processional of "remembrance banner"**

**Affirmation of Faith** (see back of bulletin)

#### **Sharing joy and concerns**

#### **Announcements**

**Sending song:** Guide my feet - H 546

#### **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  
**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**

As Christians we believe that God, through Jesus’ resurrection, defeated the power of death. Scriptures and songs point to the promise of a new yet different life. These can give us confidence and hope even while much about death remains a mystery to us.

**Youth Council** will meet immediately following Christian education hour.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Abundant Life Now! Jesus comes to give, not just life, but life in abundance. Not just survival, but flourishing; not just getting by, but thriving; not just existence, but joy.

8:00 am - Finance committee meeting

12:15 pm – the discernment group that is working with the matter of ordination for Rebecca will meet for a sack lunch followed by discussion and discernment. Others who are interested in participating are welcome to join. Please RSVP to Ted.

Sun. Nov. 9 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Live-In for High School youth.

**This Week**

Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am – Children’s education committee meeting at PMF

Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm – 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.

Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm – PET meeting at Rebecca’s

**UPCOMING**

Wed. Nov. 12 – Large Group meeting

Sun. Nov. 30 – First Sunday of Advent

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Reminder to committees:** please submit the amount you are requesting for PMF’s 2015 Spending Plan by Sunday, Nov. 2. Place your response in the folder in the office door, or email Deb at *mennos.paoli@gmail.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. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you! -from the Finance Committee

**New in magazine rack:** Nov. issue of *The Mennonite*; fall issue of the Bluffton University magazine

**See the bulletin board:** Oct. issue of *Connections* from Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Please make note of **new contact info for Jim Beachy:**  
New email: *jim.beachy@kimballelectronics.com*  
New office phone: 812-634-4136  
New mobile phone: 812-631-7376

Organizers of the annual **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** are asking for help. Please sign up on the form on the bulletin board if you can make pies or cakes. And, help is also needed for serving and delivering food and kitchen clean up. Sarann Weeks is the coordinator for the dinner, which is an outreach program of the Paoli Friends Meeting. Thank you! Mary Beth

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| <b><u>TODAY</u></b> November 2, 2014 (worship at 9:30)<br><b><i>“Where, O death, is thy sting?”</i></b><br>Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer<br>Music Leader: Marlene Beachy<br>Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman<br>Greeters: Dave and Marlene Beachy<br>Nursery: Louise O’Connell and Evie Shellenberger<br>A.V.: Jamey Sullivan | <b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b> Nov. 9, 2014 (worship at 9:30)<br><b><i>Abundant Life Now!</i></b><br>Worship Leader:<br>Music Leader:<br>Meditation: Matt Pflederer<br>Greeters: Jim and Bonnie Beachy<br>Nursery: Jim Beachy/Sherry Schmidt<br>AV: Larry Lehman |
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### Call to Worship

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**Many: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses—**

One: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

**Many We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you - our grateful hymn we sing.**

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One: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

**Many: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,**

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