

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*)..... Jamey Sullivan, Aaron Johnson, Bonnie B.
Youth (*Grades 9-12*)..... Matt Pflederer

Teachers:

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of our God, who made heaven and earth.
People: Amen.
Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving. Make music upon the harp.
How good it is to celebrate God's presence and sing praise throughout each day!
People: How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!
Leader: Our God rebuilds the people of earth. The wandering ones are gathered together, the brokenhearted are healed, the hungry are fed, the prisoners are freed, the blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.
People: How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!
Leader: All of nature sings aloud God's goodness – clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small. Our God creates and sustains our world with his ever-growing, never-ending love.
People: How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!
Leader: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Christ Jesus our Lord.
People: Amen.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

November 23, 2014

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

Service of Thanksgiving

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: All Creatures of Our God and King - H 48
Welcome and introductions
Call to Worship

Singing Our Faith

Sing to the Lord of Harvest - H 98
Praise to God Immortal Praise - H 91
Lord should rising whirlwinds - H 92

Special Music - Sometimes a light surprises

Celebrating Shalom

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

Song: God you're So Good

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18, Psalm 111, Habakkuk 3: 17-19
Meditation

Responses

Sharing joy and concerns

Announcements

Sending song: For the Beauty of the Earth - H 89 v. 1, 3, 4

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
Phone: (812) 723-2414; **Fax:** (812) 723-3515 **email:** mennos.paoli@gmail.com
Address: 2589 N. CR 100 W., Paoli, IN 47454

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.

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>TODAY November 23, 2014 (worship at <i>Service of Thanksgiving</i> Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Susan Classen Greeters: Louise O’Connell Nursery: Mica Beauregard/Danny Parsons A.V.: Larry Lehman</p> | <p>NEXT SUNDAY Nov. 30, 2014 (worship at 9:30) <i>Oh, that you would reveal your mystery</i> Worship Leader: Yolanda Yoder Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Nursery: Christy Ford/Dave Beachy AV: Larry Lehman</p> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

TODAY

A "Service of Thanksgiving"; a time when we can give thanks to God the great gift-giver who is the source of our abundance and delights in hearing our response.

The first practice for the children’s Christmas program will follow Sunday school, for approximately 45 minutes. All children in the primary and middler classes are asked to be present. Future practices will take place at the same time on Dec. 7 and 14 and will include the preschool class.

NEXT SUNDAY

Nov. 30th is the first Sunday of Advent – a season in which we wait in expectation for God’s profound act of entering into human flesh. The guiding theme, “*Oh, that you would reveal your mystery*” invites us to be alert to the ways God has and continues to be revealed through Jesus the Christ.

We will have our normal Christian Education hour following worship.

This Week

Matt will be on vacation Nov. 24-30. Rebecca will also be out of town for Thanksgiving, returning on Saturday. Please contact one of the elders, Ted or Mary Beth, as needed while both pastors are away.

UPCOMING

Dec. 4, 2:00 pm – PET meeting
Dec. 8, 7:00 pm – worship committee meeting
Fri., Dec. 19, 6:30 – 7:30 pm – Children’s Christmas program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers are needed for **bell ringing** starting November 28th in front of Walmart. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. This is a good activity for mentor/mentees, families and small groups. Please sign up by November 25th so we can let the coordinator know. Thank you.

New in magazine rack: Nov. issue of *The Mennonite* and the *Courier*

New on the bulletin board: Heifer International gift catalog

FOR PRAYER

Continue to pray for Donald Parsons, brother of Danny, as he heals from surgery and prepares for further treatment for cancer. Pray that adequate and long-term housing would be found. Pray also for Danny, Cynthia and Logan as they offer support.

Pray for those who are living with cancer. May God grant strength to Sarah W. as she continues chemotherapy treatment. Pray for Mickey and Mischelle L. in their journey; may they be upheld and sustained by God’s healing presence.

Give thanks for the work of Christian Peacemaker Teams in conflict zones around the world. Ask God to give you courage and wisdom to be a peacemaker in your ‘zone’.

Thank God for Nazareth (Israel) Village’s witness to many visitors who are encountering Jesus for the first time. Pray that the new teaching series, *Learning in His Steps*, will lead people to open themselves to Jesus’ love and abundant life.

