

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: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here among us.
Let us direct our hearts to God. (pause)
Redeeming God, in a world of anxiety and fear, we call on you.
Show your face, so that we, your people, would share your hope.

All: *Oh, that you would reveal your hope to us, O Lord.*

People: Let your light shine, so that the nations would see your glory.

Leader: Speak to us, for your words do not pass away.

People: Walk with us, so that we can know you.

Leader: Restore us, that we may be transformed.

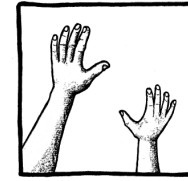
People: Mold us, and we will be shaped for your service.

All: *Break through the darkness and bring your light, Oh Lord of hope.*

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

November 30, 2014

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



Oh, that you would reveal your hope

Focus: *In a world of anxiety and fear we call on God to break through the darkness and come down in power.*

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: Do you hear what I hear?
Welcome and introductions
Call to Worship
Wreath Procession - O Come, O come Emmanuel
Candle lighting
Confession – Come and fill our hearts – SJ 59

Singing Our Faith

Lo How a rose e'er blooming - H 211
Come thou long expected Jesus - H 178

Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving to Christian Peacemaker Teams

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: Mark 13: 24-37
Meditation

Responses

Sharing joy and concerns

Announcements

Sending song: Hope is a candle - SS 15, verse 1

Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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| 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 Nov 30, 2014 (worship at 9:30)

Oh, that you would reveal your mystery

Worship Leader: Yolanda Yoder
 Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
 Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
 Greeters: Jan and Dave Mullet
 Nursery: Cristy Ford/Dave Beachy
 A.V.: Larry Lehman

NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 7, 2014 (worship at 9:30)

Oh, that you would reveal your mystery

Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup
 Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
 Meditation: Matt Pflederer
 Greeters: Larry Lehman
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 AV: Jamey Sullivan

TODAY

Advent is 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

The Gospel of Mark does not include a birth narrative of Jesus. Instead, it opens with these words: “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God”, and John the Baptist’s call to repentance and to “prepare the way of the Lord.” In preparation for worship, read Mark 1:1-8.

This Week

Thurs. Dec. 4, 2:00 pm – PET meeting at Matt’s

UPCOMING

Dec. 8, 7:00 pm – worship committee meeting

Dec. 9, 9:00 – 4:00 – PET retreat

Fri., Dec. 19, 6:30 – 7:30 pm – Children’s Christmas program

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note a new email address for Dana Bumbalough: dana.bumbalough@gmail.com

Practices for the children’s Christmas program will take place on Dec. 7 and 14 following Sunday school, for approximately 45 minutes. All children in the preschool, primary and middler classes are asked to be present.

New in magazine rack: Dec. issue of *The Mennonite*, and *The Marketplace* from Mennonite Economic Development Associates

New on the bulletin board: Heifer International gift catalog

Biblical and Theological Resources on Sexual and Gender Identity. The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and Staff have compiled a list of resources focused on sexual and gender identity for study in small groups and congregations. The list was developed with input from Mennonite church members with diverse perspectives, and seeks to tell stories of the ways people have come to their theological understandings. The list is available online:

<http://bit.ly/MCUSAResources>.

FOR PRAYER

Pray that God would sustain and comfort those who are living with cancer. May God grant strength to Sarah W. as she continues chemotherapy treatment. Pray for Mickey and Mischelle L. as he has been experiencing more pain. Continue to pray for Donald Parsons; that adequate and long-term housing would be found for him.

Remember in prayer Audrey Thill as she lives in Cambodia and supports the advocacy work of “Building Community Voices”, a local organization. Pray for courage and perseverance as she learns how to communicate in a new language, and as she relates to her host family.

A new refugee coordination team at the Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador is working with David Shenk (MMN worker) to continue response to the pressing needs of those who arrive at the church without food, lodging or friends. Pray that new team will have strength and wisdom to face the challenges.

Pray for strength and protection for our sisters and brothers in the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria. Thousands have been killed and their denominational offices taken over.

Confession

Leader: Today in this safe but dark, holy place we become aware of your presence, God. We focus not on our sins, as is our habit, but instead on the sins done against us.

People: We have suffered rejection, hurt, and abuse. People have hurt us in our childhood, at school, at work, and even in church. These hurts continue to shape us in unhealthy ways.

Leader: We are crumbling clay that needs to be reformed and rebuilt by you, God , the Potter.

People: Heal our places of shame, Lord.

Leader: To "forgive those who trespass against us", we ask for strength to release our wounds to you, to stop holding onto them.

People: Heal us, Lord.

All: Restore our hope, O God; bring fresh form to our broken shards, Bring your touch of loving care, that we may be re-formed to fullness.

(Time of Silence)

Song: Come and fill our hearts with your hope.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your hope.
Alleluia.

Assurance

Leader: God, the faithful Potter, longs to remake and restore us.

All: God's power rekindles hope in us and gives us life, real life. Thanks be to God.

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