

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>).....	Jamey Sullivan, Aaron Johnson, Bonnie B.
Youth (<i>Grades 9-12</i>).....	Matt Pfleederer

Teachers:

Adult Class: Bible study on “Acts of Worship” using passages from Psalms, Daniel, and the NT.

Gathering Prayer

Leader:	Our God, we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things.
People:	For the gift of creation, we give thanks.
Leader:	We gather to worship you, the One committed to us through a love that never ends.
People:	For the gift of reconciliation, we give thanks.
Leader:	We gather to worship you, the One who continually seeks us by the Spirit.
People:	For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.
Leader:	We bring to you the offerings of our commitment – thanks, praise, and awe are our gifts of love.
ALL:	We gather to worship you, Trinity of love: God above us, God beside us, God beneath us; the Beginning, the End the Everlasting One. Amen.

For Prayer

Pray for the MYF and sponsors who are at Amigo Centre (in MI) this weekend for High School Winter Retreat. Pray for safety and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all who attend.

Join Milton and Jo Ann in praising God for the birth of another grand-daughter, Lucy Mara Bortrager, who joins her parents Tim and Lauren and sister Ada at home in Chicago.

Pray for Duane and Sherry Schmidt as they volunteer through the SOOP program in Tucson, Arizona for the next several weeks. May they be blessed through their interactions with fellow volunteers and those they serve.

Remember in prayer those who are grieving the recent death of a parent: Keith Gibbons, Deb Giles, and Lynsey Rice. Pray also for Kym Kinsey’s brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Jackie, whose newborn baby died.

Lillian and Norm Nicolson (serving through Mennonite Mission Network) are requesting an English-speaking teacher/ child-care worker willing to live in their village in Burkina Faso to help teach their children, ages 5 and 2. Pray that the person whom God is calling will say “yes.”



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

January 18, 2015

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

Christian commitment in a pluralistic world

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: Come walk with us – SJ 2
Welcome and introductions
Gathering Prayer (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Come and see – H 20
I bind my heart this tide – H 411
You are salt for the earth – H 226

Celebrating Shalom - Wally Shellenberger

Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving for January is Mennonite Disaster Service

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: Acts 17: 16-34
Meditation

Responses

Sharing joy and concerns / intercessory prayer

Announcements

Sending song: Go my children – H 433

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
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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.

<p>TODAY Jan. 18, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p>"Covenant and Commitment"</p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Dave & Jan Mullet Nursery: Curtis Thill/Stori Sullivan A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Jan. 25, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p>"Covenant and Commitment"</p> <p>Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Louise O’Connell Nursery: Mary Beth Gibbons/Dave Mullet AV: Larry Lehman</p>
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TODAY

Religious diversity isn't something new or newly acknowledged. The world has always been diverse. The question is how do we as a people of passion and commitment to Jesus Christ listen and learn from those who view the world different from us.

12:15-2:00 pm – final orientation session to get more acquainted with life at PMF.

12:15 pm – anyone interested in discussing plans for a PMF maple sap harvest are invited to meet with Lonnie and Dave W. in the sanctuary for a brief meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY

Does our commitment to Christ 'cost' us anything? If so, what? Next Sunday we will look at what the Anabaptist perspective has to offer our understanding of commitment.

Sun. 25th, 5:30 pm – PMF’s annual covenant service

This Week

Thurs 22nd, 2:00 pm – PET at Ted’s house

UPCOMING

Feb. 7-8 – Save the date! **PMF Winter Retreat** at Mount St. Francis. Guest presenter Andy Brubacher Kaethler, professor at AMBS, will help us consider how technology affects our discipleship and our life together in community. Registrations will be due by Feb. 1st.

Fri-Sun. Feb. 13-15th, Junior High Winter Retreat at Amigo Centre

March 6 & 7: **"MCC Comforter Bash"** at First Mennonite Church in Indy. All are invited to knot comforters that MCC will distribute to people in need around the world. Supper & lunch available for a donation (please RSVP). See poster on bulletin board for times and details. Donations for quilt batting are also welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca will attend **Pastor’s Week at Anabaptist** Mennonite Biblical Seminary Jan. 26-29. The theme this year is “Where culture blurs theology: What *Is* an Anabaptist Christian?” On Wed. that week she will also meet with the credentialing teams of IN-MI and CDC conferences for her ordination interview.

New in magazine rack: January issue of *The Mennonite*; “Sign of the Times” from Christian Peacemaker Teams; *A Common Place* magazine from MCC

New on the bulletin board: “Comforter Bash” poster about making comforters for MCC in Indy. And an MCC poster about serving with the SWAP program this summer as a summer staff.

Deb Hickman has sent a letter requesting help with a project for Blessing, a little girl from Africa they are working on adopting. See the bulletin board.

Please keep **Lynsey Rice** in your prayers as she grieves the death of her father, Bill. Cards can be sent to her care of: Shannan Kline, attn. Lynsey Rice, 5079 Electra St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048. If you are interested in contributing to help cover the cremation fees please contact Cristy.

PMF sent a check for \$9508 to **Foods Resource Bank** to support faith-based efforts to improve food security around the world. Funds will go to where most needed to support the collaborative efforts of many church organizations, including Mennonite Central Committee, in reducing hunger and poverty. The money was raised through the Penny Power offering and many contributions of ideas, labor, money, and local resources. To learn more go to foodsresourcebank.org.

