

## 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 Pfleederer

### **Teachers:**

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

### **Gathering Prayer**

<b>Leader:</b>	Our God, we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things.
<b>People:</b>	<b>For the gift of creation, we give thanks.</b>
<b>Leader:</b>	We gather to worship you, the One committed to us through a love that never ends.
<b>People:</b>	<b>For the gift of reconciliation, we give thanks.</b>
<b>Leader:</b>	We gather to worship you, the One who continually seeks us by the Spirit.
<b>People:</b>	<b>For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.</b>
<b>Leader:</b>	We bring to you the offerings of our commitment – thanks, praise, and awe are our gifts of love.
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>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.</b>

### **For Prayer**

Join Jim and Bonnie Beachy in praising God for the birth of a grandson, Gabriel James Hansen, born to Liz and David on January 19.

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

Ask for God’s healing and presence to be with those who are struggling with health issues or recovering from surgery, including: Larry M’s brother Tom, and Curtis’ mother Betty. Pray also for Kym Kinsey’s brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Jackie, whose newborn baby died.

PMF recently decided to support (with our prayer and gifts) Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton, a husband-wife team, with infant daughter, Aliyah, who will serve as partnership coordinators in Ecuador. Let’s pray for them as they prepare to begin their assignment in early February, working with the Colombia Mennonite Church and the conference of Anabaptist churches in Ecuador.



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

**January 25, 2015**

*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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### **The Weight of Discipleship An Anabaptist Mennonite Look at Covenant and Commitment**

*Focus: “No one can truly know Christ unless they follow him in their life, and no one may follow him unless they have first known him” – Hans Denck*

#### **Gathering to Worship**

Gathering Song: Two Fishermen H 227  
Welcome and introductions  
Gathering Prayer (see back of bulletin)

#### **Singing Our Faith**

Will You come and Follow Me - SS 39  
I Will come to You in the Silence - SS 49  
Open My Eyes - SS 65

#### **Celebrating Shalom – Yolanda Yoder**

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

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

Children's time  
Scripture: Luke 14:25-33  
Meditation

Song: Take My Life - H 389

#### **Responses**

**Sharing joy and concerns / intercessory prayer**

#### **Announcements**

**Sending song:** We Will Follow SS 40

#### **Benediction**

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140  
Matt Pflederer, Pastor 653-4131  
Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723  
Ted Larrison 723-3826  
Lonnie Sears 723-0722

**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**

Does our commitment to Christ cost us anything? If so, what? Jesus’ teaching about the cost of discipleship may sound shocking and extreme. How can this passage and the Anabaptist perspective deepen and encourage our understanding of commitment?

This evening at 5:30 pm – PMF’s annual covenant service and communion. A light meal will be served. This is an important time to reflect on and share about your discipleship journey in the past year. We have opportunity to renew our Christian commitment and our covenant with one another.

You are welcome to reflect on these questions:

- What have you committed yourself to? What difference has that made?
- What gift will I nurture and offer to the fellowship in the coming year?
- Are there ways I can grow in openness and trust (vulnerability) with my fellow participants?

**NEXT SUNDAY**

We will conclude our series on "Covenant and Commitment." We will be exploring what it means to live into a(our) Covenant which includes times of broken and renewed commitment to each other

**UPCOMING**

Feb. 7-8 – Be sure to register! 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 due by Jan. 26.

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

Save the following dates related to the pastor / congregational review: Feb. 15 and Mar. 1 (after SS), and Mar. 4 (during small group meeting). Details to follow.

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?” (see flyer on bulletin board). On Wed. at 4:00 pm she will also meet with the credentialing teams of IN-MI and CDC conferences for her ordination interview.

See bulletin board for: **thank you letters** from Hoosier Uplands Home Health Care & Hospice, and LIFE Family Resource Center, and OC Habitat for Humanity.

**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.

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.

<p><b><u>TODAY</u></b> Jan. 25, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>"Covenant and Commitment"</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Louise &amp; Jim O’Connell Nursery: Mary Beth Gibbons/Dave Mullet A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p><b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b> Feb. 1, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>"Covenant and Commitment"</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Wally Shellenberger Greeters: Ted &amp; Darlene Larrison Nursery: Sherry Schmidt/Darren Bender Beauregard AV: Jamey Sullivan</p>
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