

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

### Call to Authenticity

Leader: If it were up to us, God, we’d do it differently.

**People:** Everyone knows that the way to make a promise stick is to require each party to do some of the heavy lifting.

Leader: Yet with Noah, you put your bow in the clouds, offering all of creation something for nothing.

**People:** That promise is hard for us to accept because it takes away our control.  
*Silence*

Leader: Stick with us patiently.

**People:** and grow in us the depth of trust our effort can’t produce.

### Call to Commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out by keeping covenant forever with every living creature.

**People:** God, even in the midst of disorder, we will live in your promise and seek a deeper relationship with you.

### For Prayer

Pray for all victims of domestic violence and that our community will find healing ways to help prevent these situations.

Ask for God’s healing and presence to be with those who are struggling with health issues or recovering from surgery.

Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp serve as directors of Menno Village, a sustainable agriculture initiative of the Mennonite churches in Sapporo, Japan. Pray that more people will join this farming community, and that they can model a healthful interaction with creation.



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

**February 22, 2015**

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

Lent 1

**One More Time**

*Focus: We think contracts are binding for both sides. yet God turns our self-importance upside down and unilaterally offers second, third, and fourth chances. What if God’s covenant isn’t just about us?*

### **First Look**

Gathering Song: Water has held us – SJ 82  
Candle-lighting, welcome and introductions  
Scripture: Genesis 9: 8-17  
Call to authenticity (see back of bulletin)

O God, who gives us life – H 483  
Fill us with your feast  
O God, Our help in ages past – H 328

### **Upside Down and Inside Out**

Call to grace (from Psalm 25)  
Celebrating Shalom – Yolanda Yoder  
Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving for February goes to Hospice  
Children’s time  
Meditation

### **Second Look**

Reader’s theatre  
Scripture: Genesis 9: 8-17  
Responses  
Sharing joy and concerns / intercessory prayer  
Announcements  
Call to commitment (see back of bulletin)  
Benediction

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

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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**

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. The start of a journey to the sacred center of our faith. And today it starts with God's covenant with ALL creation.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

“You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means.” Next week we be looking Peter and Jesus' understanding of “Messiah” In preparation please read Mark 8:31-38.

12:15 – lunch followed by focus groups to reflect on pastor’s and congregation’s role in Pastoral Care and Children’s areas of ministry.

**THIS WEEK**

Wed. 25<sup>th</sup>, noon – all are invited to come for noon prayers at the PMF building

Wed. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – ELF night. 5:30-6:30 share a meal and fellowship. 6:30-8:00 join in discussion of the emerging consensus statement. Contact Wally, Stori, Ted, or pastors if you have questions or didn’t get the email.

**UPCOMING**

Mar. 3 & 4, during small group meetings – focus groups on worship and teaching as part of the pastor / congregational review. Details were emailed to you; contact a member of PCRC if you have questions.

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**

**Gift Discernment forms** are in your mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider how your gifts and the gifts of others might contribute to the life and mission of PMF.

**Baptism Inquiry classes** geared for adults will take place in March-April. If you are interested in exploring baptism please talk to Rebecca or Matt at your earliest convenience.

It’s time to register for **Mennonite Church USA Convention**, June 30-July 5 in Kansas City. Our MYF are planning to attend the Youth Convention – but it’s not just for youth! Worship, seminars, and special events are planned for adults too! If you have interest in attending, please let PET know ASAP. See <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org> for more info.

Anyone interested in attending the regional meetings of Indiana-Michigan or Central District conferences please talk to a PET member. These are opportunities to fellowship with people from our sister congregations, to discuss issues and share stories.

Anyone interested in **helping to collect sap** from the PMF maple trees please contact Curtis. He will notify interested persons of collection times and you can come as you are able. Mentor-mentee pairs are encouraged to participate. This effort is part of our support of Foods Resource Bank.

“Retreat through Song” hosted by Camp Friedenswald (MI) on March 13-14. See bulletin board for details.

**Corrections on Participant roster:** Please make note that Leah Thill’s email is [LeahThill24@gmail.com](mailto:LeahThill24@gmail.com) and Sarah Whiteman’s is [sljwhiteman@gmail.com](mailto:sljwhiteman@gmail.com).

<p><b><u>TODAY</u></b> Feb. 22, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b><i>Upside Down and Inside Out</i></b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Andrew Blount Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Dave &amp; Debby Heinz Nursery: Darlene Larrison/Bill Johnson A.V.: Jamey Sullivan</p>	<p><b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b> Mar. 1, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b><i>Upside Down and Inside Out</i></b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Lonnie Sears Music Leader: Aaron Johnson Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Lonnie &amp; Sandi Sears Nursery: Milton Borntreger/Dana Bumbalough AV:</p>
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