

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: Returning veterans, returning hope: Seeking peace together

Call to Authenticity

Leader: Jesus, you are hard to follow..

People: Be reasonable! Don't talk about suffering and rejection, death and dying.

Leader: Like Peter, when we said we would follow you, we had something better in mind.

People: We're just trying to keep you, and us, safe.

Silence

Leader: Suffering savior, keep us close by your side.

People: and give us the imagination to see what you see and the courage to follow you into it.

Call to Commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out by letting us in on the big picture.

People: God, even when following is hard, we will stick with you and wait expectantly to see what else you have in mind.

For Prayer

Pray for Claude as he heals from a fall and injured rib. Pray for others who face health challenges.

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

Janet Stucky, of Mennonite Mission Network, serves as a nutritional consultant at Bethesda Hospital in Benin, West Africa. Pray for funding to implement a program to improve the diets of pregnant women, children under 5 years old, and people living with HIV/AIDS.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

March 1, 2015

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

Lent 2

Beyond Imagination

Focus: When we hear a promise, we expect it to result in what we have in mind. Yet God's imagination is bigger than ours. How can we open ourselves to unbelievable actions that turn our world inside out?

First Look

Gathering Song: We Gather Together – H 17

Candle-lighting, welcome and introductions

Scripture: Mark 8: 27-38

Call to authenticity (see back of bulletin)

O worship the King – H 66

Fill us with your feast

Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord – H 151

Upside Down and Inside Out

Call to grace (from Psalm 22)

Celebrating Shalom – Andrew Blount

Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving for March goes to the food pantry.

Recognition of birthdays & anniversaries

Children's time

Meditation

Second Look

Reader's theatre

Scripture: Mark 8: 27-38

Responses

Sharing joy and concerns / intercessory prayer

Announcements

Call to commitment (see back of bulletin)

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

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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

Peter, Jesus and the preaching of the anti-kingdom.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

We will be hearing from Milton and his reflections on 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25. What is God’s wisdom like?

THIS WEEK

Wed. 4th, noon – all are invited to come for noon prayers at the PMF building

During small group meetings – focus groups on worship and teaching as part of the pastor / congregational review. If you are not part of a small group you are invited to attend one for this week in order to join the conversation. Contact a member of PCRC if you have questions.

Thurs. 5th, 7:00 pm – PET meeting

March 6 & 7: “**MCC Comforter Bash**” at First Mennonite Church in Indy. See poster on bulletin board for times and details.

UPCOMING

March 29 is Shalom Sunday. We are planning on having some inter-generational activities based on Palm Sunday. Youth will provide a free will donation lunch to help raise money for convention in Kansas City this summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Discernment forms are due today! Please prayerfully consider how your gifts and the gifts of others might contribute to the life and mission of PMF.

Matt and Rebecca will be out of town Sat. Mar. 7 attending two different conference-related meetings. Pray for safe travel and good conversations. For pastoral care needs that day contact one of the Elders.

The **Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** will be accepting machine-quilted quilts this year for the quilt auction, in addition to hand-quilted ones. This year’s sale dates are Sept. 25-26, at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds.

Save the date! OC Habitat for Humanity annual dinner and silent auction – Thurs. April 23, 6:30 pm at Paoli Christian Church. They will celebrate house number 25 and the Lost River Career Cooperative students who helped make it possible.

In response to ongoing needs, PMF will be collecting items for **MCC relief and hygiene kits** over the next few weeks. See bulletin insert for a list of needed items, as well as other ways you can contribute to MCC’s relief and peace-building work. Monetary gifts can be given online or through PMF.

“We at Mennonite Central Committee want to express our sincere **THANKS** to our friends and supporters at Paoli Mennonite for the many ways you’ve contributed to the work of MCC and our partners during 2014. In addition to your gifts of material resources, time and prayers, your congregation contributed \$7,298.83 toward MCC’s work of relief, development and peace-building in 55 countries around the world. Your support shares hope in the name of Christ. Thank you!” -Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC Great Lakes

New on the bulletin board: poster about MCC Great Lakes Peace Gathering, March 28 in Chicago. And “Reunion” the Menno-Hof newsletter.

<p><u>TODAY</u> Mar. 1, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><i>Upside Down and Inside Out</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Aaron Johnson Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Lonnie & Sandi Sears Nursery: Wendell Lantz/Dana Bumbalough A.V.: Jamey Sullivan</p>	<p><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> Mar. 8, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><i>Upside Down and Inside Out</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Lonnie Sears Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Milton Borntreger Greeters: Wally & Evie Shellenberger Nursery: Yolanda Yoder/Keith Gibbons AV: Jamey Sullivan</p>
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