

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: Returning veterans, returning hope: Seeking peace together

Call to Authenticity

Leader: Jesus, when you talk about eternal life and heavenly things it's hard for us to understand.

Congregation: We play with definitions: If "belief" is simply verbal assent, then our actions don't matter too much, right?

Leader: Like Nicodemus, we are puzzled by the idea of being born from above, and afraid to let your light illumine some areas of our life.

Congregation: Sometimes it feels safer, and more comfortable, to stay in the shadows.

Silence

Leader: Shine your light on us, loving God, dispel the darkness;

Congregation: help us to rest in your love and give ourselves to your saving power

Call to Commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out by transforming darkness and making a way for eternal life.

Congregation: God, we will walk in your light and give you thanks for your unflinching love!

For Prayer

Pray for the fruits of the Spirit to be evident in our life together at PMF. Pray for wisdom in the gifts discernment process, for our conversations about how we relate to one another and newcomers, and for the pastor & congregational review conversations.

Ask for God's protection over those in our community and world who are vulnerable to violence or abuse.

Pray for Max Villatoro and his family as he faces deportation. Max is the pastor at Torre Fuerte Iglesia Menonita (Strong Fortress Mennonite Church) in Iowa City, Iowa. Pray for state legislators and immigration officials, that they may have compassion on Max and the Villatoro family.

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP



March 15, 2015

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

Lent 4

God amidst the shadows

Focus: When we want to hide our deeds, or our self, in the darkness, the love of God beckons us out of the shadows into the light of life in Christ.

First Look

Gathering Song: Yonder come day - SJ 115

Candle-lighting, welcome and introductions

Scripture: John 3: 13-21

Call to authenticity (see back of bulletin)

Fill us with your feast

In your sickness - H 585, Don't be afraid - SJ 105 and

Come, bring your burdens to God - SS 50

My soul cries out - SS 124

Upside Down and Inside Out

Call to grace (from Psalm 107)

Celebrating Shalom – Wally Shellenberger

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

Children's time

Meditation

Second Look

Reader's theatre

Scripture: John 3: 13-21

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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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 Mar. 15, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p>Upside Down and Inside Out</p> <p>Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson Music Leader: Joanna & Dave Woodsmall Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Marlene & Dave Beachy Nursery: Jamey Sullivan/Trish Moore A.V.: Jamey Sullivan</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Mar. 22, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p>Upside Down and Inside Out</p> <p>Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Veronika Sukup Nursery: Evie Shellenberger/Dessica Albertson AV: Jamey Sullivan</p>
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TODAY

“For God so loved the world ...” and yet “people loved darkness rather than light.” Are there things you would prefer to keep in the shadows? God’s purpose is to save, even if it means entering the dark spaces of the world or turning the darkness inside out.

NEXT SUNDAY

The God who doesn't take “no” for an answer. In preparation please read Jeremiah 31:31-34

THIS WEEK

Mon. 16th, 7:00 pm – Worship committee

Tues. 17th, 7:00 pm – PET meeting at Rebecca’s house

Wed. 18th - 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.

Wed. 18th, noon – all are invited to come for noon prayers at the PMF building

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.

March 29, following lunch – information and planning meeting for parents of MYF students regarding upcoming sexuality classes.

Maundy Thursday service, April 2, 6:00 pm, including a light supper, communion, and foot washing.

April 22 – date for next Large Group meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca will attend the IN-MI conference regional meeting this Sat. 21st in Indianapolis. Pray for safe travel and good conversations.

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 couple weeks. See salmon-colored flier 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.

Please claim your “**Lost & Found**” item(s) from the table in the Library. Thank you, trustees.

New in magazine rack: March issue of *The Mennonite*.

New on the bulletin board: poster about MCC Great Lakes Peace Gathering, March 28 in Chicago.

PRAYERS CONTINUED

Evie requests our prayers for her this weekend as she participates in an event of listening, confession and lament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Pray for Spirit-Wisdom to anoint her as she speaks. Pray that the meetings will be a step toward healing and hope for all who have been hurt by John Howard Yoder’s abusive behavior.