

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: We have some doubts about your wisdom, God.
The way you do things seems like nonsense.

**Congregation: You make laws that are hard to follow ---
and even if we keep them perfectly we may still miss the boat.**

Leader: Like the people of Israel, we wonder:
How are we to get this right?

Congregation: We want smoothness, not stumbling blocks.

Silence

Leader: Train us in your weakness, which is stronger than our strength.

Congregation: help us trust your foolishness, which is wiser than our wisdom.

Call to Commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out, growing us to maturity
through the message of the cross.

**Congregation: God, even when we struggle to make sense of it, we will rely on
your foolishness and depend on your weakness.**

For Prayer

Pray for Audrey Thill as she continues to live and work in Cambodia. Give thanks for the relationships she is building, and pray the Spirit would bless her as she anticipates a longer term of service there through MCC.

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.

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 8, 2015

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

Lent 3

God's Foolishness

Focus: We know what laws are for: to help us be good. Yet God turns our knowledge inside out, showing us that you can color inside all the lines and still miss the mark. What if God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom?

First Look

Gathering Song: Firstborn of Mary – SS 37
Candle-lighting, welcome and introductions
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
Call to authenticity (see back of bulletin)

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus – H 340
Fill us with your feast
Long before my journey's start – SJ 36

Upside Down and Inside Out

Call to grace (from Psalm 19)
Celebrating Shalom – Phil Mininger
Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving for March goes to the food pantry.
Children's time
Special music – Come and seek the ways of wisdom
Meditation

Second Look

Reader's theatre
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
Responses
Sharing joy and concerns / intercessory prayer
Announcements
Call to commitment (see back of bulletin)
Blessing and Sending
Take O take me as I am – SJ 81

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

The law and the cross are connected but different; the commandments are rules that need to be obeyed, whereas the cross is an invitation to follow the way of Jesus. This morning we hear Milton’s reflections on I Corinthians 1: 18-25.

NEXT SUNDAY

"For God so loved the world ..." and yet "people loved darkness rather than light". Are there shadowy things that you'd 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. You are invited to read John 3:1-21 in preparation for worship next week.

THIS WEEK

Wed. 11th, noon – all are invited to come for noon prayers at the PMF building

UPCOMING

Due to weather last Wed, the focus groups on worship and teaching, as part of the pastor / congregational review, have been rescheduled for Wed. March 18. 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.

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.

April 22 – date for next Large Group meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

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