

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 Worship

Leader: O God,
we come seeking you in our worship together.
We come to you for truth because we are untrue.
We come to you for strength because we are weak.
We come to you for wisdom because we are unwise.

People: **Move in our midst;
show us your truth, your strength, and your wisdom,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

For Prayer

Remember Milton and JoAnn in prayer as they travel home from Goshen today after being at the funeral of Milton's brother, Lee. Lee died on April 9; the funeral was on Friday 17th. May the love and hope of Christ surround them in this time of grieving.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. "Merciful Lord, our hearts break as we recognize the suffering and death of innocent children. Bring healing to those who have survived violence, abuse, and neglect. Comfort those who have lost their precious little ones. Give us vision and courage to see and do what we can to protect children in our congregation and community. Amen." (prayer from Dove's Nest)

MCC requests prayer for the estimated 4.9 million people who need assistance because of the ongoing crisis in South Sudan. Thousands have been displaced and many others have left South Sudan for neighboring countries. MCC's response includes food, training in trauma healing, relief kits, hygiene kits and blankets.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

April 19, 2015

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

Symbols that Shape and Sustain Faith

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: My hope is built – H 343
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)
Welcome and introductions

Singing Our Faith

My eyes are dry
O Lord have mercy – SJ 47
Open my eyes – SS 65

Celebrating Shalom

Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving for April goes to Habitat for Humanity

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's Time
Scripture: Mark 8: 22-26
Meditation
Confession of Faith (see insert)
Responses

Going in Faith

Sharing joy and concerns / intercessory prayer
Announcements
Sending Song: The Lord lift you up – SJ 73
Benediction

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Lonnie Sears	723-0722

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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.

TODAY April 19, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)	NEXT SUNDAY April 26, 2015 (worship at 9:30)
Confession	Foot Washing
Worship Leader: Jim Beachy	Worship Leader:
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy	Music Leader: Joanna & Dave Woodsmall
Meditation: Matt Pflederer	Meditation: Matt Pflederer
Greeters: Deb Giles	Greeters: Aaron & Shanna Johnson
Nursery: Louise O'Connell	Nursery: Craig Bumbalough/Sandi Sears
A.V.: Larry Lehman	AV: Larry Lehman

TODAY

We continue our series on symbols that shape and sustain us with a look at confession. How is confession a symbol and how does it shape and sustain us? When we understand confession as a practice that acknowledges the realities about ourselves and the world it serves to bring to light those things that have been hidden and skewed in our common life. To bring this to light is an essential spiritual practice in order to "live in the light" of God's goodness and justice.

MYF activity – meet after church!

NEXT SUNDAY

The act of foot washing has been an historic Mennonite church practice that symbolized humility, service, equity and even hospitality. This symbol also gives us a revelation of who God is.

THIS WEEK

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

Wed. 22, 6:30 – 8:00 pm – Large Group meeting. Come for a light meal at 6:00. Agenda to include reports from PET, finance committee, and Gifts Discernment; a summary report of the pastor & congregation review; and an update from PET to test a recommendation about pastoral leadership.

UPCOMING

Spring Music Event for everybody! April 29, 5:30-7:30 and May 3, 5:00-7:30. Come and experience "The Messiah" together! See the flyer in your mailbox for more details.

May 3 – our worship will include a service of baptism.

June 3 & 5 – PMF **Vacation Bible School**, 10 am to 3 pm. Please sign up to help out! See bulletin board for description of roles. Contact Veronika,

Joanna, Stori, or Rebecca. Also, please let us know if your child plans to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New in magazine rack: Christian Peacemaker Teams newsletter "Sign of the Times"; news on Creation Care from Bethany Christian Schools; spring issue of *A Common Place* from MCC

New on the bulletin board: MCC Great Lakes Stories newsletter

Mennonite World Conference's global assembly will be held July 21-26 in Harrisburg, PA. If you are considering attending – now is the time to register! See www.mwc-cmm.org/PA2015 for more details.

The 2015 **Celebrate MCC Great Lakes** Annual Gathering will take place Sun., May 3, 5:30 pm at Silverwood MC in Goshen. Guest speakers Deb & Jim Fine, recently returned from service in Iraq will share from their experiences. See poster on bulletin board; an RSVP is requested.

Cherish the Children Celebration: please join Prevent Child Abuse Orange County on Friday, April 24, 2015, at 5:00 for our annual gathering to recognize the importance of our children! The event will be held at the Paoli Community Park. We'll have food and fun, essay contest winners, and a skit by the Orange County Players! We are very fortunate this year to have Terry Hall as our guest speaker.

**We need a few dozen cookies as refreshments, please contact Mary Beth if you can bake some!*

IN-MI Mennonite Women will hold their annual Spring Gathering at Walnut Hill MC in Goshen on Sat. May 2, 8:30 am – noon. Four sisters will share on the theme "Singing as we go"; see bulletin board.

Confession of Faith from South Africa

Leader: It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost.

All: This is true: for God so loved the world that God gave the Only Begotten One, and all who believe will have everlasting life.

Leader: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, war and destruction.

All: This is true: I have come that they might have life, and have it abundantly.

Leader: It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.

All: This is true: for unto us a child is born, to us a child is given, in whom authority will rest and whose name will be Prince of Peace.

Leader: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world.

All: This is true: blest are you who seek peace, and lo, I am with always, to the end of the world.

Leader: It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted before we can do anything.

All: This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your children will prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your older folk shall dream dreams.

Leader: It is not true that our dreams for the liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and this time.

All: This is true: the hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers will worship God in spirit and in truth.

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