

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 Pfleiderer

Teachers:

Adult Class: “Being the church”; led by Lonnie Sears

For Prayer

Wally has traveled to Kuna, Idaho in order to be with his younger brother, Ron, who is suffering from metastatic cancer and is now in hospice care. Remember Wally in prayer as he provides care and support to Ron, and spends time with him in his last days. May God's grace and light fill and flow through Wally. Pray also for God's peace and love to surround Ron and his family.

Remember Logan Parsons in prayer as he is in Swaziland leading a team of students to build a home for a woman and the orphans she cares for. Pray for wisdom, safety, and good relationships. May he have a strong sense of the Spirit's presence and be able to share God's love with those he meets.

Offer a prayer of blessing on Erik and Dianna as they are united in marriage Sat. May 16. Give thanks for God's leading in their lives and celebrate their commitment and love for one another.

Pray for God's mercy and presence to be with the people of Nepal – with those who have lost loved ones in recent earthquakes, and those who are assisting in rescue and relief efforts.

Remember Sophie Sears and Isaiah Friesen in prayer as they study and experience life in Nicaragua through Goshen College's “Study Service Term.” (See <https://www.goshen.edu/nicaragua/> for updates).



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

May 17, 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: Yonder Come Day – SJ 115
Call to Worship
Welcome and introductions

Singing our Faith

We Sing To You Oh God – SJ 1
I will call upon the Lord – SJ 19

Celebrating Shalom

Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving for May goes to Mennonite Mission Network (Wigginton family)

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's Time
Scripture: Genesis 2: 1-2, Exodus 16: 21-30
Meditation

Going in Faith

Sharing joys and concerns / intercessory prayer
Announcements
Sending Song: The Lord Lift you up – SJ 73
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

CHURCH OFFICE

Pastors: Rebecca Kauffman; Office Hours – Tues 9-4, Wed 9-1, Thurs 1-5
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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 we are finishing up our Worship series on “symbols that shape and sustain faith” by looking at “Sabbath”. Sabbath is a much neglected but vital practice in our society of impatience and speed. How does Sabbath help us in the midst of the busyness and rush of our lives.

Today, 12:30-1:30 – if you are helping with VBS, plan to stay for a brief **VBS Orientation** to learn about the schedule, theme and details. A light lunch will be provided by Children’s Ed committee.

MYF activity today at 5:00 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday! A time when we celebrate our expansive, creative God sending forth the Spirit to act as source, guide and advocate. It’s a time to recognize that the church is not bound to one nation, race or language. It is also a time to recognize that the Spirit is also revealed within the context of our daily lives; within ordinary and through the rhythms and routines of the everyday. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit through the ordinary in your life?

THIS WEEK

Wed. May 20, small groups.

Thurs. May 21, PET mtg., 5:00 pm

UPCOMING

May 31 will be Shalom Sunday. We will gather at 10:00 am for activities and pitch in. The focus is “Creation Care” and activities are planned for indoors and out so dress for the weather.

June 3 & 5 (Wed & Fri.) – **Vacation Bible School**, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

June 28 – mark your calendar! We will have a special service to celebrate Matt’s work among us and recognize his final Sunday at PMF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca and Andrew will be on vacation May 22 – June 1.

Is there something you are passionate about?

Are there certain core beliefs that guide your daily life? Are there events in your life that have been transformative? We would love to hear them! For our summer worship series we are calling for volunteers who would be willing to speak for 8-10 minutes on the theme “This I believe.” If you are interested or would like more information please contact Matt and Rebecca or anyone from Worship Committee (Sandi, Milton and Jim)

We want to recognize and express gratitude for the diligence of participants over the past 13 months as we engaged in conversations about sexuality and the participation of LGBT persons at PMF. A revised statement for public use was affirmed at a meeting April 8. **The "summary statement of consensus"** for PMF in-house use was affirmed at the Large Group meeting this past Wed. We give thanks for evidence of the Spirit working through the process of conversations, prayer, and honest vulnerability. Let's continue to pray for God's guidance to help us live into our commitment to be "welcoming, kind, respectful and gracious to all" and to "have open conversations about our diverse views so that we can continue to learn and grow together."

Also at the Large Group meeting last Wednesday, Elders put forth a recommendation regarding pastoral leadership. They are requesting that every **participant complete the survey** in order to gain broad input. Please return the form to Mary Beth's mailbox or email by May 20.

<u>TODAY</u> May 17, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am) <i>Sabbath</i> Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Aaron Johnson Greeters: Mishelle Lewellyn Nursery: Luke Mosemann/Joanna Woodsmall A.V.: Jamey Sullivan	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> May 24, 2015 (worship at 9:30) <i>Pentecost</i> Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Gail Brown & Darren Bender-Beauregard Greeters: Phil & Mary Mininger Nursery: Crescencia Nunez/Jon Shellenberger AV: Larry Lehman
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