

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: “Being the church”; led by Lonnie Sears

Call to Worship

Leader: Some boast in riches, and some of their mansions,
but we boast of the name of the Lord of hosts!

**All: Should all else collapse in a heap,
we shall stand up tall.**

Leader: Do not be impressed by the outward appearance of a person,
for God does not see like we do, but looks into the heart.

**All: If anyone travels with Christ, there is a new creation,
old things are obsolete, all things become new.**

Leader: Let us worship this God who looks into the human heart
and through Christ Jesus makes all things new.

For Prayer

Give thanks for the Holy Spirit’s work in the lives of Erik Thone, Dianna Alexander, and Joel Lindley. Pray for God’s blessing and anointing as they commit to a life of Christian discipleship through baptism. May they experience the assurance of God’s love and leading.

Be in prayer for the upcoming area conference meetings, as well as the Mennonite Church USA convention, and for those who are working to plan these significant events. Pray for our MYF and sponsors as they prepare to attend the convention in Kansas City in July.

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 3, 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: I love to tell the story – H 398
Welcome and introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Faith

Great is the Lord – H 87
Take my life and let it be – H 389
Breathe on me breath of God – H 356

Celebrating Shalom - Andrew Blount

Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving for May goes to College Mutual Fund

Hearing and Experiencing God’s Word

Children’s Time
Scripture: Romans 6: 1-11
Meditation
Baptism (see insert)
Amazing Grace (see back of insert)
This little light of mine
I heard the voice of Jesus say – H 493

Going in Faith

Sharing joys and concerns / intercessory prayer
Announcements
Sending Song: Christ is alive – SS 89
Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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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.

TODAY May 3, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am) <i>Believer's Baptism</i> Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Sandi Sears Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Wendell Lantz & Doris Weaver Nursery: Doris Weaver/Danny Parsons A.V.: Larry Lehman	NEXT SUNDAY May 10, 2015 (worship at 9:30) <i>Lord's Supper</i> Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Ted & Darlene Larrison Nursery: Dave Woodsmall/Mica Beauregard AV: Jamey Sullivan
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TODAY

Baptism is a symbol that gives public witness that a believer has received the gospel message, repented of sin, and earnestly desires to grow in faith and to follow Christ in daily life. Erik, Dianna, and Joel have chosen to be baptized upon confession of faith. Let us celebrate with them as they receive the gift of God's grace and make a commitment to a life of Christian discipleship.

Youth Council meeting today following SS.

5:00 – 7:30 pm – “Messiah” spring music event – part 2! Come listen to and interact (through art, movement and discussion) with the Passion and Second Coming portions of “Messiah” oratorio. You are welcome to bring finger foods to share, drinks will be provided. Invite a friend.

NEXT SUNDAY

We will be looking at the rich and dense symbol of The Lord's Supper. While there are many themes to be mined regarding this symbol we will be looking at two; Rememberence and Self-Examination.

THIS WEEK

Mon. 4th, 7:00 pm – PCRC at Sherry's house

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

Fri. 8th, 2:00 pm – PET meeting

UPCOMING

May 13 – next Large Group meeting

Sunday, May 17, 12:30-1:30 – if you are helping with VBS, plan to attend a brief **VBS Orientation** to learn about the schedule, theme and details. A light lunch will be provided by Children's Ed committee.

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

This Tuesday 5th Matt and Rebecca plan to attend the **Camfell region Mennonite pastor's meeting** in Indianapolis.

Gift Discernment “long process” response forms – If you have not completed the form already, please turn your response in to the office drop box **by Today** so that the GD committee can process them prior to the next Lg. Gr. meeting. At that time GDC will seek affirmation for all the positions listed.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes invites participants to join a **learning tour to Palestine and Israel** taking place November 9-21, 2015. Participants will learn about the current conflict and realities, meet with Palestinian and Israeli peacemakers, and return home prepared to engage in education and advocacy. For more information or to register, visit mcc.org/gl-israel or contact Eric at EricKurtz@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Registration with a deposit is due by June 15.

New in magazine rack: May issue of *The Mennonite*

New on the bulletin board: MCC Great Lakes Stories newsletter

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).

Litany of Baptism

Leader: All life is a call and response.
Side 1: God calls us into being,
Side 2: Knitting us together in our mother's womb
All: **How we then live is our response to God.**

Leader: God calls us to Love
Side 1: to plunge ourselves into the hurt and the joy,
Side 2: to give ourselves fully and vulnerably to relationships.
All **God calls us this day!**

Leader: God call us to Grace:
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Leader: God calls us to Community
Side 1: to gather to pray,
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Side 1: to bind broken hearts
Side 2: to celebrate
All: **and share the journey.**

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Congregational Response

As we have now witnessed your baptism we make this covenant with you as we renew our own covenant with God:
to bear each others' burdens,
to assist in times of need,
to share our gifts and possessions,
to forgive as Christ has forgiven us,
to support each other in joy and sorrow,
and in all things to work for the common good,
thus making known Christ's presence among us to the glory of God.
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Amazing grace!

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

“Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
“Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, with in the vail,
a life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
bright shinning as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
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