

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

Early Childhood (<i>Ages 0-3 years</i>).....	Parents
Preschool (<i>Ages 3-5 years</i>).....	Evie Shellenberger, Patsy H, Crescencia N
Primary (<i>Grades 1-3</i>).....	Veronika Sukup & Andrew Blount
Middler (<i>Grades 4, 5, & 6</i>).....	Jim Beachy & Marlene Beachy
Junior High (<i>Grades 7&8</i>).....	Jamey Sullivan, Aaron Johnson, Bonnie B.
Youth (<i>Grades 9-12</i>).....	Matt Pflederer

Teachers:

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

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

All: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: The eyes of all look to you and you give them their food in due season.

All: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Leader: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

All: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

For Prayer

Give thanks for the positive energy around the community garden project. May God grant joy and hope to those who are participating, and multiply the spirit of cooperation.

Ask for God’s protection and blessing on Logan Parsons as he travels this Wed. to Swaziland, Africa. Pray for wisdom and safety as he leads a home construction project, for good relationships with fellow students and the local people he works with. May he have a strong sense of the Spirit’s presence and be able to share God’s love with those he meets.

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.

Pray for those who are struggling with pain or health concerns.

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 10, 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: God, who touches earth – H 511

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Welcome and introductions

Singing our Faith

For God so loved us – H 167

Christ we do all adore thee – H105

Reading & interpretive movement: Mothering God, you gave me birth

Recognize special days – birthdays and anniversaries

Celebrating Shalom – Matt Pflederer

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

Oh, how good is Christ the Lord – SS 90

Hearing and Experiencing God’s Word

Children’s Time

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Meditation

Lord’s Supper

My Jesus I love thee – H 522

Jesus, offered up as bread – SJ 84

When I survey the wondrous cross – H 259

Going in Faith

Sharing joys and concerns / intercessory prayer

Announcements

Sending Song: I come with joy – H 459

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
Matt Pflederer; Office Hours – Mon, 1-3 pm, Tues, Wed, Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
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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

The Lord’s Supper is a Christian symbol with rich and dense meaning. There are many themes to be explored based on this symbol, but today we will focus on two: remembrance and self-examination.

NEXT SUNDAY

We conclude our Worship Series on symbols that shape and sustain us by looking at Sabbath. A much neglected but vital practice in our society of impatience. How do you practice Sabbath in the midst of the busyness and rush of your life?

Between the worship service and Sunday school all are invited to **gather at the Memorial Wall** for a brief time to remember JR Brown and to dedicate the plaque in his memory.

MYF activity, watch email for details.

THIS WEEK

Wed. 13th, 6:30-8:00 pm – Large group mtg. A light meal will be served at 6:00. Agenda to include: recommendation regarding pastoral leadership; reports from PET and Youth Council; Gift Discernment process; internal consensus statement on welcoming.

UPCOMING

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 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

New in magazine rack: *Courier* newsletter from Mennonite World Conference, and May issue of *The Mennonite*
New on the bulletin board: Thank you and letter from Lacy Brinegar.

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)

Backpacks of Blessings' third annual chicken barbecue is next Saturday from 5:00 - 7:30. It will be held at the O.C. Community Building and a free will offering is requested. Musical entertainment and a dessert auction will be included in this fund raising effort. Mary Beth

<p><u>TODAY</u> May 10, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><i>Lord’s Supper</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Ted & Darlene Larrison Nursery: Dave Woodsmall/Mica Beauregard A.V.: Jamey Sullivan</p>	<p><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> May 17, 2015 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><i>Sabbath</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Aaron Johnson Greeters: Mishelle Lewellyn Nursery: Luke Mosemann/Joanna Woodsmall AV: Jamey Sullivan</p>
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All: **My God, I am also imperfect. As I prepare to share in the abundant life you offer through this bread and cup I name the ways I have been living in death: these I lay down and step into life.**

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Side 2: Failing to love others.

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