

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

Teachers:

Early Childhood (*Ages 0-3 years*)..... Parents
 Primary (*Ages 3- 1st*) Crystal Shellenberger & Stori Sullivan
 Middler (*Grades 2nd – 5th*) Veronika Sukup & Bonnie Beachy
 Junior High (*Grades 6, 7 & 8*) Andrew Blount & Darlene Larrison
 Youth (*Grades 9-12*)..... Evie Shellenberger & Phil Mininger

Adult Class: Leadership and Decision Making in the Faith Community.

Call to Worship

Leader: With penitent hearts,
 we gather for worship.
 Though it is hard to be honest with ourselves,
 with each other and with God,
 we acknowledge that our lives
 are not what we hope they will be.
 We have not loved God
 with our whole heart, soul, and mind;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Today we want to see ourselves and each other
 as God sees us—
 with eyes of mercy, compassion, and love.
 Today we want to receive God's cleansing grace.

ALL: *Lord of life, all our longings are known to you;
 send our roots rain;
 refresh us and make us whole.*

Sending

May the God who cleanses us from sin
 grant us a clean heart and a fresh start.
 Go in freedom and joy to offer God's grace to others.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 20, 2015

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

Send our roots rain

Confession: Wash me ... and cleanse me from my sin (Psalm 51:2)

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Songs: Here in this place – H 6
 Welcome and Introductions
 Call to Worship: (see back of bulletin)

Singing:

Create in me a clean heart – SS 62
 Slowly turning ever turning – SJ 23
 Wonderful Grace of Jesus – H 150

Celebrating:

Celebrating Shalom - Wally Shellenberger
 Recognition of 1st Grade student

Offering: Opportunities for Generosity: Special Giving for September is Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time
 Memory Passage: Psalm 100
 Scripture: Psalm 51
 Meditation

Responding

Silent Reflection and Prayer for the Week
 Other Responses
 Sharing our joys and concerns /Intercessory Prayer

Sending

Announcements
 Song: Lord, I am fondly, earnestly – H 514
 Blessing

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140
Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723
Yolanda Yoder 653-8627
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 Sept 20, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)

Send our roots rain

Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup
Music Leader: Keith Gibbons
Meditation Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Mishelle Lewellyn
Nursery: Deb Giles/Jon Shellenberger
A.V.: Dietrich Sears and John Sukup

NEXT SUNDAY Sept. 27, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)

Send our roots rain

Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation Wilma Bailey
Greeters: Phil & Mary Mininger
Nursery: Darren Bender Beauregard/Yolanda Yoder
AV: Jamey Sullivan

TODAY

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love ... cleanse me from my sin." (Ps. 51). Prayers of confession are essential for spiritual health - both individually and corporately. They allow us to tell the truth about our need, and to ask for and claim God's ability to heal and renew.

4:00 – 5:30 pm - Sexuality Classes for HS Youth

NEXT SUNDAY

Guest speaker, Dr. Wilma Bailey, will share the meditation, focusing on Psalm 102 - a prayer of lament. Psalms of lament provide a pattern of prayer for desperate times. Wilma is a member of Shalom Mennonite Church in Indianapolis, a retired professor of OT, and recently published a commentary on the book of Lamentations. We hope to use time during adult SS class to continue the conversation about what she shares.

Join in a pitch-in meal for fellowship and conversation with our guest.

THIS WEEK

Wed., Sept. 23, 7:00 pm – PET at Yolanda’s

UPCOMING

Sept. 30 - Large Group meeting

Oct. 3 – PMF’s Apostle Build day with OC Habitat for Humanity. The home is in Hope Village in Orleans. Mark your calendar and come help!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dina Dorsett, a caseworker at the Department of Child Services, recently spoke to the Board members of Prevent Child Abuse, Orange County. Dina emphasized the urgent need for foster care families in our county (and

surrounding counties). She can be contacted at 723-3616 - please spread the word! Mary Beth

October 9-11 - IN-MI Mennonite Women and Girls retreat at Amigo Centre. The theme is *Growing (up) together in Christ*.

Camp Friedenswald invites you to a weekend away at their **2015 Men's Retreat**. Alan Kreider of Elkhart, IN will speak on the power and problems of prayer. Activities include nature hikes, an outdoor service project and the annual Friedenswald Mennothon. Come to relax, be challenged and have a great time! Cost is \$150 and men 25 and under register for free. See poster on bulletin board; contact church office if you are interested.

New on the bulletin board: Menno-Hof newsletter - “Reunion”; and article about PMF in the Mennonite World Review!

For Prayer

Be in prayer for our Pastor-Elder Team and participants as we listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance for our life together.

Pray that Duane and Sherry would find a person to help provide regular care for Duane. May the Holy Spirit continue to hold and sustain Sherry and Duane through this difficult time.

Give thanks to God for efforts in the community that seek to improve the physical and spiritual well-being of people's lives.

Burkina Faso, West Africa, experienced a coup and some violence this past week, just prior to presidential elections. Pray for Christians in the country that they might live and speak in a way that testifies to the Prince of Peace, and to their trust in God as provider. Pray for leaders who will govern wisely and justly.