

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 Minerger

Adult Class: Sermon response class – prayers of lament.

Call to Worship

Leader: With troubled hearts,
 we gather for worship.
 In the midst of struggle,
 in pain or grief or despair,
 we long for God’s presence,
 we need to know that God is with us.
 Today we cry out to God for healing and peace.

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

Blessing

May the God who knows our sorrows
 and gathers all our tears
 bring healing and peace to every troubled soul
 and to the world in which we live.

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.

Ask for God’s protection over those in our community and world who are vulnerable to violence or abuse.

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.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 27, 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

Lament: I wither away like grass (Psalm 102:11)

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Songs: How firm a foundation – H 567
 Take me to the water
 Welcome and Introductions
 Call to Worship: (see back of bulletin)

Singing:

O Thou in whose presence – H 559
 Create in me a clean heart – SS 62
 There is a well - SS 64
 All who are thirsty

Celebrating Shalom - Yolanda Yoder

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

Hearing God’s Word

Memory Passage: Psalm 100
 Children’s Time
 Scripture: Psalm 102
 Meditation

Responding

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

Sending

Announcements
 Song: When peace like a river – H 336
 Blessing (see back of bulletin)

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 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
A.V.: Jamey Sullivan

NEXT SUNDAY Oct. 4, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)

Send our roots rain

Worship Leader: Milton Borntreger
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation Doug Kaufman
Greeters: Larry & Trish Moore
Nursery: Joanna Woodsmall/Bill Johnson
AV: Jamey Sullivan

TODAY

Psalms of lament provide a pattern of prayer for desperate times. We are privileged to have Dr. Wilma Bailey with us this morning to speak to us from Psalm 102 - a prayer of lament. 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.

The adult SS class will allow opportunity to continue the conversation about lament. Have you prayed prayers of lament? In what way does this psalm give voice to your feelings? What questions or responses do you have to what Wilma shared?

All are invited to stay for a pitch-in meal and fellowship following Christian Ed hour.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

The Psalms give us examples of prayers for justice. Psalm 72 is an appeal to God to "give rulers your justice, O God, ..." Our prayers for justice proclaim a vision of leadership (in the world, nations, and homes) that imitates God's priorities. Doug Kaufman, conference pastor for leadership transitions, will be with us to bring the message.

Our worship will include celebration of World Communion Sunday. You are encouraged to prayerfully prepare for that.

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

THIS WEEK

Mon. 28th, 7:00 pm – worship committee meeting
Wed. 30th, 6:30 pm – Large Group meeting. A light meal is provided from 6:00-6:30. Agenda to include several reports, and discussion to help discern about leadership for PMF.

Oct. 3 – PMF's Apostle Build day with OC Habitat for Humanity. Work begins at 8:00 am, till noon or later, but come for the amount of time you are able. The home is in Hope Village in Orleans. Mark your calendar and come help!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Retreat - PET would like your ideas for a theme and speaker for our retreat at Mt. St. Francis on February 6 & 7, 2016. Contact Mary Beth, or anyone on PET with your suggestions. Thank you!

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

New on magazine rack: The Marketplace.

For Prayer Continued

Ask for God's blessing on participants and speakers at the "Rooted and Grounded: conference on Land and Christian Discipleship" being held this week (Oct 1-3) at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. May God's Spirit energize each of us to imagine ways of living on the land that are restorative and rooted in the biblical call to be good stewards of the earth's resources.