

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

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

Teachers:

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

Call to Worship

Leader: With joyful hearts, we gather for worship.
Our Hearts are filled with gratitude
for the abundant gifts we have received from God's hand:
sun, rain, shelter, food, and love.
In every moment we are dependent upon God's provisions.
Today we open ourselves again to the gift of life,
offering praise for all we have received,
and waiting expectantly for the refreshing of God's Spirit.

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 gives abundant gifts to each of us
fill you with praise;
may your gratitude overflow in joyful sharing of God's gifts
at home, in your community, and at work.

For Prayer

Pray for those who are seeking meaningful work and ways to use their abilities. Ask for God's wisdom to guide PMF as we explore ways to help persons with financial needs.

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

Pray for those who are struggling with pain or health concerns. Remember Mickey L as he recovers from surgery to remove a tumor and fights an infection.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 13, 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

Praise: You visit the earth and water it (Psalm 65:9)

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Songs: Come Thou fount – H 521
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship: (see back of bulletin)

Singing:

Rain down – SJ 49
We plow the fields and gather – H 96
The River is here

Celebrating Shalom: Phil Mininger

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 65
Meditation

Responding

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

Sending

Announcements
Song: Praise the Lord together singing
Blessing: (see back of bulletin)

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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Mary Beth Gibbons	723-2723
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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.

<p>TODAY Sept 13, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Send our roots rain</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Jim Beachy Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation Ted Larrison Greeters: Ted & Darlene Larrison Nursery: Keith Gibbons/Darlene Larrison A.V.: ZoraAnn Woodsmall and Livia Sullivan</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Sept. 20, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Send our roots rain</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Mishelle Lewellyn Nursery: Deb Giles/Jon Shellenberger AV: Dietrich Sears and John Sukup</p>
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TODAY

The Psalms express a wide range of emotion. This week join in praying a psalm of praise to God. What words do you use to tell God “thank you” and “I love you”? What difference does practicing gratitude to God make in your faith formation and everyday life?

All interested persons are invited to stay for a **lunch meeting** to plan together for ways to assist others seeking personal **budgeting and debt management** assistance. We will explore options and resources. For more information see Rebecca or Ted.

4:00 – 5:30 pm – Sexuality Classes for HS Youth will start and continue for the next 3 Sundays.

NEXT SUNDAY

“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.

THIS WEEK

Wed., Sept. 16, Small Groups

UPCOMING

Sept. 27 - guest speaker, Dr. Wilma Bailey, will share the meditation. there will be a pitch-in meal following Christian hour.

Sept. 30 – Large Group meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, 4 -5:00 pm – the Lewellyn family invites PMF friends to a baby shower for Meika (and Ray) at Mishelle’s house. They are expecting a baby girl.

IN-MI Mennonite Women and Girls retreat will be held on October 9-11 at Amigo Centre. The

theme is *Growing (up) together in Christ*. See the flyer in your box.

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.

OC Habitat for Humanity - groundbreaking and celebration of the 10th Apostles Build home – Sat. Sept. 12, 10:00 am in Hope Village in Orleans. Mark your calendar: PMF’s day to help build is Oct. 3!

Back by popular demand, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is again hosting **“Rooted and Grounded:** a conference on Land and Christian Discipleship”, October 1-3 in Elkhart, IN join participants for presentations, workshops, tours and worship. Explore how the church is called to root itself more deeply in the biblical text in order to remember and imagine ways of living on the land that are3 restorative. Keynote speakers include Dr. Wilma Bailey and Ched Meyers. For more information or to register cal AMBS at 574-2950-3726 or go to: <https://www.ambs.edu/news-events/Rooted-and-Grounded.cfm>.

Prayers Continued

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.

Praise God for the 2,800 youth and adults who lived out their faith through Mission Network’s Christian Service programs in the past year. Pray for them as they integrate what they learned into their daily lives.

