

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

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

Teachers:

Adult Class: Sermon response class – prayers of lament.

Call to Worship

Leader: With hearts longing for justice,
we gather for worship.
When children are hungry or when adults cannot find work;
when greedy nations go to war or when refugees flee for their lives;
when the earth is exploited or when prejudice blinds,
we plead for deliverance.
May fresh showers of God's justice fall on us and our world today.

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

Blessing

**ALL: May the just and righteous Judge of the universe
bring freedom and peace to rich and poor,
to young and old,
to all of God's creation.**

Leader: Now go in peace, living justly,
and honoring God with your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.

For Prayer

Pray for God's grace and strength to surround Duane and Sherry as they continue to live day to day.

Be in prayer for our Pastor-Elder Team and participants as we listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance for our life together. "Since you are eager for the gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church." I Corinthians 14:12

Pray for those who are struggling with pain or health concerns, including: Mickey L., Jamey's mother Nedra; Aaron's grandmother who had a stroke; the neighbor of Brown-Kinloch's, and others.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

October 4, 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

Justice: Like rain that falls on mown grass (Psalm 72:6)

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: For the healing of the nations – H 367
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship: (see back of bulletin)

Singing:

Rain down – SJ 49
How can we be silent – SJ 61
We are called

Celebrating Shalom – Jim Beachy

Offering: Opportunities for Generosity: Special Giving for October is for the Congo Orphanage

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time
Memory Passage: Psalm 100
Scripture: Psalm 72
Meditation

Responding

Silent Reflection and Prayer for the Week
Communion
Songs: Eat this bread – H 471
In Christ there is no east or west – H 306
I come with joy to meet my Lord – H 459
For We are strangers no more – H 322
Sharing our joys and concerns /Intercessory Prayer

Sending

Announcements
Song: Beyond a dying sun – H 323
Blessing (see back of bulletin)

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140
Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723
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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 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
A.V.: Andrew Blount

NEXT SUNDAY Oct 11, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)

Send our roots rain

Worship Leader: Milton Borntreger
Music Leader: Keith Gibbons
Meditation Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Louise & Jim O’Connell
Nursery: JoAnn Borntreger/Evie Shellenberger
AV: Jamey Sullivan

TODAY

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. We welcome Doug Kaufman, conference pastor for leadership transitions, who will deliver today's message.

During adult Sunday School Doug will lead a presentation and discussion on leadership in the Anabaptist tradition.

The youth grant initiative team will meet with all Youth Council members after Sunday School for lunch and discussion about ideas for the youth/families grant proposal
4:00 – 5:30 pm - Sexuality Class for HS Youth

NEXT SUNDAY

Giving thanks to God is a significant part of many psalms. What makes thankfulness an essential spiritual practice? Read Psalm 107 this week - what do you notice? How is God's nature depicted? For what do you thank God?

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Oct. 6, PET, 7:00 pm.
Wed. Oct. 7, Small Groups

UPCOMING

Wed., October 14 - ELF Night, 6:00 -8:00 pm, hosted by Worship Committee. Join in fellowship over a meal together. Then Karla Minter (former PMF participant, currently with MMN) will lead us in a scripture reading workshop. What ways of reading and presentation help the scriptures come alive for you? All ages welcome, with special activities for the younger children.

Sunday, Oct 18th, MYF Clean up at Connie Gilliom's and Schmidt's. 1 – 4 pm.

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

Children's Choir opportunity! [Mennonite Youth Choir Festival](#) would like to invite children in grades 3-9 to join in a weekend of singing, March 5 - 6, 2016, in Goshen, Indiana. The church has a long and deep tradition of praising God through singing. In order for this to continue it is up to parents and the faith community around them to encourage their children with opportunities that develop a love for music in worship. Youth of all denominations are encouraged to participate. Early registration is Nov. 1 - \$35. See poster on MYF bulletin board for details.

The High School Sunday School class wants to support the many refugees by putting together **Hygiene and School kits**. They would like to collect several hundred kits in the next six weeks to send to MCC for distribution. Please check your mailbox for more information. Thanks! Evie

For Prayer Continued

Pray for IN-MI conference staff, Dan Miller, Doug Kaufman, Vanessa Kellybrew, and also Central District conference staff, Lois Kaufmann and Emma Richards. May God grant them vision, energy and joy as they l