

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

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

Teachers:

Adult Class: “Dig In” – 13 Scriptures to help us know the way

Call to Worship

Leader: Thus says the Lord; “Let not the wise one glory in their wisdom, Let not the mighty glory in their might, let not the rich glory in their riches;

Congregation: **But let the one who glories glory in this, that the one understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practice kindness, justice, and righteousness in the earth;**

All: “For in these things I delight”, says the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23-24

Questions for reflection and discussion:

1. In your family of origin, how was money treated? Did you talk about it? What were you taught about money (saving, spending, and giving)?
2. What is one tool/habit/practice you have developed that helps you manage your finances? i.e. what works for you in regards to stewardship?
3. As (predominantly white) Christians in the USA we at PMF are influenced by the values of both “cultures” (American and Christian). We can feel tension between the values of independence and inter-dependence, trust in God, and mutual reliance within community (ex: “don’t store up for yourselves treasures on earth.” Or, ‘the community will take care of me’.) Have you felt that tension? What comments do you have about this?
4. What in the scripture passages (from today or the Bible generally) challenges you &/or encourages you as you seek to be faithful with your stewardship?
5. Tell a story about a time when giving (of your money, time, and talents) brought you great joy.
6. Tell a story about a time when you benefited from the generosity of others.

For Prayer

Pray for strength, comfort and hope for those who are grieving the recent death of a loved one: Sherry and the Schmidt family; Mishelle and the Lewellyn family in the death of Mickey; and the Aaron Johnson family as his grandmother passed away Nov. 6.

Give thanks to God for each of the High School youth at PMF. Pray a blessing on them and the sponsors as they enjoy time together at Live-In this week.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

November 15, 2015

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

Christian Stewardship

Focus: Christian Stewardship includes all of the resources God has entrusted to us such as finances, time, talents, creation. We approach this with humility. We desire to follow Jesus and his teachings – how do we do that when it comes to money or anything else? We know that we don’t have the answers; we are working it, so we want to talk about it together; to discern as a community. There is a growing gap between the very rich and the poor. The Church needs to address issues of economic disparity in society and within our own walls. Can we model Jesus proclaiming Good News and welcoming into community all, regardless of economic status?

Gathering

Gathering Song: We plow the fields and scatter – H 96
Take good care
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

God whose giving – H 383
Heart and mind, possessions – H 392
Fairest Lord Jesus – H 117

Celebrating Shalom

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:6-18

Opportunities for Generosity: Special Giving for November is for the Christian Peacemaker Teams and MCC hygiene and school kits.

Hearing and Engaging God’s Word

Children’s Time – Stone Soup
Scripture passages and panel discussion: Panel includes Dessica, Andrew, Gail
Questions for reflection and discussion (see back of bulletin)

Response & Sending

Response Song: Take my life – v. 1, 4, 6
Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer
Announcements
Benediction

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.

<p>TODAY Nov. 15, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christian Stewardship</p> <p>Worship Leader: Ted Larrison Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation panel discussion Greeters: Marlene & Dave Beachy Nursery: Dave Beachy/Deb Giles A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Nov.22, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shalom Sunday</p> <p>Worship Leader: Darren Bender Beauregard Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation Greeters: Nursery: AV: Larry Lehman</p>
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TODAY

We continue with the theme of Christian Stewardship. Jesus had a lot to say about money. As we seek to faithfully follow Jesus (as individuals and a faith community) how does our faith affect our financial and other decisions? Come with a spirit of humility to talk and learn together.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Nov. 22 is Shalom Sunday. We will start with a short service at 11am, followed by a potluck fellowship meal at 11:45am. For the meal, please try to bring a dish that fits with the theme "First Thanksgiving" which would be anything the Pilgrims and Native Americans would have brought from their farms and wild harvests. Please bring wild game if you have it and want to share! After the meal at 1pm we will have two activities for families and kids: Advent wreath-making and "thankfulness" leaf-rubbings. Please bring any type of greenery you want to use to decorate your advent wreath-- there will be some extra on hand if you forget. We will provide hot-glue and staples/wire for attaching the greenery. -Shalom Sunday Committee

We will also dedicate and celebrate reaching our goal of making 200 hygiene and school kits!

This Week

Sunday Nov. 15 – Fri. Nov. 20, Live In for our High School youth.

UPCOMING

Sun. November 22, 9:30 am – Finance committee meeting

Monday, Nov. 23, 7:00 pm – **Community Thanksgiving service** at Christ the King Catholic Church. All are welcome. An offering will be taken to support the Paoli Ministerial Benevolence Fund.

Wed. Dec. 9, Large Group.

Save the date: Friday, Dec. 18, 6:30 pm – PMF's Christmas program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PMF Family and Youth Initiative (FYI) is a new Facebook page where you can learn about what is happening with this program, give your thought and ideals. Please like us and be a part of this exciting new journey.

Please make note: **Cindy Brown Kinloch** has a new email: cindybk63@gmail.com. Please update your information.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has a critical need for volunteers in Bastrop, Texas. Both short & long-term volunteers are needed immediately through mid-December to help with repairs and rebuilding before cold weather sets in. In May heavy rain flooded a large area of Texas including Bastrop. In October wildfires swept through the area damaging more homes. In early Nov. more heavy rain and flooding hit. MDS has lodging at the First Baptist Church nearby. Contact Wendell Lantz or MDS (800-241-8111) to volunteer

Prayers Continued

Pray for our sister congregations in Central District and IN-MI conferences (respectively): for Southside Fellowship in Elkhart, IN as they celebrate their 50th anniversary today. And pray for First Mennonite Church of Fort Wayne, and their pastor Peter Janzen, as they have made the difficult decision to close after 112 years of faithful witness. Their final worship service will be on Nov. 22.

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

