

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: “Ten Things They Never Told Me About Jesus” – Book study

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
Leader: One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing we seek:
**All: We seek to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives,
to behold the beauty of our God, and to inquire the Lord’s temple.**

Confession and Assurance

Leader: How often Christ wants to gather us together
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.
He wants to shelter us in the day of trouble
and hide us under the cover of his tent. But we turn away!
**All: O Lord, be merciful!
Do not cast your servants away in anger.
Do not forsake us now.
You alone have been our helper.**
Leader: Then come! Seek God’s face.
Wait for the Lord and let your heart take courage.
**All: O lord, your face alone do we seek.
Our desire is to live with you all the days of our lives,**
Leader: Then be strong and take heart!
For you will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living
God our Maker is merciful and forgives our sin.
Therefore, let us live as a people who have been set free from the power of
sin, and let us share the light of Christ with the world.

Prayers

Pray that God's Spirit of joy and cooperation would be present with those who participate in the "Blanket Blitz" comforter-making event this Saturday. May it result in beautiful blankets, new relationships in the community, and warmth for recipients.

PAOLI Mennonite Fellowship



February 21, 2016

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

“Living Ink: Finding Light in Dark Text”

Lent 2

Focus: There are many dark things we confront in our lives that cause fear. As Christ followers, we are invited to face these darkest pages and chapters in life knowing that Christ’s light will shine in the dark.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: We sing to you O God – SJ 1
Welcome and introductions
Call to Worship and prayer (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Come and be light for our eyes – SJ 5
Longing for light – SJ 54
Jesus help us live in peace – SJ 52

Confession/Words of assurance (see back of bulletin)

Celebrating Shalom – Phil Mininger

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for February is for the Jubilee Clinic and “Blanket Blitz” project

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: Luke 13: 31-35
Meditation

Responding

Where do you find strength to continue in dark times? Are there times you didn’t persevere?

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Sending

Announcements
Song: The Lord lift you up – SJ 73
Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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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

This year during Lent we are invited to see ourselves as living characters in the Living God's ongoing story. Some of God's story has already been written; it grounds us in God's promises and actions of calling and redemption. Some of God's story is still being written - the ink is still wet. Today we reflect on the "darkness" that is sometimes in our story; the path of faithfulness can be hard and we might want to give up. What story can you tell about how your faith, and the example of Jesus, shed light and hope into those dark times? What gave you strength to persevere?

NEXT SUNDAY

Our lives may have pages or chapters of wandering from relationship with God. Yet God's living story that continues to be written includes opportunities for returning, forgiveness and celebrating reconciliation. Read and reflect on Luke 15 during this week.

THIS WEEK

Thur. Feb. 25, PET mtg. 7 pm

The first comforter making event in Orange County "**Orange County Blanket Blitz**" will be held on Saturday February 27, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, at the Paoli Jr/Sr High School cafeteria. The comforters will be distributed locally and through MCC. For more details see the poster on the bulletin board.

UPCOMING

Sister Care Workshop, March 4-5, hosted by PMF. Because we have received blessing and inspiration from our previous participation in a Sister Care Seminar, we want to offer other women a similar opportunity. Our guest speaker is Melika Hershberger. See pink brochure on back table; Register ASAP! Talk to Rebecca or Deb with any questions.

Everyone is invited to be involved in our **grant launching weekend on March 12 & 13**. We will begin with a Guatemalan meal on Saturday evening, followed by an evening of music, dancing and games. Saula Padilla from MCC will share his compelling, personal story as an immigrant Sunday morning. You won't want to miss this opportunity. Hold that date!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please make the following change to your church directory: **Dave Mullet's cell number is 406-530-5347**

Note from Finance Committee: when you make your contribution towards the **FYI matching grant**, please indicate that designation on your check so that treasurers can more easily track those gifts. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYERS CONTINUED

Pray for Christ's reconciling power to be at work in places of conflict, violence and fear. Pray for protection of those who are most vulnerable.

Mennonite Mission Network partners Annette and Paco Castillo have welcomed former child soldiers and children without family support to be part of a Christian village in Ivory Coast, West Africa. Pray for them as they share Jesus' love and prepare these young lives for a future through education and vocational skills.

Pray for those you know who are struggling with health concerns, including: Elaine Lowe's father, and Ted's brother Bill.

<p><u>TODAY</u> Feb 21, 2016 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><i>Living Ink</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Wally Shellenberger Greeters: Larry & Trish Moore Nursery: Jan Mullet/Bill Johnson A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> Feb 28, 2016 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><i>Living Ink</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Becky Johnson Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Louise & Jim O'Connell Nursery: Sherry Schmidt/Lonnie Sears AV: Andrew Blount</p>
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