

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

### **Class:**

Early Childhood (Ages 0-3 years)..... Parents  
Primary (Ages 3- 1st) ..... Crystal Shellenberger & Stori Sullivan  
Middler (Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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:** “Ten Things They Never Told Me About Jesus” – Book study

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come nearer to God;  
Return from wandering afar, from shame and self-exile,  
from pursuit of selfish desires.  
With infinite patience God awaits our return.

**All:** **God rushes out to meet us.**  
**With open arms God welcomes us.**  
**Let us worship our God, whose lavish love awaits our homecoming**  
**and showers us with blessings.**

### Confession and Words of Assurance

**All:** **Lord, when we stumble, hold us,**  
**when we fall, lift us up,**  
**when we forget how blessed we are, remind us.**  
**When we turn from what is good, turn us back and bring us home**  
**to you.**

**Leader:** Hear these words of assurance.  
God knows our hearts and loves us always.  
When we turn to God, we are home.  
God embraces us and restores us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Prayers

Pray that God's Spirit of love and empowerment would be present with those who participate in the Sister Care workshop this coming weekend. May it be a time to strengthen relationships, and grow in capacity to care for self and others.

Pray for people affected by violence - in Paoli, in Hesston, KS, and Kalamazoo, MI; in other places around our country, in many places around the world. Pray for people who feel that violence is their only way to solve a problem or ease a pain. Pray that creative non-violent solutions would be learned and practiced in our homes, schools, communities, and governments.



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

**February 28, 2016**

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

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### **Living Ink: “Turning Over a New Leaf”**

Lent 3

*Focus: As we turn over the page of each chapter in the grand covenant narrative, we find ourselves invited to “re-turn” to the open arms of Christ and his ways, and to experience the good news of reconciliation.*

#### **Gathering to Worship**

Gathering Song: Be Thou my vision – H 545  
Welcome and introductions  
Call to Worship and prayer (see back of bulletin)

#### **Singing Our Faith**

Softly and tenderly – H 491  
Ah, what shame I have to bear – H 531  
Slowly turning, ever turning – SJ 223  
Take O take me as I am – SJ 81

**Confession/Words of assurance** (see back of bulletin)

**Celebrating Shalom** – Yolanda Yoder

**Opportunities for Generosity** – Special giving for February is for the Jubilee Clinic

#### **Hearing and Experiencing God's Word**

Children's time  
Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
Meditation

#### **Responding**

**Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer**

#### **Sending**

Announcements  
Song: Wonderful grace of Jesus – H 150  
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

**CHURCH OFFICE**

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**Director of Youth:** Evie Shellenberger; Office Hours: Thur. 9 – 1. Cell: 812-653-9703  
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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><b>TODAY</b> 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 O’Connell Nursery: Sherry Schmidt/Lonnie Sears A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> Mar. 6, 2016 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><i>Living Ink</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson Music Leader: Sandi Sears Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Lonnie &amp; Sandi Sears Nursery: Milton Borntreger/Louise O’Connell AV: Andrew Blount</p>
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**TODAY**

This year during Lent we are invited to see ourselves as living characters in the Living God's ongoing story. God's story 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 recognize that 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.

**Youth Council** will meet today following SS for a simple lunch & a short meeting.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

As we listen to and participate in God's story, God often surprises us with acts of grace, and teachings that feel counter-intuitive to us. God the Author calls us to encourage one another through acts of kindness to one another (both random and intentional), and to extravagant devotion to Christ. Read and reflect on John 12: 1-8 this week.

**THIS WEEK**

Fri. Mar. 4 – Sat. Mar. 5, Sister Care Workshop

**UPCOMING**

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 Padillo from MCC will share his compelling, personal story as an immigrant Sunday morning. You won't want to miss this opportunity. Hold that date!

March 24, 6:00 pm - **Maundy Thursday** service at PMF

March 25, 7:00 pm - **Community Good Friday** service at the Paoli HS Auditorium. This is an opportunity to worship with others and to hear the Good Friday story from Peter's perspective. An offering will be collected for Paoli Ministerial Association's benevolence fund which helps people in our community.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New on the bulletin board:** Thank you notes from Jubilee Clinic, Life Family Resource Center, Hoosier Uplands Home Health Care & Hospice and Christian peacemaker teams. Also see the following news letters: “connections” and “reunion”.

**Everence Financial will conduct three interactive Webinars** in March that are open to all PMF participants:

- 1) INVEST IN A BETTER WORLD, Mar. 21 at 2:00 and 8:00 pm. Will discuss how your God given resources can be used to make a difference for good.
- 2) BUDGET BASIC AND BEYOND, Mar. 22 at 2:00 and 8:00 pm. Will discuss church budget ideas to include four basic church budget models.
- 3) UNDERSTANING LONG TERM HEALTH INSURANCE, Mar. 23, 2:00 and 8:00 pm. Will discuss how long term health insurance can help families cover the cost of long term care.

Those interested in participating in any of these Webinars should contact the local Everence Advocate, Wendell Lantz, for more information.

**Prayers Continued**

Remember Liliann W. in prayer as she continues to wait and work for full healing of her leg. Pray for others you know who have health concerns.

