

## **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

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### **Prayers**

As we focus this year on breaking down barriers of race, culture and language that often divide society and the church, pray that the Holy Spirit might reveal attitudes we must confess and release. May we open ourselves to Christ-centered transformation in our hearts, homes, and community.

Pray for those you know who have health concerns, including: Liliann Woodsmall, Helen Gooch, Nedra Sullivan, Ted's brother Bill.

Thank God for the work of Peter and Delicia Wigginton as they encourage and assist the ministries of congregations in Ecuador. They also serve as liaison coordinators for a partnership that includes Mennonite churches in Colombia, Ecuador, and the US. May God bless their interactions and leadership.

# **PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**



**March 13, 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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### **Stories of Immigration**

Lent 5

*Focus: In God's kingdom, all are welcome: "You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God..." Ephesians 2: 19-20. When we welcome the stranger we welcome Christ.*

#### **Gathering to Worship**

Gathering Song: Somos pueblo que camina – SJ 8  
Joy, joy, joy  
Welcome and introductions  
Call to Worship

#### **Singing Our Faith**

You've got a place – SJ 4  
Whatsoever you do -- SS 52

#### **Celebrating Shalom – Jim Beachy**

#### **Celebrating March Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### **Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for March is for the Food Pantry**

Song: Praise, praise, praise the Lord! – SJ 11

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

Children's time  
Scripture: A selection of verses  
Meditation: Finding God in the Stranger

#### **Responding**

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

#### **Sending**

Announcements  
Song: The peace of the earth be with you – SJ 77

**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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**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> March 13, 2016 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>Stories of Immigration</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall Meditation: Saulo Padilla Greeters: Wally &amp; Evie Shellenberger Nursery: Yolanda Yoder/Keith Gibbons A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> March 20, 2016 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>Living Ink</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Jim Beachy Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Telling the Holy Week story Greeters: Veronika Sukup Nursery: Jamey Sullivan/Trish Moore AV: Larry Lehman</p>
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**TODAY**

Today we are pleased to welcome Saulo Padilla, an immigrant and immigration consultant for Mennonite Central Committee, who will share with us his personal story of being an immigrant.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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. Next Sunday is the beginning of "Holy Week". In our worship we will tell the story of Jesus' in the days leading up to his crucifixion. The plot thickens as the crowds first hail Jesus as savior, then call for his death; as his friends eat with him, and also run away. Reading Luke 19:28 - 23:56 will be good preparation to experience the story through art, drama, song, and reflections.

**UPCOMING**

March 24, 6:00 pm - **Maundy Thursday** service at PMF. Join in this special Holy Week service of remembrance.

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.

March 27, **Easter Sunday**, breakfast 8:30 – 9:30 am, followed by Easter services at 10:00 am. There will be no Sunday school classes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New on the bulletin board:** Michiana Anabaptist Historians News and Notes, thank you letter from MCC and letter from the Wiggintons.

**Camp Amigo is hosting** Scrapbook, Crafting, and Sewing Retreats this Spring. They are also hosting two Mother-Daughter Retreats, one in April and one in December. For details on dates and costs etc. see brochures on the bulletin board.

On Sunday, March 20, Andrew and Evie will accompany seven of our **high school youth to Atlanta, Georgia**, where they will participate in service projects and learning activities. They will engage in the question of "who is our neighbor?" by using the Bible and writings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and engaging the theme through service work and community interactions. Your prayers for this trip are appreciated.

**Note:** Be aware that the church's fax machine is no longer able to receive faxes, though it can still send a fax.

**Howard-Miami Mennonite Church** in Kokomo, IN will host pastor Randy Detweiler as he shares about his experience with an MCC Learning Tour to Israel/Palestine; March 20, at 4:00 pm with a light supper to follow. Contact the PMF office if you'd like more information.

