

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 Minerger

Teachers:

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: This the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Blessed is the one that comes in the name of the Lord!

All: The Lord our God has given us light!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Prayers

Ask for God's blessing on the high school youth, Andrew and Evie as they travel today to Atlanta to participate in the DOOR program this week through Friday. Pray for a good time of learning and spiritual growth through their service, interactions, and study. (See announcement.)

Continue to remember the Brown Kinloch family in prayer as they grieve the death of Dave's father this past week. Pray also for others who have experienced loss recently.

Pray for those you know who have health concerns, including: Liliann Woodsmall, Jahsmine Borders, Nedra Sullivan, Ted's brother Bill, and Helen Gooch. Helen has been moved to Westview nursing home in Bedford.

Thank God for the work of Peter and Delicia Wigginton as they encourage and assist the ministries of congregations in Ecuador. Pray specifically for their interactions with indigenous churches as they work at leadership development and Bible training.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

March 20, 2016

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

Living Ink: The Plot Thickens

Palm Sunday

Focus: The plot in the 'Passion Week' story of Jesus is thick and complex. We, like the characters in that story, sometimes shout 'hosanna' and 'crucify' and 'I don't know him'; we watch from afar in sorrow and fear.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: We sing to you Oh God – SJ 1

Welcome and introductions

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Prepare a room for me – SS 76

Jesus walked this lonesome valley – SS 80

Celebrating Shalom – Wally Shellenberger

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, Music and Meditation: Luke 22, 23 Passion Week

Songs: Jesus is Coming– SS 73

Here is the bread – SS 77

Responding /Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Song: The Lord lift you up – SJ 73

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. God's story grounds us in God's promises and actions of calling and redemption. Today we will use parts of Luke 19:28 - 23:56 to tell the story of Jesus and his friends in the days leading up to, and including, 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. You are invited to listen and enter into the story as we experience it through art, drama, song, and reflections.

Today 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.

Reminder; please submit your gift discernment forms by today.

NEXT SUNDAY

Join the Easter celebration as the story of God's rescue and redemption of the world reached its climax in God's raising Jesus the Messiah. God's story of calling, healing, and creating isn't over; God keeps writing and inviting us to become actors in the amazing story. In what ways can we keep "infiltrating the world with the love of God"?

Easter Sunday breakfast served from 8:30-9:30 am., then something special for the young children. Worship service begins at 10:00. There will be no Sunday school classes.

This Week

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

remembrance, with communion and foot washing.

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.

Saturday, 26th, 2:00 pm - dedication of a plaque in memory of Bob Gilliom. All are welcome to join Connie and her family at the PMF memorial wall for a short service.

UPCOMING

MYF youth and parents will be meeting on Mar. 30, at 7 pm to began planning for our US/Mexican border trip. It is important for all youth and parents to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your mailboxes are **evaluation forms** to help us determine if we are meeting the goals of our grant. Please take a few minutes to fill this out and return to the box provided. This feedback will be very helpful as we continue our planning over the next year. Thank you, Evie and Doris.

April 14, 6:30 pm Orange Co **Habitat for Humanity Annual Dinner & Silent Auction**, at Ames Chapel UMC. RSVP is requested.

"The Mennonite" magazine has inspiring **stories**, Bible studies and theological reflections and a opportunity to hear from diverse Anabaptist voices. If you would be interested in subscribing, PMF is doing a group order which makes the cost for 1 year \$37 per subscription. Please let me know by Wednesday March 30 if you would like to be included. You can make checks out to PMF. If you have any questions let Deb Giles know.

<u>TODAY</u> March 20, 2016 (worship at 9:30) <i>Living Ink</i> Worship Leader: Jim Beachy Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Telling the Holy Week story Greeters: Veronika Sukup Nursery: Dessica Albertson/Trish Moore A.V.: Larry Lehman	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> March 27, 2016 (worship - 10 am) <i>Living Ink – Easter Sunday</i> Worship Leader: Yolanda Yoder Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Jim & Bonnie Beachy Nursery: Evie Shellenberger/Bonnie Beachy AV: Andrew Blount
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