

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



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

April 17, 2016

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Get quiet and listen! Can you hear it?
The voice of God calls out across the ages:
I am the Lord your God,
Awaken from distraction and despair,
Worship me, love me.

People: *We are listening, we respond
from the wilderness and from the mountain
we rise up to worship.*

All: **Lord you are our God, you alone.
We offer you our praise and worship.**

Prayers

During this Easter season, pray for open eyes to see the risen Jesus as he moves in our midst and the world. May we recognize our need, and open our hearts to both give and receive life-sustaining gifts from God and others.

Remember Nic and Rosie Allen, as he is in hospital. May God grant courage, strength, and peace to them in this time of uncertainty. Pray for others you know who have health concerns.

Give thanks to God for the gifts being exercised in our congregation! Pray for the Gift Discernment Committee and the process of calling people to various positions of service within PMF. Pray especially for PET as they discern direction for future leadership, and as current elders prepare to conclude their time of service.

"Together, we are God's house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord." Ephesians 2:20-21

God's Power and Purpose

Focus: With purpose and power the Lord awakens us and calls us back to worship.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Music: Here is this place – H 6
Welcome and introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Love the Lord your God – SS 55
Listen the Lord as he speaks softly
We are often tossed and driv'n – SS 72

Celebrating Shalom – Wally Shellenberger

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for April is for OC Habitat for Humanity

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-16
Meditation

Responding: Hear O Israel

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

Song: As rain from the clouds – SJ 40

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.

<p>TODAY April 17, 2016 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><i>God's Power and Purpose</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Becky Johnson Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Ted Larrison Greeters: Deb Giles Nursery: Hannah Ford/Jim Beachy A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY April 24, 2016 (worship – 9:30am)</p> <p><i>God's Power and Purpose</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Dave & Debby Heinz Nursery: Luke Mosemann/Joanna Woodsmall AV: Larry Lehman</p>
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TODAY

We examine another Elijah story which involves fear, depression, more meals, several very long walks, and an encounter with God. In what ways are you being sustained when in need? What do you need to do in order to be receptive to God's guidance?

NEXT SUNDAY

Part of the role of a prophet is to "speak truth to those in positions of power". Next week's story involves the prophet Elijah delivering another message of God to King Ahab. Read 1 Kings 21, and pay attention to how power is used (or misused). Reflect on your life: what kinds of power do you hold? Are there examples of how you've used power for harm, and for good?

This Week

Thur. April 21, PET mtg. 7:00 pm

UPCOMING

Those who were involved as listeners in "Listening Together" are invited to a lunch meeting on Sunday, May 1, following Sunday school hour. We'll talk about the possibility of re-energizing the LT program.

Sunday, May 29, **Shalom Sunday**. Worship and pitch-in picnic at Spring Mill State Park, Oak Ridge Shelter. Worship 10 am followed by meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca will be on vacation April 17-20. Contact an elder in case of pastoral care need or question. If you have **announcements or items for the April 24 bulletin** please be sure you get those to Deb by Friday April 22, 10:00 am. Thank you.

The church **office will be closed** on Wednesday April 20.

Save the dates! **PMF's Vacation Bible School** will be held Wednesday, June 8 and Fri. June 10, from 1:00 - 5:30 pm. VBS is open to children age 5 thru Jr. High. What to do now: Register your child on the sign up sheet ASAP to assist with planning. There is also a place for volunteers to sign up! (1 or both days.) - Thanks! Children's Education Committee

Please check table in Library for personal **items that have been found** & claim them. After April 17 they will be recycled. Thank you – Trustees.

Southern Indiana night at the Louisville Bats is June 17th. I am coordinating getting tickets for PMF for anyone that would like to go. The tickets are \$7 per person. I will need to know how many you want and your money by Wednesday May 11. If you have any questions let me know. Thanks Deb.