

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

Prayers

During this Easter season, pray for open eyes to see the risen Jesus as he moves in our midst. May we recognize our need for forgiveness and receive God's grace. May we open our hearts to learn right ways of using the power that we hold, so that our purpose is aligned with God's purpose.

Pray for Deb Giles as she recovers from surgery around her eye. Pray for others you know with health concerns.

Nic Allen remains in the hospital in Mishawaka, Indiana. When he is able to leave the hospital he will go to a rehabilitation facility in the area. Nic and Rosie have greatly appreciated the cards and prayers on their behalf. Continue to remember them in prayer, calls or cards. Their address is: 317 S. West St., Mishawaka, Indiana, 46544.

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.

Pray for people in the cities, towns, and villages in Ecuador that were affected by a strong earthquake last week. Pray for government, churches and businesses as they work to rebuild and care especially for "the least of these". Remember Peter and Delicia Wigginton as they serve with and encourage Ecuadorian churches.

"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



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

April 24, 2016

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

God's Power and Purpose

Focus: Jesus is our model for how to exercise the power of leadership in ways that honor God.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Music: I'm pressing on the upward way – SJ - 96
Welcome and introductions
Opening prayer – SJ 176

Singing Our Faith

O Power of love – H 593
Gentle God, when we are driven – SS 71
Open my eyes (Abre mis ojos) – SS 65
My soul cries out – SS 124

Celebrating Shalom – Yolanda Yoder

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 21: 1-21
Meditation

Responding Song: Renew your church – H 363

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

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

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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

Part of the role of a prophet is to "speak truth to those in positions of power". Today's focus story involves the prophet Elijah delivering another message of God to King Ahab. Notice 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?

NEXT SUNDAY

Many PMF children and youth have attended summer camp and snow camp at Camp Amigo in Sturgis, MI. Next Sunday, Mandy Yoder, who serves as Amigo's program director, will share stories of God's presence and work at Amigo. What can we learn during "the in-between times" when we are going from one thing to the next?

Sunday, May 1, following Sunday school hour - those who were involved as listeners in "Listening Together" are invited to a lunch meeting. We'll talk about the possibility of re-energizing the LT program. An RSVP to Wally, Doris, or Rebecca would be helpful.

This Week

Mon. April 25, Children's Education committee mtg. 4:30 pm

UPCOMING

May 25, 6:30 pm – Large Group meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have **announcements or items for the bulletin** please be sure you get those to Deb by Fridays at 10:00 am. Thank you.

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

All adults in the congregation who are interested in accompanying the youth to the U.S./Mexico border in October are invited to an **informational meeting** about the trip on Wednesday, **May 11, at 7 p.m.** This does not commit you to going on the trip. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about immigration issues and to develop relationship with our youth. We hope to see many adults at the meeting! Thanks, Evie and Doris

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.

<p><u>TODAY</u> April 24, 2016 (worship at 9:30 am)</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 M. / Joanna Woodsmall A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> May 1, 2016 (worship – 9:30am)</p> <p><i>Stories from Amigo Centre</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Jim Beachy Music Leader: Joanna & Dave Woodsmall Meditation: Mandy Yoder Greeters: Aaron & Shanna Johnson Nursery: Doris Weaver / AV:</p>
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