

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: “Doctrine of Discovery” – discussion

Call to Worship

Leader: Where is God when fear seeks to unravel individuals and communities?
People: God leads us in the darkness – even when it feels that all is lost.
Leader: Is anything impossible with God?
People: God can transform the hearts of persecutors and bullies and set their feet on the path of compassion.
Leader: What might God require of you and me?
People: To lay hands on persecutors and bullies that they might experience compassion.
Leader: for what can we hope and pray?
People: That scales fall from every eye and we are able to see others with a Christ-like love.

Prayers

Pray for comfort and grace for Connie as she remembers Bob and his death one year ago today.
Pray for the Lindley family as they walk through this time of fragility and uncertainty. Hold Glenda in prayer as she is faced with many decisions and questions. May God our Maker hold Joel's body and spirit in his loving, healing care.
Remember Rosie Allen and her children, in prayer as they grieve Nic's death, May 14th. May God grant grace, comfort and peace to them.
Pray for Claude as he anticipates a time of transition and waits for the details of his house sale to go through. May God's Spirit continue to guide and direct his paths.
May God grant blessing and perseverance to students, teachers and school staff in this last week of the school year. Join in celebrating their achievements! May the summer months be a time of rest, as well as continued learning and growing.
Pray for the Gift Discernment Committee and PMF as we prayerfully listen for who the Spirit is calling into leadership for this unique time.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

May 22, 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: Saul the persecutor is converted through his Damascus Road encounter with Jesus creating a new problem for the early followers. God asks them to not only accept Saul but to forgive him. God also calls us to forgive as we are forgiven. Can we?

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Music:
In the morning – SJ 45
Longing for light – SJ 54
Welcome and introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Gentle God, when we are driven – SS 71
Make me a channel of Your peace – SJ 56
Come to me, come to us – SS 60

Celebrating Shalom

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for May is for Mennonite Mission Network and the financial support of Peter and Delicia Wigginton.

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: Acts 9: 1-22 with verses from Acts 6, 7, 8
Meditation
Response and prayer of Reconciliation (see insert)

Blessing of our Youth Drivers

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

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 May 22, 2016 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><i>God's Power and Purpose</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Ted Larrison Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Dave Brown-Kinloch Greeters: Michelle Lewellyn Nursery: Dave Beachy/Crescencia Nunez A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY May 29, 2016 (worship – 11:00)</p> <p><i>Shalom Sunday – Spring Mill State Park</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Music Leader: Meditation: Greeters: Nursery: AV:</p>
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TODAY

When disciples walked on the road to Emmaus they met the risen Christ, and their sadness turned upside-down into contagious joy. Today we'll walk another road - the road to Damascus and see how a zealous man gets his life turned upside-down by an encounter with the risen Christ. Both roads demonstrate the power and purpose of God to bring light and life to the world.

Today following Sunday School Summer campers will be having a **Potato and Salad Bar lunch to raise funds** to send them to Camp Amigo. We will have all the trimmings and dessert too!! We hope you will plan on attending. It's going to be delicious!! Bring your appetite (and your money of course) and enjoy!

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, May 29, **Shalom Sunday**. Worship and pitch-in picnic at Spring Mill State Park, at the Oak Ridge Shelter. Worship 11 am followed by a pitch-in meal. If you have any questions please contact Darren Bender Beauregard or Mary Miner. Anyone interested in biking to Spring Mill contact Curtis Thill.

THIS WEEK

Wed. May 25, **Large Group** mtg. Light meal - 6:00 pm, meeting – 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Agenda to include: gift discernment report and approval of new committee members, PMF insurance, discussion of Supportive Congregation Network, and update about IT and recording worship services.

UPCOMING

Youth Council will meet following worship on June 5. Lunch will be served followed by a short meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. If you'd like to volunteer and haven't been contacted yet, let us know! - Children's Education Committee

The next fundraiser for the FYI grant will be a **yard sale to help meet our grant** match. We are planning for that this summer and would like to invite you to bring any yard sale items you could contribute to the church and place them in the preschool Sunday School room. We have a group of adults and youth willing to organize items for the sale. Thanks for helping us in this way. We will announce the date soon.

Our FYI grant has provided all of us with an **opportunity to learn Spanish**. Beginning June 5 all interested children, youth and adults are invited to meet at the church from 6:30 to 7:30 to begin our learning. The class will consist of a lecture from a DVD, The Great Courses, which will take about 45 minutes. Fifteen minutes of each session will be used to practice conversational Spanish with Spanish speakers within the congregation. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity.

Response and Prayer of Reconciliation

God of endless Grace, you laid your hands on Ananias that he might lay his hands on Saul. You asked Ananias to trust you with an inconceivable mission. You asked Ananias to intimately love the unlovely. And you ask the same of us. How many times do we write someone off as hopeless or useless or too dangerous? How often do we believe that your mandate “to love others as we love ourselves’ is meant for someone else? Cleanse our minds of judgment and our hearts of stinginess. Prepare us to see others as Jesus did and to love others as you love.

Be with those whose hearts are breaking today, with those who grieve and those whose loved ones battle physical and mental illness. Be with those who wait, for waiting so often brings anxieties untold. Allow those who wait to experience your peace.

We thank you for the beauty of this day and the opportunity to serve after the model of the One who invites us to forgive as we are forgiven. Amen.

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