

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

### **Class:**

Early Childhood ( <i>Ages 0-3 years</i> ).....	Parents
Primary ( <i>Ages 3- 1st</i> ) .....	Crystal Shellenberger & Stori Sullivan
Middler ( <i>Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5th</i> ) .....	Veronika Sukup & Bonnie Beachy
Junior High ( <i>Grades 6, 7 &amp; 8</i> ) .....	Andrew Blount & Darlene Larrison
Youth ( <i>Grades 9-12</i> ).....	Evie Shellenberger & Phil Mininger

### **Teachers:**

**Adult Class:** “Doctrine of Discovery” – discussion

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** As we gather today to worship, hear the word of Jesus: “Come!”  
Come, to all who are mothers: birth mothers, foster mothers, tired mothers, spiritual mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, motherless, adoptive mothers, grieving mothers, and expectant mothers.

**People:** **We come!**

**Leader:** Come, all children of mothers, young and old, happy or sad, tired or troubled.

**People:** **We come!**

**Leader:** Come, all for whom Mother’s Day is a day of sadness or loss, and to you who find joy in this day.

**People:** **We come!**

**Leader:** Come everyone to praise God, who as a mother, knows each of us intimately, loves us unconditionally and warmly invites us to “come!”

**People:** **We come, just as we are into the presence of our mothering God.**

### Prayers

Hold Nic and Rosie Allen, and their children, in prayer as he is at home receiving hospice care. May God grant courage, comfort and peace to them in his remaining days at home.

Pray for those you know who have health concerns, or who are grieving.

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 8, 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:** *The ways of God often surprise us. God uses what seems simple or powerless, and brings conversions and healing even to the “enemy”.*

### **Gathering to Worship**

Gathering Music: God of Eve and God of Mary – H 492  
Welcome and introductions  
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)  
Prayer

### **Singing Our Faith**

Mothering God, you gave me birth: Shanna Johnson and Sandi Sears  
I was there to hear your borning cry – SJ 89  
There’s a wideness in God’s mercy – H 145  
Come, bring your burdens to God – SS 50

### **Celebrating Shalom** – Phil Mininger

**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: 2 Kings 5: 1-15  
Meditation  
Response

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

### **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:  
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.  
May almighty God bless us, now and forever.

**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**

**Pastor:** Rebecca Kauffman; Office Hours - Tues 9-4, Wed 9-1, Thurs 1-5  
**Director of Youth:** Evie Shellenberger; Office Hours: Thur. 9 – 1. Cell: 812-653-9703  
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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> May 8, 2016 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><b>God’s Power and Purpose</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Wendell Lantz &amp; Doris Weaver Nursery: Mica Beauregard/Dave Woodsmall A.V.: Larry Lehman</p>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> May 15, 2016 (worship – 9:30am)</p> <p><b>Pentecost</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson Music Leader: Sandi Sears Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Ted &amp; Darlene Larrison Nursery: Cristy Ford AV: Larry Lehman</p>
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**TODAY**

When Jesus healed people of leprosy, it reminded the crowd of the Israelite prophet Elisha from generations earlier who also healed a man of leprosy. II Kings 5 tells a fascinating story of compassion, dramatic interplay between powerful and low-status actors, and "faith acted out on foreign soil".

**NEXT SUNDAY**

The world, and our lives, often feel chaotic. While chaos can be troubling, it presents an opportunity for repentance and renewal. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the Spirit coming into a time of chaos to move, renew, unite and create!

**THIS WEEK**

Mon. May 9, 4:30, Children’s Ed com. mtg.

Tues. May 10, 1:00 pm, GDC mtg.

On Wed., May 11, at 7 p.m. 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. 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

**UPCOMING**

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 meal.

Wed. June 8 & 10, 1:00 – 5:30 pm **Vacation Bible School**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The second **fundraiser for our grant** will be held this coming Sat, May 14, from 1 until 4 pm at “the hill”. All high school youth and current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be expected to attend this fundraising event. Any and all adults are also invited to join us in this opportunity to work together as youth and adults. Bring working gloves, an eager spirit and plenty of energy. We will continue to pull non-native weeds.

A **new recliner** now has a home in the youth Sunday School room, It has been purchased from the FYI grant funds. Be sure to check it out!

**Southern Indiana night at the Louisville Bats** is June 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$7 each. Please let Deb know how many you need by Wed. May 11. Make check out to PMF. Thank you.

**REJOICE is a quarterly devotional magazine** for individuals and households, seeks to inspire Christian disciples toward deeper faithfulness as they experience and share God’s healing and hope in the world. There are 4 issues per year and if PMF orders 5 or more the cost is only \$28.30 per person/household. If you would be interested in receiving REJOICE please let Deb know by Sunday May 8. Make your check out to PMF and designate REJOICE.

**The Backpacks of Blessings annual chicken barbecue** is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>., from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. This fundraiser is to benefit the weekend food program at Throop Elementary School. The barbecue, dine-in or carry out, will be held at the Orange County community building (free will offering). If you can donate a dessert, please contact Mary Beth. Thank you!

For those interested in visiting **Helen Gooch** or sending cards her address is: Westview Nursing and Rehab. Center, 1510 Bedford IN 47421. Helen’s room number is 29.