

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

Early Childhood (*Ages 0-4 years*)Parents
Primary (*Ages 5 – 2nd grade*)Crystal Shellenberger & Stori Sullivan
Middler (*Grades 3rd – 5th*)Jon Shellenberger, Aaron Johnson,
Jim Beachy, Dave Woodsmall, & Doris Weaver
Junior High (*Grades 6, 7 & 8*)Andrew Blount & Mary Beth Gibbons
Youth (*Grades 9-12*)Evie Shellenberger & Phil Mininger

Adult Class: Radical Hospitality: Responding to Immigration

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are weary
And carrying heavy burdens,
And Christ will give rest.

**People: Those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.**

Leader: The Lord is always before us.
Because God is at our right hand,
we shall not be moved.

**People: God shows us the path of life.
In God's presence there is fullness of joy;
In God's right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*All: Therefore our hearts are glad,
our souls rejoice;
our bodies rest secure.*

Prayers

Remember Jo James in prayer as she seeks healing of her broken leg. May God grant her endurance and patience during rehab treatment.

Pray for healing and restoration for Ted following his fall on Thursday. Pray also for Darlene and the whole family, that they may know Christ's presence and strength.

Pray for a good learning experience for Dave and Jan as they travel this week to Cuba with an agriculture focused learning tour.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

November 6, 2016

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

Sabbath

Focus: Sabbath rest is a gift of God to help sustain and enhance life.

Gathering to Worship

Song: I owe the Lord a morning song – SJ 112
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Faith

Fill us with your
I heard the voice of Jesus say – H 493
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

Celebrating Shalom – Jim Beachy

Recognizing Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

Presentation of Bibles

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for November is Christian Peacemaker's Teams

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture:
Meditation

Responding

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

Blessing of Rebecca's Sabbatical

Sending Song: The Lord lift you up – SJ 73

Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140
Darren Bender-Beauregard 723-5259
Doris Weaver 723-2841

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 Nov. 6, 2016 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p>Sabbath</p> <p>Worship Leader: Debby Heinz Music Leader: Sandi Sears Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Gail Brown Nursery: Doris Weaver/Andrew Blount A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Nov. 13, 2016(worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p>Living a Radical Faith</p> <p>Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Jonathan Brenneman Greeters: Dave & Jan Mullet Nursery: Mica Beauregard/Luke Mosemann AV:</p>
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TODAY

The practice of Sabbath rest, or ‘sacred pauses’. Serves to reorient our lives toward Jesus so that our hearts and minds can be in tune with God. God blessed rest – ow amazing is that?! What kinds of Sabbath practices (small or large-scale) do you use to refocus and refresh yourself, your family, or our community?

NEXT SUNDAY

We welcome Jonathan Brenneman who will help us understand another important wall that has separated people and countries, the Israel/Palestine wall. We will begin on Saturday Nov. 12 at 5:30 pm with a Palestinian meal. Following the meal, Jonathan will present a short review of the complex issues facing Israel/Palestine and how Christian Peacemaker Teams are involved in peace-building efforts. On Sunday morning Jonathan will be giving the meditation during worship and during Sunday School hour he will be meeting with youth and adults about concrete ways we can deal with conflict non-violently.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Nov. 9, Small Groups.
Sunday, Nov. 20, Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Paoli Christian Church, 7:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca’s Sabbatical begins Thursday November 10. Information on who will be taking on Rebecca’s responsibilities is in the *Sabbatical Details* paper in your mail box. If you have any questions or need further information Please see Darren or Doris.

Rebecca’s application to participate in a Mennonite Church USA matching grant program has been approved! PMF has set up a Pastoral Assistance Matching Grant Fund to receive any gifts that will go towards reducing student loan debt. The grant will match up to \$2500. Anyone interested in giving can designate it on the memo line of their gift.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, 11/24/16, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Orange County Community building. Sarann Weeks is asking for volunteers for that day as well as for desserts and other dishes. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for ways volunteers can help with the annual dinner.

The Finance Committee will soon begin the process of drafting the 2017 Spending Plan. In order to do this, all committees are asked to Dave Mullet by today. Please estimate as closely as possible anticipated expenses for 2017 in order to assist with planning – Finance Committee.

New on bulletin board: Thank you card from Quiana, Skyla and Kaydin Emmons , Habitat House recipient.

Sabbatical Blessing (congregation reads bold print)

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C: Renew Rebecca for her ministry among us through this time set aside for reflection, renewal, study and prayer

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C: We pray as well for Worship Committee, Doris, Darren, Deb, Louise and Phil as they tend to their heightened roles for these 3 months; bless them with wisdom and discernment

Rebecca: I pray also for you my congregation; that the space created by Sabbatical will allow for deep and rich growth in the Spirit

Darren: I invite everyone who is led to come up and gather around us, laying hands upon our heads and shoulders as a blessing for this Sabbatical time. I will lead with a short prayer and warmly invite anyone led to offer their prayers. I will close.

Darren: Rebecca, we present you with this simple iron cross, symbolizing the powers of shaping God alone can work upon us. Only heat from the forge fire made it possible for the ordinary stick of steel to bend and form into the cross you see now. May you remember throughout your Sabbatical the shaping God has in store for you if you are willing to set yourself into God's holy firepot.

C: Rebecca, we send you now on this Sabbatical journey confident that God will bless your every step, refresh your spirit, renew your mind, strengthen your body, and return you to us empowered for our continued task of ministry here in Paoli, as well as throughout the world

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