

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: “Creation: A Divine Cycle”

Teachers:

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to hear the Word.
North: Come to do the Word.
South: Come to experience Comfort
North: Come to experience Challenge.
South: Come to find Cost.
North: Come to find Joy.
South: Come to find Humanity.
North: Come to find Community.
South: Come to find Church.
All: *Come to find God.*

Prayers

Continue praying for Wade Giles, Jo James, and Ted Larrison as they walk day-to-day with their recoveries from surgery and injury. May God grant continued healing and hope.

Hold Keith and Mary Beth’s son Daniel and his wife Julia in special prayer as they mourn the health concerns for one of the twin babies Julia is carrying in her body. Pray for Julia and Daniel’s strength to keep going day-to-day and for Mary Beth and Keith to know how to share their parental love in this deeply sad time. Pray also for the babies, that they may feel their parents’ and grandparents’ love for them, and that they can stay healthy through the birth. God, lend your grace to them.

Pray for Connie Gilliom as she is experiencing many health issues. She will have surgery replacing her shoulder on Feb 7, so keep her in special prayer that day.

Pray that sabbatical provides continued rest and renewal for Rebecca and Andrew. Also keep PMF in your prayers as we experience our own unique time during the sabbatical.

Give thanks for our town’s official adoption of a welcoming proclamation that reflects Christ’s nature of true acceptance and inclusion of everyone. This and the spreading of the colorful signs are simple but powerful beacons of hope reminding us of humanity’s deep integrity in a political climate that is increasingly seeking separation and exclusion.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

January 22, 2017

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

Prayers of the Bible

Focus: Prayer of Lamentation – The Night Shines Brightly

Gathering to Worship

Song: One generation
Blessed be the Name
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship: (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Faith

Father I stretch my hands to Thee – H 529
I will come to you in the silence – SS 49
The Lord is my light – SJ 97

Celebrating Shalom

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for January is Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS)

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time: Rachel Gerber
Scripture: Psalm 22:1-5 Shanna Johnson
Meditation: Rachel Gerber
Song: Longing for Light – SJ 54

Responding

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Sending

Announcements
Song:

Benediction

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!
Romans 15:13

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor
Darren Bender-Beauregard
Doris Weaver

On Sabbatical
723-5259
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MINISTERS

All the congregation

CHURCH OFFICE

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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 Jan.15 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayers of the Bible</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Milton Borntreger Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rachel Gerber Greeters: Gail Brown Nursery: Crystal Shellenberger/Darren Bender Beauregard A.V.:</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Jan. 29, 2017(worship at 11 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Shalom Sunday</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Music Leader: Meditation: Greeters: Nursery: AV:</p>
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TODAY

As we journey through life, sometimes our prayers are warm with gratitude and thanksgiving for the goodness of life...and other times we find ourselves crying out in lament. During these times, like the Psalmist, we cry out “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” In this sermon, we will explore where God is when we encounter difficult things in life – and when God simply feels distant. Can the night shine brightly?

HS Youth lunch and bowling following Sunday School.

Winter Retreat, Feb 4-5, registration is due today. Please see Keith or Mary Beth.

NEXT SUNDAY

Prayers of the Bible focus continues.

THIS WEEK

Elf Night/FYI fundraiser Meal – Jan. 25, 6:00 pm: Come! Make a joyful noise together! Music committee will be offering a time of singing new and old songs, acknowledging our new instruments and cabinet, and sharing our music policy. All ages invited to participate, no child care provided. The youth will be preparing and hosting the meal on as a fundraiser for the Guatemala trip. Please come prepared to contribute toward this effort.

UPCOMING

Sunday, January 30 is **Shalom Sunday**. We will continue a musical follow-up to Elf night. We will plan some songs but would like to hear from you. So plan to shout out your requests, or lead the congregation in singing your song. We will provide chili both meat and vegetarian. Everyone should plan to bring food items to go with the soup, e.g., crackers, bread, cheese, pickles, veggie tray, desserts etc. Be sure to let the kids pick some songs too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All persons, **youth and adults**, considering the possibility of going on the **Guatemala trip** must be present for an informational meeting on Sunday, January 29, at 5:00 pm. Important information about the trip will be presented during this time. If you have an interest in being part of the trip but can't be present talk to either Evie or Doris.

Coffee is always available for purchase as an effort to support Mexican coffee growers and our PMF youth. If the coffee you like is available help yourself and leave \$10 per lb. in the basket provided. If you do not see what you want fill out an order form provided at the coffee table. Thank you for helping with this!

Randy Tuell is inviting the congregation to enjoy the **annual dulcimer concert and workshops at Spring Mill State Park** on Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28. These events are free and you will love the music. More information is on the bulletin board.

We have finished our **2016 fundraising for Foods Resource Bank** and PMF sent in a check for \$7995. Funds came from our summer offering, a quilt auction, and a variety of homegrown corps and produce. Half of the money was given to be used “where most needed.” The other half of the funds were designated for the Mennonite Central Committee Chiapas Mexico program which provides training on conservation agriculture, community organization, and leadership skills. Our 2017 fundraising will start soon with another round of maple syrup!

Anyone who has one of “**the Learning Spanish Workbooks**” should return them to Doris for future Spanish classes. Thank you.

New in magazine rack: *Bulletin*, Bethany School.