

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

### **Class:**

Early Childhood (Ages 0-4 years) .....Parents  
Primary (Ages 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) .....Crystal Shellenberger & Stori Sullivan  
Middler (Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) .....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

### **Teachers:**

**Adult Class:** “Creation: A Divine Cycle”

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and commitment**

Leader: O Lord God, we bless you!  
All that is within us blesses your holy name.

People: *We remember all your benefits to us:  
You forgive our iniquities, you heal our diseases,  
you redeem our lives from the depths of depravity,  
you crown us with steadfast love and mercy,  
and satisfy us with good as long as we live.*

Leader: We thank you for remembering us, for responding to our cries  
and for acting on behalf of all who continue to cry for help.

People: *May our ears be your ears; our eyes, your eyes;  
our hands, your hands; and our hearts, your heart.*

**All: O God, in your presence we know we are yours;  
we open ourselves to your call and leading. Amen.**

### **Sending**

Leader: We came to celebrate God’s mysterious ways.

**People: Our God is love.**

Leader: We remembered God’s story of love to us and all humankind.

**People: Our God is love.**

Leader: We go out to share that story through words and actions.

**People: Thanks be to God for wonderful love!**

### **Prayers**

Give thanks to God for a spirit of openness and joy at the Winter Retreat last weekend. Praise God for good inter-generational interaction and learning. May Christ continue to grow in us an ability to nurture one another in faith as we journey with him.

Hold Nedra S. in your prayers along with the whole Sullivan family as they continue to care for her. May each day offer experiences of God's grace and strength even in the midst of difficulties.



# **PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**February 12, 2017**

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

*Focus: God’s love and grace is able to build bridges of understanding and hope.*

### **We Gather to Worship**

Song: I will stand in the congregation – SS 113  
Welcome and Introductions  
Call to Worship and opening prayer: (see H 678)

### **We Sing our Faith**

Praise the One who breaks the darkness – SS 1  
Hope is a candle – SS 15  
The love of God – SJ 44

### **We Celebrate God’s Gifts**

Prayer of thanksgiving and commitment (see back of bulletin)  
Celebrating Shalom – JoAnn Borntager  
Opportunities for Generosity

### **We Hear God's Word**

Children's time  
Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21  
Meditation: A surprising encounter on the roadside

### **We Respond and Share our Stories**

Song: Amazing Grace – H 143  
Sharing Joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

### **We are Sent in Love**

Announcements  
Benediction (see back of bulletin)

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

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

**MINISTERS**

All the congregation

**CHURCH OFFICE**

**Pastor:** Rebecca Kauffman; Office hours – Tues. 9 am-3pm, Wed. 10 am-noon, Fri. 9 am-1pm  
**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.

**TODAY**

Recently, a group of men from PMF went to West Virginia to help construct bridges as part of a Mennonite Disaster Service project. Luke was part of the group, and will share about a surprise encounter that built a different kind of "bridge."

**NEXT SUNDAY**

In preparation for our annual Covenant service, two worship services will focus on themes related to life together in Christian community.

When we find ourselves in conflict with another person, remember that this is not an exception but a normal part of life. We are then encouraged to maximize the situation's potential for constructive growth. Matt. 5: 23-24; Matt. 18: 15; Eph. 4: 26 and Psalm 4.

**THIS WEEK**

Wed. Feb. 15, Small Groups

**UPCOMING**

Feb. 26, 5:30 pm - annual Covenant service  
March 1, 7:00 pm- Ash Wednesday service to mark the beginning of Lent.  
March 15 - Large Group meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please note **Connie Gilliom's new address:** 401 E Water St., Paoli IN 47454.

**Note:** due to several scheduling factors (including Ash Wednesday, Large Group, and spring break) it is suggested that small groups meet on March 8 & 22 (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks) instead of the usual, for that month.

**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!

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

PMF has 3 copies of **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) prayer directory**. This booklet features service workers around the world. If you or your small group are interesting in using this book to pray for mission workers contact the church office.

**New in magazine rack:** *The Marketplace* and *Today* magazine.

**New on bulletin board:** Thank you card from Camp Friedenswald and a thank you letter from MCC.

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<p><b><u>TODAY</u></b> Feb. 12 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><b><i>A Surprising Encounter on the Roadside</i></b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Luke Mosemann Greeters: Deb Giles Nursery: Jan Mullet/Lonnie Sears A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p><b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b> Feb. 19, 2017(worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p><b><i>Covenant</i></b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Becky Johnson Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Wally Shellenberger Greeters: Mary Beth &amp; Keith Gibbons Nursery: Sherry Schmidt/Bill Johnson AV:</p>
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