

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: God calls to us
People: In the midst of betrayal and broken relationships.
Leader: God calls us together
People: When children and parents are alienated from each other.
Leader: God gathers us together like chicks under her wing
People: When friends wound each other.
Leader: God reminds us that the story isn't over
People: When our church and our world struggle to live in peace.
ALL: *God calls us to worship together*

Prayers

Be in prayer for the upcoming Covenant service. May the Holy Spirit guide our words, and prepare our hearts and minds to listen to Christ's voice and to one another.

Remember the many in our midst who are grieving the loss of a loved one, including Jim and Louise O'Connell in the recent death of his mother.

Pray for those who have health concerns or are recovering from surgery, including: Danny Parsons, Connie Gilliom, Keith Gibbons, Jo James. Give thanks that Elaine Lowe's father, Ross, is doing better.

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.

Pray for our sister congregations in Central District and IN-MI Conferences, and for conference staff as they offer support to pastors and churches. Pray that our local and collective ministries would bring glory to God and share the hope of Christ.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

February 19, 2017

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

Focus: Conflict is a normal part of life and an invitation for growth.

We Gather to Worship

Song: God calls us to be followers
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

We Sing our Faith

The Lord is my light – SJ 97
When love is found – H 623
Make me a channel of your peace – SJ 56

We Celebrate God's Gifts

Celebrating Shalom – Jim Beachy
Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for February goes to area conferences
and MC USA

We Hear God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15 and Ephesians 4:26
Meditation:

We Respond and Share our Stories

Song: Jesus help us live in peace – SJ 52
Sharing Joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

We are Sent in Love

Announcements
Sending

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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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 Feb. 19, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Covenant</p> <p>Worship Leader: Becky Johnson Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Wally Shellenberger Greeters: Mary Beth & Keith Gibbons Nursery: Sherry Schmidt/Bill Johnson A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Feb. 26, 2017(worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Covenant</p> <p>Worship Leader: Jim Beachy Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Dave & Debby Heinz Nursery: Shanna Johnson/Andrew Blount AV: Aaron Johnson</p>
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TODAY

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

One way to depict what "covenant" is, is to use the image of walking. Covenant is not a destination or end point, it is a journey; thus the way to live in covenant with God and one another is to walk humbly together.

Feb. 26, 5:30 pm - annual Covenant service

THIS WEEK

Feb. 21, 1:00 pm – Gift Discernment Com. mtg.

Feb 22, 7:30 pm – PET mtg.

UPCOMING

March 1, 7:00 pm- Ash Wednesday service to mark the beginning of Lent.

March 15 - Large Group meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your generosity! We have reached and exceeded the \$2,500 match for **the Pastoral Assistance Matching Grant!** This grant, from The Lily Foundation and MC USA, allows pastors to address challenges of debt and retirement preparation. Rebecca will be applying these funds to her seminary student loan debt. With much gratitude! -PET

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 2nd and 4th weeks) instead of the usual, for that month.

In about 3 months 22 PMFers will be heading to **Guatemala** for a learning tour. This is the last big piece of our FYI grant that PMF has so faithfully supported in so many ways over the past year. PMF folks had generously committed more than \$31,000 for this initiative. Much of this money has already come in—only \$6,500 to go. It would be most helpful if this remaining amount could come in before May 1. Thank you for your continuing prayers, interest and support.

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!

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 Mennonite*.

New on bulletin board: *Thank you from MDS.*