

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

Teachers:

Adult Class: “Creation: A Divine Cycle”

Call to Worship

Leader: You are such a gracious host, Lord God of all creation.
Who are we to receive such goodness?

**People: You prepare a table for us, amidst our daily struggles,
our successes and failures, even in the presence of our enemies.
You anoint us, wash us, feed us. You do all this.**

Leader: We confess that we tend to see our daily bread solely in terms of
our own handiwork. But we are not self-sufficient. We need You.
Forgive us.

People: We need these brothers and sisters in Christ around us. Empower us.

Leader: Shower us with Your “holy manna” that we might be strengthened
for the journey to which You have called us.

**People: By faith we stand and worship. By faith we walk and work. By faith we profess
that Christ is alive, and that Your spirit moves us to be and to do more than
we ever thought possible.**

*ALL: We pray all this in the name of the One who said, “I am the way, the truth, the life.”
Amen.*

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.

Pray this week for our college students: Hannah Thill who is doing a Study-Service term in Africa;
Sophie Sears and Logan Parsons.

Pray for those who have health concerns, including: Nedra Sullivan, Danny Parsons, Connie
Gilliom, Elaine Lowe's father, Ross.

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



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

February 26, 2017

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

Covenant as Walking Together

*Focus: Jesus is the Way. By walking the road with Jesus, empowered by his Spirit, we as a community
of believers will find renewal and new ways of relating.*

We Gather to Worship

Song: Come walk with us – SJ 2
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

We Sing our Faith

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah – H 582
God of the Bible – SJ 27
Siyahamba

We Celebrate God's Gifts

Celebrating Shalom – Yolanda Yoder
Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for February goes to area conferences
and MC USA
Song: God calls us to be

We Hear God's Word

Children's time (Luke 24:13-35)
Scripture: Micah 6:8, Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16
Meditation: The Way is Made by Walking

We Respond and Share our Stories

Sharing Joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

We are Sent in Love

Announcements
Sending song: We will walk with God – SJ 78

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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Darren Bender-Beauregard 723-5259
Doris Weaver 723-2841

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 Feb. 26, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p>Covenant</p> <p>Worship Leader: Jim Beachy Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Dave & Debby Heinz Nursery: Shanna Johnson/Andrew Blount A.V.: Aaron Johnson</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Mar. 5, 2017(worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p>Lent 1 – Restore Us, O God</p> <p>Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Shanna & Aaron Johnson Nursery: Milton Borotrager/Louise O’Connell AV:</p>
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TODAY

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.

This evening at 5:30 pm - annual Covenant service. This is an opportunity to share from your faith journey and to (re)commit yourself to Christian discipleship in and through PMF.

NEXT SUNDAY

The 40-day season of lent begins Wednesday offering opportunity for reflection, conversion and renewal. This is not a journey of perfection, but one where we face both the limits of our humanity and our need for divine transformation. Restore us O God!

THIS WEEK

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

UPCOMING

March 15 - Large Group meeting. Meal – 6:00 pm, meeting – 6:30 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Find **Gift Discernment response forms** in your mailboxes (and sent via email). Prayerfully consider how YOU would like to be involved (occasionally or regularly) in the ministries of PMF. If you have questions or would like assistance contact a member of Gift Discernment committee (Darlene, Wally, Deb, Rebecca). Please return the forms by Sunday, March 12.

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

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.

Thank you, Paoli Mennonite Fellowship, for giving \$7,392.58 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2016! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission play a vital role in our global church. Thank you for doing your part.

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!