

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: Mindful that God, the great Mystery, has called us,
All: we gather to worship
Leader: Curious about God’s ways in the world.
All: we gather to worship.
Leader: Wondering in the face of uncertainty,
All: we gather to worship
Leader: Receive our worship and our wonderings, O God, to live in freedom
and trust.

Prayers

Remember Jim and Bonnie in prayer as they are in a time of transition, preparing to move to Virginia on March 26.

Continue to pray for Nedra and the whole Sullivan family as they make decisions about her care and walk together through her illness. May God grant strength, hope, and an ability to see beauty in each day.

Be in prayer for our upcoming Large Group meeting, our ongoing life together, for those giving leadership to different aspects of ministry, and for our witness to Jesus’ love and power in the community.

“All praise to God, who is our merciful Parent and the source of all comfort. God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.” I Corinthians 1: 3-4



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

March 12, 2017

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

Lent 2

Restore Us O God! We Wonder

Focus: We trust that God, the great Mystery, is always present with us in our wondering.

Gather to Worship

Song: I know not why – H 338
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Faith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise – H 70
Listen to the Lord as he speaks softly
You are holy – SS 34
Over my head – SJ 18

Confession and Words of assurance (see insert)

Celebrating God’s Gifts

Celebrating Shalom
Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for March goes to the Food Pantry

Hearing God’s Word

Children's time: Crystal Shellenberger
Scripture: John 3:1-17
Meditation: Dan Miller

Responding and Sharing our Stories

Lenten ritual
Song: You are all we have – SJ 29
Sharing Joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

Sending

Announcements
Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140
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 Mar. 12, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Restore Us, O God</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Dan Miller Greeters: Wendell Lantz & Doris Weaver Nursery: Yolanda Yoder/Milton Borntrager A.V.:</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Mar. 19, 2017(worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Restore Us, O God</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Becky Johnson Music Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Meditation: Greeters: Dave & Jan Mullet Nursery: Trish Moore/Wally Shellenberger AV:</p>
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TODAY

We welcome Dan Miller, Conference Pastor for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference, to bring the meditation. How might our Lenten journey teach us to be more comfortable with a life of wonder, curiosity, and mystery – with a life of faith? Consider how Jesus has engaged your doubts, wondering, and questions. We can use spiritual practices as a way to bring our questions before God.

NEXT SUNDAY

Our bodies cannot survive without water. Likewise, when our souls are dry it can feel like we are parched and wilting. Jesus offers water to satisfy our deepest needs and thirst. Read these passages about water: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; John 4: 5-42.

THIS WEEK

March 15 - Large Group meeting. Meal – 6:00 pm, meeting – 6:30 pm.
March 17, 1:00 pm, GDC mtg.

UPCOMING

April 30, Shalom Sunday. Watch for details.

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.

Everyone is invited to a **Farewell for Jim and Bonnie Beachy**, Monday, March 20 at PMF. A time of sharing and hearing your reflections will begin at 6:30 followed by a dessert buffet and

fellowship. Please bring a dessert of your choice.

The steering committee of **Backpacks of Blessings** is holding their annual Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, April 1, 2017, from 5-7:00 p.m. This year, we're selling tickets for \$10.00 in advance. The meal will include a 1/4 chicken, cheesy potatoes, beans, cole slaw, a drink and dessert(dine-in/carry out) Please see Mary Beth for tickets. And, let her know if you can make a cake or pie! Thank you!

Louisville Bats game is scheduled for Friday Night, June 9. Tickets are \$7 per person. If you would like to attend you may purchase your tickets from Deb Giles. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 31. This would be a great mentor/mentee activity.

Twenty-two adults and youth will be leaving for Guatemala the end of May. Our first planning meeting will be March 29, at 7 p.m. at the church building. All participants on this trip will be expected to attend the meeting. We will be discussing our itinerary in Guatemala and other important details of the trip. If you cannot attend please let Evie know ahead of this date.

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!

New in magazine rack: *Behind the Hammer*, MDS annual report and *reunion*, the Menno-Hof Newsletter.

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: God of mystery, you call us into the unknown. But we do not always follow willingly.

Reader 1: We confess that we do not want to leave behind what is familiar. We prefer looking like those around us.

Reader 2: We do not want to change our well-refined beliefs. We prefer to think and believe in the same ways we always have.

Reader 3: We do not want to give up the comfort of our own self-sufficiency. We prefer to stay in control.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when in our best effort to work *for* you, we fail to move *with* your Spirit.

All: Stir us deep within. Recover a sense of your holy wonder and make room within us for the mystery of your Spirit.

Leader: God of mystery,

All: restore us.

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