

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: In a dry and weary land.
All: restore us, O God.
Leader: Parched and depleted,
All: restore us, O God.
Leader: Longing for your living water,
All: restore us, O God.
Leader: We thirst. Receive our worship as a sign of our yearning for you.

Prayers

Remember Connie Gilliom in your prayers as she will be having her right shoulder replaced on Tuesday morning at Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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

Pray for Michael Sharp, United Nations peace worker and former MCC volunteer, who was kidnapped March 12 by unknown assailants in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) along with five others. Pray for their safety, their families, their captors. Pray for God to multiply the slow, strong work for peace in DRC and other places of violence.

More Announcements

If you are interested in watching out for examples where **Shalom is being created** (locally or abroad) to share during worship, talk with Wally.

Paoli Fire Dept., IU Paoli hospital, the Ministerial Association, and others are partnering in a “**home fire preparedness campaign**” on Sunday, April 2, from 12:30 – 5:00 pm. Volunteers will work in teams to install smoke alarms and offer fire prevention education in specific Paoli neighborhoods. See poster on bulletin board, and contact Jim O’ Connell or Rebecca K if interested.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

March 19, 2017

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

Lent 3

Restore Us O God! We Thirst

Focus: Jesus’ love becomes a well of “living water” that bubbles up inside us to quench our thirsty souls, and overflows as joyful transformation.

Gather to Worship

Song: I heard the voice of Jesus say – H 493
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Faith

Fill us with your feast
O healing river – H 372
You are all we have – SJ 29

Confession and Words of assurance (see insert)

Celebrating God’s Gifts

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

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s time: Veronika Sukup
Scripture: John 4: 5-42
Meditation: Group Reflection

Responding and Sharing our Stories

Lenten ritual
Song: There is a well – SS 64
Jesus, Rock of ages – H 515
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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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.

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| <p>TODAY Mar. 19, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Restore Us, O God</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Phil Mininger Music Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Meditation: Group Reflections Greeters: Dave & Jan Mullet Nursery: Trish Moore/Wally Shellenberger A.V.:</p> | <p>NEXT SUNDAY Mar. 26, 2017(worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Restore Us, O God</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Milton Borntreger Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Mischelle Lewellyn Nursery: Becky Johnson/Patsy Heinz AV:</p> |
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TODAY

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. This morning we will reflect together on what the Spirit is saying through the story and artistic portrayals of Jesus’ conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well.

NEXT SUNDAY

A Lenten frame of mind can give us courage to be honest about our own “blindness.” When Jesus heals our blindness we are able to see ourselves and others in new ways, to see in god’s perspective. In preparation for next week, read 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, John 9: 1-41, and Ephesians 5: 8-14.

A lunch meeting will be held for anyone interested in sharing conversation and ideas about the shape of the continuing youth and families staff position. Soup will be provided; you’re welcome to bring items to go along with the meal.

THIS WEEK

Mon. Mar. 20, 7:00 p.m. Worship Comm. Mtg.
Wed. Mar. 22. Small Groups

UPCOMING

Youth Council will meet on Sunday, April 2, following the Sunday School hour. A light lunch will be provided for all youth council members and their families.

Save the Date! Tuesday, April 25 at PMF – **concert with music for all ages by Bryan Moyer Suderman.** Bryan is a thoughtful song-writer and an engaging performer who will entertain as well as have you singing along. Details to come.

April 30, **Shalom Sunday.** Watch for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Nine adults and 13 youth are preparing for our trip to **Guatemala**. We will leave on Friday, May 26 and return on Sunday, June 4. In preparation for this learning experience all travelers will meet together on the following dates: March 29, from 7-8 p.m., April 23, from 6-7 p.m. and May 14, from 6-7 p.m. These are required meetings for everyone. Please let me know if you cannot be at these scheduled meetings.

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.

Women of all ethnicities are invited to attend the **African American Sister Care Seminar** on April 21 – 22, in Elkhart IN. It will be a time of worship, storytelling, and Scripture reflection. *Detail information is on the bulletin board.*

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: O God, *you* are the living Water. You restore us to life.
We confess that in the desert moments of our lives
we forget your faithfulness.
Our bodies grow tired;
our hearts dry up.
Our minds become clouded
and we do not remember that you are our deliverer.

**People: When we see the dryness behind and before us,
we quarrel among ourselves and burden one another.
We cry out: "Is the Lord even among us?"**

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord,
for in the harshness of life's desert journey
we quickly focus on ourselves.
We forget that you have been,
you are,
and you will forever be our deliverer.

**People: Restore in us a remembering spirit,
that we may hope in you again.
Renew our hearts, O Lord.
Make us generous in our praise,
That we may worship you anew!**

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, our living Water,

All: restore us.

Leader: Let all who thirst, come. Come and drink from the living Water.
Let all who have nothing, come to the Lord. Come – without
money or price. Come and draw freely from the well of our
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