

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,
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: Reflections on events and people involved in Jesus' last days.

Call to Worship

On this Easter morning of now done darkness we lift our hearts in praise.
We give thanks for Jesus our Savior, the Light of the world
who has brought death to death and life to life.
We come into God's presence with gratitude and singing.
Let God's reign come among us!
Let new life course through our veins,
new love bind us together,
and new vision spur us on to acts of devotion and witness.
Christ is risen! Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: O living God, who raised Jesus from the dead
People: *we shout your great victory; we sing songs of praise!*
Leader: Even when our hearts are heavy
and our eyes are dimmed with sorrow,
you are faithful.
People: *Thank you, O God! We trust your gracious love.
We rest in your unfailing goodness.
We hope in your true promise.*
Leader: Let us rejoice all our days and share the good news:
Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

Prayers

Continue to hold Nedra and the whole Sullivan family in your prayers. May God grant "peace which passes all understanding".

Pray for Elaine Lowe, her mother Audra, and other family members. Her father, Ross, is receiving care at Westview Nursing Home in Bedford.

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

*Christ
is
Risen!*

April 16, 2017

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

Restore Us O God! We Live.

Focus: The mystery and magnitude of the resurrection shatters our normal ways of thinking and invites us to a new way of living. God, the Author of life enables us to live fully and to praise once again.

Gather to Worship

Songs: Alleluia, he is coming
Alleluia, the great storm is over – SJ 71
Christ has arisen – H 267, vs. 1,2, & 6
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)
Opening prayer

Singing our Praise

Low in the grave he lay – H 273
Christ is risen, shout hosanna – H 272
Christ the Lord is risen today – H 280

Affirmation of Faith (see back of bulletin)

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for April goes to Habitat for Humanity

Hearing God's Word

Children's time: Darlene Larrison
Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-10
Meditation:

Communion

Songs: O how good is Christ the Lord – SS 90
Christ is alive – SS 89

Sharing Joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song: Lift your glad voices – H 275

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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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 Apr.16, 2017 (worship at 10 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Restore Us, O God</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Luke & Donna Mosemann Nursery: Doris Weaver/Joanna Woodsmall A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Apr. 23, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Resurrection Encounters</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Ted & Darlene Larrison Nursery: Cristy Ford/ Dave Beachy AV: Aaron Johnson</p>
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TODAY

Easter is a celebration that the power of Love is stronger than the power of death. The women were greeted with astonishing good news on Easter morning. In what ways can our greetings to those around us bring them joy, hope and life?

NEXT SUNDAY

Jesus is risen! Now what? The realities of fear, conflict and doubt didn't simply disappear when the disciples heard the news that Jesus was alive. Think about a time when the reality of good news took a while to sink in and make a difference for you. Read John 20: 19-31, and Acts 2: 14, 22-32.

THIS WEEK

Wed., April 19, Small Groups
Fri. April 21, Circle of Care, 2:00 pm

UPCOMING

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 to 7:30 pm at PMF – a **concert with music for all ages by Bryan Moyer Suderman**. Bryan is a thoughtful song-writer and an engaging performer. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors for a fun, faith-building concert! A freewill offering will be taken to help cover expenses.

Wed, April 26, 6:30 pm - **Large Group meeting**. Agenda includes affirming the job description for Pastor of Youth Formation; and affirmation of persons to serve on committees (from Gift Discernment comm.).

In preparation for our trip to Guatemala all travelers will meet together on the following dates, 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.

April 30, **Shalom Sunday**. We will begin with a pitch in at 11:30 am and then will follow at 1:00 with a day in the outdoors, cleaning up our woods, orchards, planting, etc. We will do some individual seed starts that you can take home for your own gardens. So in addition to a pitch in dish, bring your seeds, starts, bulbs etc. to plant and share with others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your wonderful responses to the **request for FYI promises by May 1**. We are almost there—about \$1000 to go and we will be able to pay our big bills for our Guatemala trip! Thank you too for the support that you have given in so many additional ways—prayer, participation in events such as summer campout and winter retreat, and learning about immigration.

Mishelle Lewellyn has a **new cell phone number:** 812-653-9606. She appreciates prayers and visits as she continues to adjust and find her way since Mickey's death.

New in the magazine rack: *Bluffton*, a magazine for Bluffton University alumni and friends. *Christian Peacemaker's team's* magazine.

See bulletin board: *Camp Friedenswald* renewed lodging and facilities post card.