

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

### ***Class:***

Early Childhood (*Ages 0-4 years*) .....Parents  
Primary (*Ages 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade*) .....Crystal Shellenberger & Stori Sullivan  
Middler (*Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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**

Leader: Who is this who comes, humble and riding on a donkey?  
**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
Leader: Who is this who comes, free from pride and hubris?  
**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
Leader: Who is this who comes, celebrated by powerless children?  
**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
Leader: Hosanna! Come join in the celebration of hope!

### **Confession/Affirmation**

“Let this mind be in me which was also in Christ Jesus” .....who emptied himself...in self-giving love.  
“We are little Christs, God’s little children-gods!”  
“We are pure capacity for God. We can be more.”  
“We have the mind of Christ” .....and we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God.”

### **Prayers**

Continue to hold Nedra and the whole Sullivan family in your prayers as they walk the journey with cancer.

Give thanks for the strength that is returning to Connie Gilliom following shoulder replacement surgery and therapy. Pray for ongoing healing as she anticipates returning to her apartment.

Pray for the youth and adults who are preparing to travel to Guatemala this spring as part of the FYI grant.



# **PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**April 9, 2017**

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

## **Palm Sunday**

## **Restore Us O God! We Hope.**

*Focus: Jesus' choice to live as a servant, in self-outpouring love, is the fullest expression of his divine nature. The restoration we hope for comes in an "upside-down", unexpected form.*

### **Gather to Worship**

Song: Come, now is the time to worship – SJ 9  
Welcome and Introductions  
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)  
Song: Jesus is coming – SS 73

### **Singing our Faith**

Hallelujah, we sing your praises – SJ 88  
You are all we have – SJ 29  
Jesus walked this lonesome valley – SS 80

### **Confession/affirmation** (see back of bulletin)

### **Celebrating Shalom** – JoAnn Borntreger

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

### **Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **Hearing & Reflecting on God's Word**

Children's time: Matthew 21:1-11 - Phil Mininger  
Scripture: H 855 – Philippians 2:5-11  
Meditation:

### **Responding and Sharing our Stories**

Song of response: God remembers – SJ 107  
Sharing Joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

### **Sending**

Announcements  
Benediction and stripping of the Cross

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140  
Darren Bender-Beauregard 723-5259  
Doris Weaver 723-2841

**MINISTERS**

All the congregation

**CHURCH OFFICE**

**Pastor:** Rebecca Kauffman; Office hours – Tues. 9 am-3pm, Wed. 10 am-noon, Fri. 9 am-1pm  
**Director of Youth:** Evie Shellenberger; Office Hours: Thur. 9 – 1. Cell: 812-653-9703  
**Secretary:** Deb Giles; Office Hours – Wed. and Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 noon  
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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><b>TODAY</b> Apr.9, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Restore Us, O God</i></b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Mary Mininger Music Leader: Sandi Sears Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Larry &amp; Trish Moore Nursery: JoAnn Borntreger/Phil Mininger A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> Apr. 16, 2017(worship at 10 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Restore Us, O God</i></b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Luke &amp; Donna Mosemann Nursery: Doris Weaver/Joanna Woodsmall AV: Andrew Blount</p>
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**TODAY**

Jesus’ ministry sparked a lot of hope in ordinary folks, and at the same time sparked fear in those who held positions of power. Jesus’ unusual entry into Jerusalem only heightened the question “Who is this?”

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Easter is a celebration that the power of Love is stronger than the power of death. During this week, read Matthew chapters 26 - 28 in order to experience the journey of Jesus (and the disciples) in the days and hours leading to the crucifixion and resurrection. What new thing do you notice?

**Easter Breakfast**, 8:30 – 9:30 am. Please tell Trish or Darlene what food you will bring and how you can help.

**THIS WEEK**

Thurs. April 13, 6:00 pm – annual **Maundy Thursday** worship service. Come for a time to recall Jesus’ journey to the cross, with scripture, song communion and foot (or hand) washing.

Wed. 12th, 1:00 pm - GDC mtg.

Fri. April 14, 6:30 pm, Good Friday Children’s Passion Play at Christ the King, Catholic Church, Paoli.

**UPCOMING**

**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.

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**. 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. Praise God for Spring’s hope of new birth and new growth.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please make note of **Jim and Bonnie Beachy’s new address:** 7578 Rawley Pike, Hinton, VA 22831.

The trip to Guatemala is nine weeks away and includes 22 travelers. The big bills will be coming soon with paying for tickets and arrangements with our country host agency (SEMILLA). **So we are asking for your FYI commitments by May 1** if possible. Only about \$5700 to go out of the \$31,000 that you amazing and generous people committed yourselves to!

**Orange County Habitat for Humanity Annual Celebration dinner** will be held on Thur. Apr. 20, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Orleans Christian Church Unity Hall. For details on RSVP etc. see the invite on the bulletin board.

**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. There are still some tickets available, first come, first serve.

**New in the magazine rack:** *A Common Place*.

**See bulletin board:** Announcement of new birth from Miriam & C.J. Friesen.