

## **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:** Discussion of articles from “The Mennonite”.

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: God of all races and languages, you have made us all in your image.

People: We thank you for seeing us as one, all beautiful and equal in your sight.

Leader: As your eternal justice calls out to us –

People: help us to genuinely love one another, to serve you by walking with humility,  
mercy and justice.

Leader: Teach us, Lord Jesus, to stand firmly in solidarity with those who are  
downtrodden.

People: for we too were once downtrodden. Lead us as we recapture our own  
prophetic witness.

Leader: Open our eyes to Your vision for the world.

People: where people are not defined by externals, where the table is long and  
plentiful, where people are transformed by Love;

All: where all God’s people journey together to embody your reign on earth.

### **Prayers**

As the Search Committee for the position of Pastor of Youth Formation continues its work, please pray for committee members (Phil, Doris, Evie and Rebecca) as well as potential candidates. May God’s Spirit grant wise discernment.

Pray for Milton B this week as he is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on Wednesday in Louisville. May God’s healing power and peace be upon Milton, as well as all who care for him.

During this season with many people traveling, pray for good times of connecting with family, friends and others, for safe journeys, and for eyes to behold the works of God.

Give thanks for the work of Foods Resource Bank to help empower people around the world gain food security. Give thanks for Ron, Margot, Rachel and Alex, and that they were able to visit us to share about FRB’s project in northern Haiti. Pray for them as they travel; may God multiply these efforts to bring dignity and well-being to those who are hungry.



# **PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**July 16, 2017**

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

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### **Bind Us Together**

*Focus: Listening carefully to others helps us to discover our resistance to bonding.*

#### **Gather to Worship**

Song: God you’re good all the time  
Welcome and Introductions  
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

#### **Singing and Speaking our Faith**

You are salt for the earth – H 226  
A common love  
Ubi Caritas (Where true love) – SJ 39

**Opportunities for Generosity** – Special giving for July goes to Food Resource Bank  
Song: Penny Power song

#### **Celebrating Shalom** – Kym Kinsey

#### **Hearing God's Word**

Children's time  
Scripture: Letter to Philemon  
Engaging the scripture story

#### **Reflecting and responding**

#### **Sharing Joys and concerns/intercessory prayer**

#### **Announcements**

**Sending Song:** Bind us together

**Benediction:** God be with you. Grace be with you. Overwhelming grace keep you!

**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.

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| <p><b>TODAY</b> July 16, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Bind us Together</i></b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Ted Larrison<br/> Music Leader: Marlene Beachy<br/> Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman<br/> Greeters: Keith &amp; Mary Beth Gibbons<br/> Nursery: Veronika Sukup/Jon Shellenberger<br/> A.V.: Aaron Johnson</p> | <p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> July 23, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Love is a Verb!</i></b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman<br/> Music Leader: Youth<br/> Meditation: MC USA convention participants<br/> Greeters: Milton &amp; JoAnn Borntreger<br/> Nursery: JoAnn Borntreger/Crystal Shellenberger<br/> AV: Aaron Johnson</p> |
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**TODAY**

Stereotypes and power structures based on racism and the disparity between rich and poor still divides our society and the Church today. This morning we'll immerse ourselves in the story of an early Christian house-church to see what we can learn from their situation. The apostle Paul wrote a letter to Philemon to help him learn that Christ binds us together and breaks down racial and/or economic divides. What will we do with the beauty – and the challenge – of that good news?

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Join the youth and adults who attended the Mennonite Church USA convention in Orlando for a special worship time of songs, fun and sharing. Following worship there will be desert and punch to thank the congregation for their support in making this opportunity possible for our youth.

Youth Council will meet following worship. Please let Phil know if you can/can't attend.

**THIS WEEK**

Tues. July 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm – PCRC mtg.

Thurs. July 20, 7:30 pm – PET

**UPCOMING**

**Shalom Sunday**, July 30, Spring Mill State Park, Sycamore Shelter. Worship will be at 11:00 am followed by a pitch in meal at 12. Following lunch there will be games/activities, Spring Mill offerings and swimming for all those interested. If you have any questions please contact Deb Giles, Dave Woodsmall or Mary Mininger.

August 6 – Commissioning of committee members. Also, our annual **Back-to-school Ice Cream Social**.

August 9, **Large Group meeting**

**Summer Campout**, Sat. Aug. 26 - Sun. Aug. 27 at Tipsaw Lake.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please note the date change for the FYI finale. We will **celebrate and reflect on the completion of our grant cycle** on Wednesday, July 26. We will begin with games for all ages at The Hill from 5 to 5:50. Supper will be served at 6 in the church building followed by a time of reflection at 7. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of this celebration and your thoughts and reflections about how we have experienced the grant within the congregation will be greatly appreciated.

**A thank you note from Nadine Zook Miller, MCC, for the 23 Immigration detainee Kits** we donated: *Thank you, your donation has already been sent to our partner in Chicago. Thank you, so needed! – Nadine.*

**New in magazine rack:** Bethany Christian *Bulletin*, *A Common Place*, *The Marketplace*, and *Peacemaker teams* report.

**New on the Bulletin Board:** *Giving Back to Africa Gala invite*. *Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale poster*.

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To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup> to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our  
fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the  
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with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment  
for the gospel; <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that  
your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the  
reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back  
forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially  
to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If  
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guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

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