

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

### **Class:**

Nursery (ages 3-5) .....Shanna Johnson & Crystal Shellenberger  
Primary (*Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade*) .....Stori Sullivan, Cristy Ford, Sherry Schmidt  
Middler (*Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>*) .....Jon Shellenberger, Aaron Johnson,  
Veronika Sukup, & Doris Weaver  
Junior High (*Grades 6, 7 & 8*) .....Mary Beth Gibbons & Samuel Kinsey  
Youth (*Grades 9-12*) .....Evie Shellenberger & Phil Mininger

### **Teachers:**

**Adult Class:** Study on Sabbath

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### **Call to Worship** (Based on II Timothy 1: 12 & Hymn 338)

Leader: Come into God's presence! Let us open ourselves to the voice of God's Spirit.

*People: We come with certainty, and with doubts.*

Leader: There are things we don't understand.

We don't know why God chooses to be merciful,  
yet we have experienced love and redemption.

*People: I know the one in whom I have put my trust.*

Leader: We don't know how the Spirit moves, yet She reveals sin,  
opens eyes to see Jesus, and creates faith in hearts.

*People: I know the one in whom I have put my trust,  
and am persuaded that God is able.*

Leader: We don't know when Jesus may come again,  
yet we live each day as a gift in the presence of God.

*People: I am persuaded that God is able to guard my life now and for all time.*

**All: Thank you, Faithful God, for receiving our questions and our faith.**

**Guide our worship so that we are drawn closer to you.**

### **Prayers**

Pray for those you know (perhaps even for yourself) who are in a dry period of faith or who feel distant from God. May the Light of Christ shine hope and love into those situations. And may the Spirit guide our words and actions so that our faith (and questions) can create a welcome space.

Remember Hannah Thill, ZoraAnn Woodsmall, and Jahsmine Borders in prayer as they engage in studies at college. May God grant them determination, and a sense of purpose and joy as they study and interact with fellow students.

Continue to pray for those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Pray for safety for those who are working to restore power and doing clean up. Pray that a spirit of compassion and mutual aid would guide neighbors and strangers even in the midst of loss and frustration.



# **PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**September 17, 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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### **Letters to Timothy**

#### **Gather to Worship**

Song: Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus – H 340

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

#### **Singing our Faith**

The Lord is my light – SJ 97

Leaning on the ever-lasting arm

Be Thou my vision – H 545

#### **Celebrating Shalom – Jo Ann Borntrager**

**Opportunities for Generosity** – Special giving focus for September goes to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

#### **God's story and our stories**

Children's time

Scripture: II Timothy 1: 8-14; Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Meditation: Wally Shellenberger

**Response song:** Just a closer walk with Thee – SJ 106

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

#### **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**

**Pastor:** Rebecca Kauffman; Office hours – Tues. 9 am-3pm, Wed. 10 am-noon, Fri. 9 am-1pm  
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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> Sept.17, 2017 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>Letters to Timothy</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall Meditation: Wally Shellenberger Greeters: Gail Brown Nursery: Jon Shellenberger/Dessica Albertson A.V.: Aaron Johnson</p>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> Sept. 24, 2017 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>We are a Work in Progress</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Work in Progress Meditation: Work In Progress Greeters: Mary &amp; Phil Mininger Nursery: Wally Shellenberger/Louise O’Connell AV: Aaron Johnson</p>
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**TODAY**

The author of the letter to Timothy expresses great confidence in God, writing “I know the one in whom I have put my trust”. In what ways do we know God? How does the certainty of knowing God provide stability in times of stress, suffering, or uncertainty?

Mentor/Mentee lunch, cider making and get-to-know your poster making will follow Sunday School today.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Growing in inter-cultural awareness and working to undo racism is no easy task. Yet when we engage other cultures with humility it can open us to new perspectives on ourselves, one another, worship, and God’s work in the world. **“Work in Progress”**, a diverse ensemble from Mennonite Mission Network, will offer stories and songs that depict what they have learned by engaging honestly with one another.

**Stay for a pitch-in meal** and an opportunity fellowship with each other and our Work in Progress guests! Please bring a main dish, salad, side, or dessert to share.

**THIS WEEK**

Wed. Sept. 20, Small Groups  
Friday, Sept. 22, PET Retreat

**UPCOMING**

Sept. 22-23 – Michiana Mennonite **Relief Sale** in Elkhart to benefit MCC.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Oct. 6-8 – “Remain in Me” retreat for women and girls** at camp Amigo. The retreat will feature Mennonite Women USA executive director Marlene Bogard, and entertainment based on the Mennonite Women of Color Oral History Project. If interested, see bulletin board or talk to Rebecca.

**New in magazine rack:** *The Marketplace* and *Behind the Hammer*.

**PRAYERS CONTINUED**

Last month in Germany, Mission Network workers took children without church backgrounds to a Mennonite summer camp in that country. Pray that these children will remember that Jesus loves and cares for them in their sometimes difficult life situations. Continue to pray for PMF children who attended summer camp, that the seeds of faith planted would help them come to know Jesus in a personal way.