

## 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

**Adult Class:** Upside-down Living: Sabbath

### **Teachers:**

### Call to Worship

Leader: We are gathered here today from many different places.

We join our hearts and minds with millions of Christians around the world who have also gathered to worship.

*People: Together we marvel at the beauty of creation: the colors, smells, sounds, tastes, and sites that keep unfolding all around us.*

Leader: We marvel at the great mystery that the Eternal God has reached out to touch the hearts and lives of humanity.

*People: We welcome God's touch on our lives this day.  
May we respond with awe and gratitude.*

Leader: This day may our worship be simple and pure, honest and free.

**All: We worship you, Generous God, because we can, and because we must, for you are great. We need you and we love you. Amen.**

### Prayers

Give thanks for sisters and brothers in Christ who are part of other congregations or live in other places. Reflect on what you have learned from their faith example, and pray a blessing on their ministry. May we all be faithful servants of the living God so that others are drawn into communion with Jesus and into healed relationships with one another.

Pray for Peter and Delicia Wigginton (and their two young daughters) whose work in Ecuador we support through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Peter as he supports the new pastoral team and also begins a new teaching assignment at an indigenous seminary. Pray for Delicia and Quito Mennonite Church's Refugee Project, including their effort to make and give cloth diapers to refugee families.

Be in prayer for the search committee that is working to fill the position of Mennonite Church USA Executive Director. Pray for an ability to listen well in this stage of seeking input from across the denomination. Pray also for the Spirit to be at work in the person whom God is calling to this important role.



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

**October 1, 2017**

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

### **World Communion Sunday**

*Focus: The unity that God calls us to requires us to listen to God's voice and venture beyond the boundaries that divide us.*

#### **We Gather to Worship**

Song: Here in this place – H 6 (*American 1981*)

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship

#### **We Sing our Praise**

Hallelujah we sing your praises – SJ 88 (*South Africa 1984*)

For we are strangers no more – H 322 (*Church of the Brethren 1979*)

There's a wideness in God's mercy – H 145 (*Methodist – 1800's*)

Lord, listen to your children praying – H 353 (*composed by Ken Medema, who is legally blind*)

**Confession, assurance, and passing the peace** – (see insert)

**Opportunities for Generosity** – Special giving focus for October goes to *Giving Back to Africa*.

#### **We Listen to God's Word**

Children's time – Shanna Johnson

Scripture: Acts 10: 1-23

Meditation: Boundary Crossings

#### **We Respond to God's Grace**

Celebrating Communion

**Songs:** Here is the bread – SS 77 (*American 2002*)

I come with joy to meet my God – H 459 (*British words 1977, American folk melody 1854*)

Let us talents and tongues employ – SS 123 (*Jamaican 1975*)

In Christ there is no east or west – H 306 (*written for a production about India that was the main attraction of the London Missionary Society's meeting*)

#### **We are Sent to Share God's Love**

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.

**TODAY**

On this World Communion Sunday, it is a blessing to be intentionally aware of being “in communion” with Christians and congregations around the world. As we enact our common faith and hope by sharing at the Lord’s Table, we pray that Christ’s reconciling love would teach us to cross boundaries and offer hospitality, enabling everyone to experience the joy and oneness of God’s kingdom.

**Youth Council** meeting following Christian Education Hour.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Every Christian is called to use their gifts to “be the gospel”. At the same time, the church calls some individuals to specific ministry within the church and community. We are grateful that Darren Bender Beauregard has said “yes” to PMF’s call to serve as Pastor of Youth Formation! We will celebrate this new beginning in our worship time and commission Darren for this work.

**THIS WEEK**

Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 pm – PET meeting

**UPCOMING**

Oct. 9 – Worship Committee retreat morning. Let us know if you have a theme, song, or other suggestion for worship you’d like us to consider as we plan for the coming year. (Contact Aaron, Becky, Marlene, Veronika or Rebecca.)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Request from IN-MI Conference: Following a call to pray from Amos Muhagachi (of Tanzania) and John Powell at our annual sessions, we invite intercessors from across conference to **be a part of the Conference Prayer Team**. It is our hope to meet once a month (via conference call and at the office) for a time of prayer. Contact the conference office ([imoffice@im.mennonite.net](mailto:imoffice@im.mennonite.net)) if you would like to pray with others for our congregations.

**Mennonite Men’s Retreat**, Oct. 13-15, at Camp Friedenswald, MI. Here’s an opportunity to do something special with your son, grandson, mentee, friend, or come on your own! **“Making peace with conflict”** is the theme. Men and boys will engage in fun, interactive exercises while learning how to transform interpersonal conflicts. Steve Thomas who is a pastor, martial arts instructor, peace educator and adjunct professor will be the speaker. Registration due Oct. 9. See bulletin board for details.

Find a new **newsletter from our Mission Workers, Peter and Delicia Wigginton**, on the bulletin board. Read about Delicia’s new project of making diapers to give to refugees in their area!

Have you lost or misplaced an article of clothing, book, or kitchen item? **Please check table in the library for items** that have been found at church. They will be recycled after next Sunday if unclaimed. Trustees.

<p><b>TODAY</b> October 1, 2017 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>World Communion Sunday</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman  Music Leader: Marlene Beachy  Meditation: Frank Kandel  Greeters: Larry &amp; Trish Moore  Nursery: KC Warren/Espri Bender-Beauregard  A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> October 8, 2017 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>Commission Pastor of Youth Formation</b></p> <p>Worship Leader:  Music Leader:  Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman  Greeters: Luke &amp; Donna Mosemann  Nursery: Sherry Schmidt/Dave Beachy  AV: Andrew Blount</p>
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**All:** Merciful God, we humbly confess that misunderstandings and wrong doings, matched with an unwillingness to forgive, have mired us down and weakened our witness. We are more conformed to the world than we like to admit, Often looking to violence or power plays to settle our disputes. We are reluctant to let go of our “right-ness”, grudges and prejudice. Teach us, oh Savior, to yield our lives to you, to seek the welfare of others, and to trust the mysterious power of love, humility, and weakness. By your grace, help us to love you, to love ourselves, and also our neighbors. (silent prayer)

### Litany for Communion

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” (John 6: 35)  
This broken bread is a symbol of Jesus’ voluntary self-giving of his life for us.

We give you thanks, O Divine Nourishment,  
for the bread of life made known to us through your son Jesus.  
As we gather at the table of remembrance  
we receive the bread from a brother or sister and we say:

**ALL: Amen. Let your will be done in us.**

Leader: Jesus also took the cup, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (1 Cor. 11: 25-26)

We give you thanks, O Divine Refreshment,  
for the holy vine made known to us through your servant Jesus.  
As we gather at the table of discipleship  
we receive a cup from a brother or sister and we say:

**All: Amen. Let your will be done in us.**

Leader: In gratitude for all that we have received, we pray that you would renew our sense of oneness with all followers of Jesus.  
Where there are rifts and barriers, we pray for grace and understanding.  
Send your Holy Spirit among us  
and bring the light of your Word to instruct, heal, and inspire.

**All: May this communion be ours to enact with all followers of Christ in the worldwide Church. Fill us, Jesus, with your Spirit, and with your joy. Make us one body, one light, one united witness, to the glory of your Name we ask it. Amen.**

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