

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

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

Teachers:

Adult Class: “Falling Upward, A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life”, by Richard Rohr

Call to Worship

Leader: Listen up, all you people! Pay attention!
Everyone....from highest to lowest,
the proud and humble together,
tune your ears to hear good news!
Christ is revealed in worship!

All: **We come with hope and open ears
to meet the One who is our all in all.
Come Lord Jesus!**

Prayers

Please remember Michael Nunez and his family during the next 5.5 months as he works through the program at Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy in Knightstown, IN. During this time, Michael is not allowed to have any visitors except his program mentor, which will be particularly hard for Crecencia and Jaime. Pray that God will hold the whole family in warm arms despite the physical distance. Pray also that Michael will feel God’s deep love for him during the program.

Be in prayer for the upcoming Covenant service. May the Holy Spirit guide our words, and prepare our hearts and minds to listen to Christ’s voice and to one another.

Pray for those who have lost a loved one recently, including: Kym Kinsey in the death of her grandmother; the Parsons family in the death of Cynthia’s mother; and Elaine Lowe in the death of her father. Remember also those with health concerns including: Claude Beachy, Scott Boswell, and Wade Giles.

Give thanks for the work of Mennonite Disaster Service, for the staff and regional leaders, as well as many volunteers. May God’s grace help supportive relationships to grow and provide protection during travel and on the job sites.

Pray for the work of PMF committees and task groups, that we would be sensitive to one another and to the Spirit’s leading in our work.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

January 14, 2018

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

Barriers & pathways to conflict resolution.

Focus: Stereotypes, false assumptions, and fear often hinder good communication and conflict resolution. With skills such as active listening, disagreements can lead to healthy growth and enhanced relationships.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: 10,000 Reasons
Welcome and Introductions
Song: Be still and know that I am God
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Praise

Rain down – SJ 49
How can I say – SS 117
Gentle God, when we are driven – SS 71

Celebrating Shalom: Phil Mininger

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for January Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS)

Song: Remember this – SS 43 (refrain only)

Hearing God’s Word

Children's time: Jo Ann Borntreger
Scripture: Matthew 13: 53-58
Drama: “Another Awkward Silence” - by Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg
Meditation

Response

Sharing joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

Announcements

Sending Song: Seeds

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
Pastor of Youth Formation: Darren Bender-Beauregard; Office hours – Wed. 2-5 pm
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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

One of PMF’s Core Values is “peace, justice, and Biblical nonviolence in action.” Our life together is also guided by a Covenant which expresses our commitment to Jesus Christ and to one another. Our covenant life together is strengthened when we have willingness and skills to help us manage conflict in nonviolent, transforming ways. This will be the focus of our worship, scripture study, and prayer over the next 4 weeks.

Today following Sunday School, the **congregational Task Force on Immigration** will meet. A simple lunch will be provided.

NEXT SUNDAY

What words or feelings come to your mind when you hear the word “conflict”? Jesus taught his followers to respond to conflict in ways that are creative, non-violent, and uphold justice and dignity for those involved. Do you have a story of when “third-way thinking” helped transform a conflict situation?

PMF’s annual Covenant Service, will be held at 5:30 pm. This is an opportunity to share from your faith journey and to (re)commit yourself to Christian discipleship in and through PMF.

THIS WEEK

Wed. Jan. 17, Small Groups
Fri. Jan. 19, PET, 1:00 pm

UPCOMING

Jan. 31 – Large Group meeting

Save the Date! Winter Retreat at Mount St. Frances on February 10-11. Let Phil, Joanna, or Darren know if you’d be willing to coordinate the Saturday evening meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An invitation from Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference: Following a call to pray from Amos Muhagachi (of Tanzania) and John Powell last summer, we invite intercessors from across conference to be a part of the Conference Prayer team. It is our hope to meet once a month for a time of prayer; meeting via conference call, and at the conference office. Contact Joy Detweiler (jddet.312@gmail.com) or the office (imoffice@im.mennonite.net or 574-534-4006) if you would like to pray with others for Conference and our congregations.

Please make note of Sally and Russ’s new address: Russ and Sally Leinbach, 855 College Ave. Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802

New in the magazine rack: *A Common Place*, Mennonite Central Comm. mag.

<u>TODAY</u> January 14, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> January 21, 2018 (worship at 9:30)
<i>Covenant</i>	<i>Covenant</i>
Worship Leader: Milton Bortrager	Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy	Music Leader: Keith Gibbons
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman	Meditation: Susan Classen
Greeters: Gail Brown	Greeters: Mary Beth & Keith Gibbons
Nursery: Crystal Shellenberger/Darren Bender-Beauregard	Nursery: Donna Mosemann / Wendell Lantz
A.V.: Andrew Blount	A.V.: Aaron Johnson