

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: Reconciling God, through Jesus you were pleased to reconcile all things to yourself by making peace through the blood of his cross.

People: *Here we are Jesus.
We come into your presence seeking your peace,
seeking your hope, seeking your comfort.*

Leader: We come to learn from to you;
we want our lives to be an honor to you.

People: *Begin a new thing in us today:
new ways of thinking, new ways of living,
new ways of being a reconciling community.*

All: **Equip us through this hour of worship to be your people,
saved and sent, a blessing for all the world. Amen.**

Prayers

Be in prayer for our 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 Curtis, Yolanda, Becky, and the other staff and board of Comprehensive Health Care as they face and respond to the news of the hospital OB unit closing. May God grant strength and clarity. Pray also for the communities they serve, that we might find ways to work together and support one another. And pray for the hospital board and lawmakers. May God’s wisdom and justice lead the way forward.

Remember Zachary Giles and Evie as they travel to Hesston College on Thursday, January 25, to visit the campus. May this visit help Zach in clarifying his future education plans.

Remember Dave Mullet in prayer as he is on a learning tour in Kenya and Tanzania with a group from Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA). May God grant safe travel, strength, and good interaction between all the participants and hosts. Pray for peace for Jan as Dave is away.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

January 21, 2018

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

Conflict as opportunity for transformation

Focus: Jesus responded creatively to transform the violent context in which he lived. What allows you to respond creatively to conflict? What calls forth your best self in the midst of difficult circumstances?

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Songs:

Jesus walked this lonesome valley – SS 80

Praise the One who breaks the darkness – SS 1

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Praise

We will follow – SS 40

Peace before us – SS 16

My soul cries out – SS 124

Celebrating Shalom: Jo Ann Borntreger

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: Rebecca Kauffman

Scripture: Matthew 5: 38-42

Meditation

Prayer of Response – H 733

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 January 21, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)	NEXT SUNDAY January 28, 2018 (worship at 9:30)
Covenant	Covenant
Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup	Worship Leader:
Music Leader: Keith Gibbons	Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall
Meditation: Susan Classen	Meditation: Darren, Veronika & Rebecca
Greeters: Mary Beth & Keith Gibbons	Greeters: Deb Giles
Nursery: Donna Mosemann/Wendell Lantz	Nursery: Jan Mullet/Lonnie Sears
A.V.: Aaron Johnson	A.V.: Aaron Johnson

TODAY

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Darren, Veronika, and Rebecca will share some of what they learned at a “conflict resolution skills for churches” workshop last fall. Self-awareness (including being aware of conflict management styles) and effective listening are key components when facing, resolving, and transforming conflict.

UPCOMING

Jan. 31 – Large Group meeting

Winter Retreat at Mount St. Frances on February 10-11. Important details: Register with Keith & Mary Beth Gibbons by next Sunday! Include your donation toward expenses with registration, or bring it to retreat. See the flier in your mailbox.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Nunez is currently in an intensive program at Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy in Knightstown IN. He isn’t allowed to have visitors but can receive snail mail. This is a challenging program and Michael will be grateful for any contact from home, congregation etc. Please consider sending him notes/cards or letters of encouragement. Here is his address (you **MUST** write it exactly as follows):

Cadet: Michael Nunez
1089 N State Road 140
Knightstown, IN46148

“Maple Tapping Party” is planned Sunday Jan. 28th immediately after the Sunday school hour for anyone interested in the first syrup event of the year. Bring a simple pitch in dish to go with soup (provided). Afterwards we will tap trees and hang sap bags.

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 (jmoffice@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: Jan/Feb issue of *The Marketplace* (stories from MEDA).