

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

Nursery (ages 3-5)	Shanna Johnson & Crystal Shellenberger
Primary (Kindergarten – 2 nd grade)	Stori Sullivan, Cristy Ford, Sherry Schmidt
Middler (Grades 3 rd – 5 th)	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

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

Call to Worship (from Psalm 34)

- Left: I will bless the Lord at all times; praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- Right: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
- Left: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- Right: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.
- Left: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- Right: Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?
- Left: Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
- Right: Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Prayers

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 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.

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 Allen Farmer as he seeks to recover from a fire.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

January 28, 2018

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

Building our capacity to listen.

Focus: Conflict is inevitable and normal. By building our capacity for self-awareness, listening, and collaboration we can learn something new about God, ourselves, and others.

Gathering to Worship

- Gathering Songs: Come, bring your burdens to God – SS 50
- Welcome and Introductions
- Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Praise

- Peace before us – SS 16
- Gonna lay down my burdens
- Make me a channel of your peace – SJ 56

Celebrating Shalom: Wally Shellenberger

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

- Song: Remember this – SS 43 (refrain)

Hearing God’s Word

- Children's time
- Scripture: Matthew 18: 15-22
- Meditation: Darren, Veronika, Rebecca

Prayer of Response (see insert)

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
Secretary: Deb Giles; Office Hours – Wed. and Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Phone: (812) 723-2414; **email:** mennos.paoli@gmail.com
Address: 2589 N. CR 100 W., Paoli, IN 47454

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 28, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)	NEXT SUNDAY February 4, 2018 (worship at 9:30)
<i>Covenant</i>	<i>Covenant</i>
Worship Leader: Kym Kinsey	Worship Leader: Lonnie Sears
Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall	Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall
Meditation: Darren, Veronika, & Rebecca	Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Deb Giles	Greeters: Dave & Debby Heinz
Nursery: Jan Mullet/Lonnie Sears	Nursery: Sherry Schmidt/Bill Johnson
A.V.: Aaron Johnson	A.V.: Andrew Blount

TODAY

Darren, Veronika, and Rebecca attended 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

What is the relationship between conflict and power? How can we work at conflict resolution when there is a power imbalance? We will consider what kinds of power we possess, how we use that power, and the role of empowerment in mediating and resolving conflicts.

THIS WEEK

Tues 30th, 9:00 am - **PCRC**

Wed. 31st, 6:30 pm - **Large Group** meeting. Come for a light meal and fellowship at 6:00 prior to the meeting. Agenda to include: PET report; 2018 Spending Plan & Special Giving list discussion & approval; overage policy intro; revised PET job descriptions; nursery comm. report; new copier proposal; pastoral contract policy & renewal.

Friday 2nd, 12:30 pm - **Circle of Care**
Coordinators meeting at Gail’s house.

UPCOMING

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

Feb. 24, 9:00 - 3:30 - **IN-MI Conference Regional** meeting, held in Indy.

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.

Please claim your **lost/misplaced items** from table in hallway – unclaimed items will be disposed. Trustees

New in the magazine rack: *The Bulletin*

Prayer of Response

Leader: As we go forth, we ask for your guiding wisdom, O God, as we respond to conflict.

All: Many times we are frightened by conflict and unsure of how we should handle it. And so we pray:

Leader: For the times that we are like ostriches, sticking our head in the sand, refusing to see that conflict exists, we pray:

All: Give us ears, O God, that we might listen.

Leader: For the times that we are like sheep, conforming to the will of others without expressing our thoughts or disagreement, we pray:

All: Give us tongues, O God, that we might speak.

Leader: For the times that we are like turtles, retreating into our shells to avoid conflict and all things associated with the conflict, we pray:

All: Give us courage, O God, that we might show our face.

Leader: For the times we are like owls, intellectualizing a situation so much that we hide all of our emotions, we pray:

All: Give us hearts of flesh, O God, that we might feel.

Leader: God of Truth, we long to have the courage and grace to address conflict openly and honestly.

All: Breathe upon us your spirit of discernment, and send us forth with your embrace, guiding our words and actions until we meet again. Amen.

Prayer of Response

Leader: As we go forth, we ask for your guiding wisdom, O God, as we respond to conflict.

All: Many times we are frightened by conflict and unsure of how we should handle it. And so we pray:

Leader: For the times that we are like ostriches, sticking our head in the sand, refusing to see that conflict exists, we pray:

All: Give us ears, O God, that we might listen.

Leader: For the times that we are like sheep, conforming to the will of others without expressing our thoughts or disagreement, we pray:

All: Give us tongues, O God, that we might speak.

Leader: For the times that we are like turtles, retreating into our shells to avoid conflict and all things associated with the conflict, we pray:

All: Give us courage, O God, that we might show our face.

Leader: For the times we are like owls, intellectualizing a situation so much that we hide all of our emotions, we pray:

All: Give us hearts of flesh, O God, that we might feel.

Leader: God of Truth, we long to have the courage and grace to address conflict openly and honestly.

All: Breathe upon us your spirit of discernment, and send us forth with your embrace, guiding our words and actions until we meet again. Amen.