

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: Seekers of God, you are here and God is here.

People: We open our eyes to see anew.

Leader: Lovers of God, you are here and God is here.

People: We open our ears to be touched anew.

Leader: Followers of God, you are here and God is here.

People: We open our minds to learn anew.

Leader: People of God, you are here and God is here.

People: We open ourselves to be filled anew.

Prayers

Continue to pray for those who have had surgery recently, including: Jo James, Eumenio, Wade Giles. Give thanks to God for healing thus far. May God bless them, and their caregivers, with strength, courage and hope in the midst of difficult times.

Remember Emily and Will, as they adjust to changes in their household following a judges’ decision regarding Connor. Pray also for Connor and his mother, that they would experience safety and wellbeing.

Pray for those affected by violence in its many forms: those who suffer from physical violence or being displaced from their homes, those affected by emotional or sexual violence; and for nature and its many creatures who also bear the brunt of violence. May we learn from Jesus the way of peace and non-violent intervention; may we overcome fear and hate with God's love.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

February 18, 2018

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

Lent 1

Me and You and the Creatures too

Focus: An everlasting covenant is made between God (Me), the people (You), and every living creature. God’s intention for relationship with the earth is inclusive and expansive, yet in our narrow-mindedness, we often exclude. How are we invited to expand our understanding to realize that all are included in God’s covenant?

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: Water has held us – SJ 82

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Song: As we rise

Prayer: Be still and know that I am God.

Singing our Praise

Oceans

O healing river – H 372

Celebrating Shalom: Doris Weaver

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for February goes to Area Conferences & Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God’s Word

Children's time: God’s Love and Promise is for Everybody

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Skit: Reflections on Covenant

Testimonies of Covenant and Creation: Mary Mininger, Curtis Thill, Parker Sullivan

Responding:

Song: Take good care of the Land

Sharing joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

Announcements

Benediction: We are people of God.

We go in God’s love

to extend God’s love

and live God’s promise.

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 February 18, 2018 (worship at 9:30)	NEXT SUNDAY Feb. 25, 2018 (worship at 9:30)
Lent: Between Me & You	Lent: Between Me & You
Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger	Worship Leader: Kym Kinsey
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy	Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Wally, Curtis, Mary	Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Doris Weaver & Wendell Lantz	Greeters: Aaron & Shanna Johnson
Nursery: Milton Borntreger/ Louise O'Connell	Nursery: Yolanda Yoder/Keith Gibbons
A.V.: Espri Bender-Beauregard	A.V.:

TODAY

This year, many of the scripture passages during Lent highlight various covenants that God made with God's people and creation. Our Lenten theme, "Between Me & You" has many layers - referring to the relationship that is formed *between* God and humans and the rest of creation through covenants. And we notice that sometimes barriers come *between us* which hinder or limit relationship. We start out today with God's expansive covenant with all of creation after the flood.

NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 17, describes God's covenant with Abraham and Sarah, which flows to their descendants for generations after. How have you been affected by the covenants made by your ancestors? In what ways will the covenants we make today affect future generations?

THIS WEEK

Wed. Feb. 21, Small Groups

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

UPCOMING

Feb 26-March 1 - "**Pastors & Leaders 2018**" enrichment event at AMBS (seminary in Elkhart).

Save the Date: Thurs. April 12, 6:30 pm - **OC Habitat for Humanity's annual dinner**, at Paoli Christian Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nurture faith at home, in children and adults, by using one of these Lenten worship and action resources (see email sent Feb 13 for details): "**Between Me & You**" family worship guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. A 40-day Lent Activity Calendar in your mailbox and at www.mennonitemission.net/lent Devotional reflections at www.goshen.edu/devotions.

A big **Thank You to everyone who helped plan and coordinate our Winter Retreat** at Mount St Frances - facilities, registration, snacks, supper, childcare, music, talents, clean up, and more. And **Thank You** to everyone who came!

Large Group **approved the purchase** of a new photocopier for the church office in order to replace the one that has served us for nearly 20 years! Anticipated cost is between \$1,700 – 2,300. This is an above-budget expense, so your contributions of any amount will be welcomed. Designate your gift to "photocopier." Thank you!

From Mennonite Mission Network (MMN): **Thank you, PMF, for giving \$6,285.79 to MMN in 2017!** Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together we were able to share a message of hope in a broken world. - Karla Minter, Church Relations Rep.

New in magazine rack: February's issue of *the Mennonite*.