

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

**Class:**

**Teachers:**

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 & Dave Beachy  
 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**

Leader: Who comes to the house of God? Step into the light and be known.  
 People: We are passing through darkness and fear.  
 We come into the light of this day by the power of God  
 Leader: People of God, God has heard your cries and is opening a way for you.  
 People: We are here, leaving darkness and fear behind.  
 We come into the light of this day by the power of God.  
 Leader: You are here, and God is here. What will you do?  
 People: Together we will worship our God.

**Confession**

God of compassion and consequence, some days it’s hard to face who we are.  
 We like to be in control, to know where we are going.  
 Relying on someone else, even you, is hard.  
 We get impatient and find things to criticize. We complain.  
 Glossing over past hardships is easier than admitting that we needed your help, and still do.  
 We don’t want to see how our attitudes and actions make things worse. We are sorry.  
 Forgive our ingratitude. Grant us the courage to face the truth.

**Prayers**

Pray for the Gift Discernment committee as they receive responses from participants and work to match gifts and interests with service opportunities. Committee members are: Deb G., Debby H, Phil, Wally, and Rebecca.

Pray for places and situations where there is the darkness of hunger, fear, violence, injustice, pollution. Let the Spirit guide you to see the shadows in our own lives. Pray for the light of Christ to bring repentance, change of heart, and healing.

**PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**



**March 11, 2018**

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

**Lent 4**

**Me & You & Darkness in View**

*Focus: The experiences of Job and Jesus show that though we may endure the darkness of suffering, loss and death, God is able to bring us through it to a deeper knowing of God.*

**Gathering to Worship**

Gathering Song: Longing for Light - SJ 54  
 Welcome and Introductions  
 Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

**Singing our Praise**

My life flows on - H 580  
 When the storms of life are raging - H 558  
 We walk by faith - H 570

**Celebrating Shalom – Phil Mininger**

**Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for March goes to the Food Pantry**

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children's time  
 Song: God’s Love is for Everybody  
 Scripture: Job 19: 6-9; 30: 26; 42: 5; and John 9: 13-17, 24-41  
 Meditation:

**Confession (see back of bulletin) and Assurance**

**Responding**

Sharing joys and concerns/intercessory prayer  
 Announcements  
 Sending Song – Lord Jesus, you shall be my song - SJ 14 (v.1,3,4)

**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

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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.

<b>TODAY</b> Mar. 11, 2018 (worship at 9:30) am)	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> Mar. 18, 2018 (worship at 9:30)
<b><i>Lent: Between Me &amp; You</i></b>	<b><i>Lent: Between Me &amp; You</i></b>
Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup	Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson
Music Leader: Rebecca Kauffman	Music Leader: Sandi Sears
Meditation: Wally Shellenberger	Meditation: Dave Brown-Kinloch
Greeters: Ted & Darlene Larrison	Greeters: Phil & Mary Mininger
Nursery: Becky Johnson/Patsy Heinz	Nursery: Evie Shellenberger/Darlene Larrison
A.V.: Andrew Blount	A.V.: Noah Johnson

## TODAY

What can we learn from times when there is darkness in or around us, or in our lives? Do we sometimes prefer to keep our thoughts or actions “in the dark” and hidden from God? During Lent, we walk with Jesus, with the darkness of the cross in view, seeking to see and be near to God.

Barn Owl Nesting project: All Mentor-Mentee pairs are welcome to stay for a brown bag lunch. We’ll hear a presentation by Julia Wilson, Naturalist Aide, then join in installing a barn owl nest in the Bill & Becky Johnson barn.

## NEXT SUNDAY

The 10 commandments show God’s people what a covenant relationship between them and God should look like, as well as how to live with one another in life-giving, respectful ways. Jesus offered a corrective to those who were obsessed with a ridged application of rules. The commands are not merely a check-list, but require participation of ones’ heart in order to truly enhance relationships. Read Exodus 20:1-17 in preparation.

## THIS WEEK

Tues 13th, 2:00 pm - GDC mtg.

Wed 14th, 6:30 pm - **Large Group** meeting. Agenda to include: 2017 year-end finance report; 2018 Spending Plan; updates from PET; music committee report, and more.

## UPCOMING

PMF’s annual **Maundy Thursday service**, March 29, 6:00 pm. This contemplative worship time helps us put ourselves in the disciples’ seats as we hear Jesus’ words to them in the Upper Room as they celebrated Passover together, and as Jesus did the surprising act of washing their feet.

**Easter celebration, April 1!** We’ll share breakfast together at 8:30 am, followed by an activity for young children, and worship at 10:00.

**Save the Date: April 8** we will have a special guest with us for the morning worship service and a pitch-in meal, followed by a time for conversation, questions and answers. **Doug Luginbill, conference minister for Central District Conference, will talk** about the various options we have available to us for the transition time following Rebecca’s ministry with us. Bring your questions, ideas to share, and ears to listen as we begin exploring the next steps in the PMF story!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention anyone wishing to yet contribute to **February Special Giving**, we will be sending a check to the Area Conferences & MC USA in the near future.

**Gift Discernment response** forms are due TODAY!

We need volunteers who are interested in working on a **Local MDS project on March 17**. Allen Farmer, who provides Orange County Cattlemen’s Assoc. beef to the Lost River Deli, lost his barn this winter. Conditions are now dry enough to begin the cleanup. The work will consist of manually picking up damaged tools and light equipment, loading it on trailers for transport to a recycling center. We will also have to dismantle some metal roofing. We will meet and drive down together because it can be difficult to find it. Meeting location and time will be determined by those who decide to help. Please let Wendell Lantz know if you can help or if you have questions.