

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 & Dave Beachy
Youth (Grades 9-12)Darren Bender Beauregard & Evie
Shellenberger

Adult Class: Reflecting on Jesus' suffering and death.

Teachers:

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O people of God!
Shout for joy, children, youth, adults, and old ones!

People: *We come to worship the living God. We want to meet the One who can rescue us.*

Leader: Do not be afraid. See, your king comes to you,
righteous and bringing salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey's colt.

People: *Hosanna to the Son of David! We give praise to Jesus for his saving love!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

All: **Hosanna in the highest! Let all our hearts and voices give thanks, for God is good!**

Prayers

Praise God for the work that was accomplished by 29 adult and youth volunteers from PMF and the community at the Allen Farmer farm a week ago. May our collective witness bring glory to God.

Ask for God's Spirit of comfort and hope to be with those in our community who are lonely or experiencing loss. May they have courage for each day. Ask for God's guidance so that we might know when to reach out and how to best help. Give thanks for agencies and individuals who provide assistance to those in need.

Pray that students, teachers, staff, and their families would feel refreshed during this Spring Break week.

Pray for those locally and around the world who are suffering from violence, intimidation, and economic injustice. Pray that God would soften the hearts of government officials and those in positions of power so that they would be mindful of the needs of the vulnerable, and advocate for justice. Pray for protection and strength for those who are working for good.

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP



March 25, 2018

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

Palm Sunday

Me & You & an Alternative View

Focus: This king comes not riding a chariot, a symbol of victory in war, but on a young donkey symbolizing humility and peace.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic – H 112
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Praise

Hosanna! Hosanna! – SS 74
Hosanna Lord
Slowly turning, ever turning – SJ 23

Celebrating Shalom – Ted Larrison

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

Hearing God's Word

Children's time
Song: Jesus is coming – SS 73
Scripture: Psalm 118: 1-2, 12-16; and John 12: 12-16
Meditation

Confession and assurance (see insert)

Sharing joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

Announcements

Sending – SS 168

Song: Alleluia, He is coming (v 1-3)

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.

TODAY Mar. 25, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)	NEXT SUNDAY April 1, 2018 (worship at 10 am)
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman	Worship Leader: Mary Mininger
Music Leader: Keith Gibbons	Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Wilma Bailey	Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Larry & Trish Moore	Greeters: Luke & Donna Mosemann
Nursery: JoAnn Borntreger/Phil Mininger	Nursery: Doris Weaver/Joanna Woodsmall
A.V.: Aaron Johnson	A.V.: Andrew Blount

TODAY

The crowd who sang Psalm 118 as Jesus entered Jerusalem were proclaiming Jesus' identity as a Messiah king. Weeks later, the disciples looked back on this event and understood scripture differently because of their experience with the crucified and risen Jesus.

NEXT SUNDAY

For Jesus' friends, his death and the stone in front of the tomb created solid barriers between them and Jesus. But on Easter morning, God dealt decisively and overcame both those barriers. The way was made open for a new covenant relationship with God! This week, chose one of the Gospels and read about Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection.

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. Please sign up to bring a food contribution for breakfast.

THIS WEEK

PMF's annual Maundy Thursday service, March 29, 6:00 pm, including a light meal. 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.

UPCOMING

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

Please note new address and phone numbers for Veronika, John and Adam: 1220 Indiana Ave. French Lick, IN 47432. Home: 812-936-2671, cell: 812-296-7585.

IN-MI Conference Annual Session will be held in Indianapolis, June 14-16.

If you are interested in doing a **border trip** similar to what PMF youth and adults did in 2016, here is your chance! MCC Borderlands Learning Tour, May 23-27 in Arizona and Mexico. Increase your understanding of immigration including social, economic and political issues affecting migrants and border communities. For more info see:

mcc.org/borderlands-tour.

Desserts needed: please let Mary Beth know if you can make a cake for the **Backpacks of Blessings Barbecue** on Saturday, April 7th. These cakes will be the dessert portion of the dinner. We need an extra 41 servings to be ready for the 500 people we expect! And, Mary Beth and Stori have tickets (\$10.00).

Confession

Leader: O God, you are sovereign over all.

**All: We give thanks for your son, Jesus.
He rode in triumph into the city of Jerusalem,
and was honored and acclaimed as king.**

*Right: We confess that, like the crowds of long ago, we still misunderstand
what you were trying to teach us about power and love as God envisioned it.*

Left: The Psalm says, "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes
or human power"; and yet we find it hard to trust You fully.

*Right: We cry out "O Lord, save us!"
But sometimes we can't see the salvation you have already prepared for us.
We are tempted to cheapen your grace;
to forget the cost and consequences of sin.*

Left: We want you to grant us success, but often we define "success"
by the standards of the world instead of by your measure.

**All: Help us, God, to understand your upside-down ways, to trust you, and to see
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