

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

### ***Class:***

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:** PMF's history and hospitality.

### ***Teachers:***



# **PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**May 6, 2018**

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

## **Call to Worship**

### **God of all life, we thank you**

for the signs of your love that surround us,  
for sun and warmth and all that comes to life within creation  
for all that sleeps within the earth awaiting birth

### **We praise you**

for the wisdom of your care,  
water on the earth,  
sunlight on our spirits

### **Continue to touch us.**

### **Reach out to us with compassion and forgiveness**

that we may receive your gifts,  
and give witness to your love and grace.

Amen

## **Prayers**

Remember in prayer Darren and other youth ministry leaders from across Mennonite Church USA as they have gathered this weekend in Kansas City for networking and planning for the 2019 Youth Convention.

Continue to remember those with health concerns, including: Danny Parsons recovering from surgery; Claude Beachy; Ted's brother Bill Larrison, Joanna's father.

Give thanks to God for the opportunity for IN-MI Conference to explore developing a relationship with Tanzanian Mennonites! Pray for Conference Pastor Dan Miller, and moderator Paula Killough, as they have their 3rd & final week of visiting there. Pray for grace, wisdom, mutual sharing and encouragement in all their interactions.

Today the 2018 commencement at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) will honor 21 graduates who are completing degrees or certificates. Praise God that people around the world continue to respond to the call to serve the church and world through pastoral leadership, peace work, academic study & teaching, missions, and many other ways.

## **You are Witnesses**

*Focus: As witnesses of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we become sowers of the seed of God's word. Planting is an act of hope, faith and joy.*

### **Gathering to Worship**

Gathering Song(s): Here in this place – H 6  
Breathe on me breath of God – H 366  
Welcome and Introductions  
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

### **Joining our voices in song**

In the bulb there is a flower – H 614  
Seeds scattered and sown – H 454  
You are salt for the earth O people – H 226

### **Celebrating those with special days in May**

### **Shalom Moment – JoAnn Borntreger**

**Giving witness through our offering** – Special giving for May goes to MNN (Peter and Delicia Wigginton)

### **Hearing God's Word**

Children's time  
Scripture: Matthew 13:16-23; Acts 1:6-8  
Meditation

### **Sharing joys & concerns/intercessory prayer**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending**

## 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.

<b>TODAY</b> May 6, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> May 13, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)
<i><b>You are Witnesses</b></i>	<i><b>You are Witnesses</b></i>
Worship Leader: Phil Mininger	Worship Leader: Lonnie Sears
Music Leader: Keith Gibbons	Music Leader: Mary Mininger
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman	Meditation: Rachel & Isaiah Friesen
Greeters: Jon & Crystal Shellenberger	Greeters: Wally & Evie Shellenberger
Nursery: Kenny Albertson/KC Warren	Nursery: Kym Kinsey/Veronika Sukup
A.V.: Espri Bender-Beauregard	A.V.: Espri Bender-Beauregard

## TODAY

Jesus' parable of the sower (in Matthew 13) describes different kinds of soil, and how good soil produced abundant yields! The Book of Acts could be seen as many examples of how the seed of God's Word was scattered widely and produced abundant fruit. In this season of planting, we can consider the condition of the "soil of our hearts" and keep watch for how God is making the Word grow.

## NEXT SUNDAY

We have opportunity to hear testimony from two young adults on how childhood formation at PMF has informed their sense of hope and vocation in life. Siblings Rachel and Isaiah Friesen will reflect on what they have witnessed - in scriptures, in congregations, and in life in different places.

## THIS WEEK

Mon. 7th, 7:00 pm - PET

Tues. 8th, 4:15 pm - Children's Ed Comm.

Wed 9th, 6:30-8:00 pm - **Large Group mtg.**

Come at 6:00 for fellowship and a light meal. Agenda to include discussion and decision on next steps in transition.

## UPCOMING

On Sunday, May 20 we will **recognize Zachary, Dietrich, and Livia** and celebrate the accomplishment of their graduation from High School! We also celebrate Hannah Thill's graduation from Goshen College.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date! **Rooted & Grounded: A Conference on Land & Christian Discipleship**, Sept 27-29, 2018 at AMBS in Elkhart. Imagine and embody alternative ways of relating to the

land that cultivate *shalom*. This event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. See [ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded](http://ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded) for details.

A **faith and baptism exploration class** is meeting on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:45 today and next week. Please hold the youth who are participating in prayer as we explore faith from a Mennonite perspective together. If you are an adult who would like to consider baptism, please contact Rebecca.

**On Pentecost Sunday, May 20**, the Immigration Task Force would like you to **join us in supporting the work of La Casita in Louisville**. They are a grassroots, non-profit organization that offers direct services to new immigrant Latino families including education, advocacy and the creation of networks of support. They have a "Wish List" of items needed to do their work. This includes: any size diapers, baby wipes, white rice, dry beans, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce in a jar, cooking oil, toilet paper, shampoo and soap bars. We would like to encourage everyone to bring at least one item from this list to church on May 20th. The youth will then take these to La Casita. With this action we celebrate the nudging of the Spirit as we find ways to welcome the strangers among us.

**Vision: A Journal for Church & Theology**, published by the Institute of Mennonite Studies, is now available online - for free! The Spring 2018 issue is on the theme "The church and young adults" and includes an article co-authored by our own Isaiah Friesen! Go to [ambs.edu](http://ambs.edu) and find it from there.

**New in the magazine rack:** May issue of *the Mennonite*; Mennonite World Conference's *Courier Correo Courier*, and *Bluffton University*.