**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

***Class: Teachers:***

Nursery (ages 3-5) Shanna Johnson, Crystal Shellenberger

Primary Mary Beth Gibbons,

 Melissa Laws-Penrose

Middler*)* Jon Shellenberger Veronika Sukupova,

 Doris Weaver

Junior High Evie Shellenberger & Phil Mininger

Senior High Mary Mininger

***Adult Class:*** We will be studying the book **“**Visions of Vocation, Common Grace for the Common Good”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Eternal God, you call us beloved daughters and sons.

**People: We praise you for creating us and calling us to cultivate your life in the world.**

Leader: Eternal God, you call our name in the garden.

**People: We Come to worship, acknowledging our vulnerabilities ad temptations.**

Leader: Eternal God, you are our hiding place, where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.

***All: Thanks be to God for the radical grace offered to us through Jesus Christ.***

**CONFESSION**

Leader: God calls to us, “Where are you?”

**People: We, like Adam, hide in the garden, hoping God does not come looking for us.**

Leader: God asks, “What have you done?”

**People: We, like Eve, say, “The devil made me do it,” masking our shame.**

Leader: Our choices have consequences and yet God’s grace abounds.

**People: I confess I have hidden and denied my sin.**

 **When I refused to admit my wrongs. I was miserable; even my bones felt brittle.**

 **Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.** (silence)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (from Psalm 32)

How happy are the ones whose wrongs are forgiven.

How happy are the ones whose sin the Eternal God will not take into account.

God has become our hiding place, our refuge from trouble.

God hears our prayers extending the arms of salvation and song of deliverance.

**PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**March 1, 2020**

We welcome all persons

to worship, study and fellowship with us as we continually

seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

**Gathering to Worship**

Song: I am weak, and I need thy strength – H 553

 Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

**Singing Our Faith**

I will come to you in the silence - SS 49

Oceans

Slowly turning, ever turning - SJ 23

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

**Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Celebrating Shalom:** Wally Shellenberger

**Opportunities for generosity -**Special giving for March goes to the Food Pantry. *All $5, $1 and change in the offering, goes above our budgeted giving to the important work of our member conference!*

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children’s Time: Kara Schmidt

 Scripture: Genesis 1:2, Genesis 2:15-17; Matthew 4:1-11

Meditation: Andrew Gerber

 **Ritual of** **Response**

**Sharing joys & concerns**

**Announcements**

**Extinguishing the Light**

**Benediction**

 **May God remind you of your belovedness.**

 **May Christ be by your side in times of struggle.**

 **May the Spirit guide you back to the path when you are tempted.**

 **Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

***Before leaving please put all songbooks under your seat and be sure the tables are***

***Cleaned. Thank you!***

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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.

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| TODAYMarch 1, 2020 (worship at 9:30 am)  | NEXT SUNDAY Mar 8, 2020 (worship at 9:30 am)  |
| ***First Sunday of Lent*** | ***Second Sunday of Lent*** |
| Worship Leader: | Veronika Sukupova |  | Worship Leader: | Beth Walden-Fisher |
| Music Leader: | Marlene Beachy |  | Music Leader: | Keith Gibbons |
| Meditation: | Andy Gerber |  | Meditation: | Wally Shellenberger |
| Greeters: | Dave & Jan Mullet |  | Greeters: | Crescencia & Jaime Nunez |
| Nursery:  | Adalie Giles |  | Nursery: | Mary Beth Gibbons |
| A.V.: |  |  | A.V.: | Espri Bender Beauregard |

**TODAY**

God’s boundaries are wise and protective. When we push through them, surrendering to temptation, our vulnerabilities are exposed. Jesus shows us how we can grow stronger through fasting and Scripture and remain true to the God’s calling in our lives.

**Next Sunday**

God calls us out of familiar and comfortable places in our lives and invites us into new challenges - new ways of being in our heart, our mind, and our doing. As we respond to this invitation, God shows us a deeper experience of Divine Presence.

**This Week**

Wed. Mar. 4**, Small Groups**

Saturday, March 7 at 9:30 am, **Sister Care breakfast** at Doris’ house. Come and let us support one another during this season of Lent.

**upcoming**

**Shalom Sunday,** March 29. Watch for details coming soon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Gift Discernment** Committee is once again searching for volunteers to serve on task forces and committees etc. Please share with us your interests, skills and talents on the Response form in your mailboxes. You can also nominate participants you think have the skills or talents for a particular area. Forms are due by March 8. If you have any questions, please ask one of the GDC members. Thank you, Mary Beth, Loise and Deb.

**Camp Friedenswald is offering a new retreat this spring called: Climate and Community,** happening April 17-19, 2020. All ages are invited. The purpose of the retreat is to provide space for people from a variety of churches to fellowship with each other, spend time in nature, and envision next steps for climate action and creation in their congregation and communities. Details of the event are posted at [www.friedenswald.org/retreats/](http://www.friedenswald.org/retreats/). A brochure is posted on our bulletin board. If interested in going please let PET know.

**New in magazine rack**: March issue of *the Mennonite.*