

Nurture Hour

Sunday school begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) – Cherub corner
- PRESCHOOL I (age 3) – Joyful class
- PRESCHOOL II (ages 4-5) – Forgiveness class
- PRIMARY (grade 1-2) – Peaceful class
- MIDDLE (grade 3-5) – Gentleness class
- JUNIOR YOUTH – JYF (grades 6-8) – off Jubilee Hall
- HIGH SCHOOL – MYF (grades 9-12) – off Jubilee Hall
- COLLEGE – Library
- ADULTS
 - Better than a Donut - end of hallway
 - Matthew 25 - Sanctuary
 - Sermon Response - off Jubilee hall
 - Women's Bible Study – Music Room
 - Women Tending Our Souls – off Jubilee Hall



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Christian Education Kick-Off

Learning From Each Other

Gathering in Praise

Songs:

Christ is our cornerstone

blue, 43

Of the Father's love begotten

blue, 104

Rain down

green, 49

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Song: *Why should I feel discouraged*

green, 103

Learning From Each Other

Song: *Will the Children?*

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Children's Time

Beth Berry and Patty Lehman

Prayer Partner Names

Denise Risser

Offering

Preschoolers: Testaments

Trish Shenk

(Micah, Max, Kahlan)

Children Moving from

Nursery to Sanctuary for Worship: CDs

Joanne Gallardo

(Brennan, Michael, Theo, Luke)

Kindergartners: God's eye

Nate Shenk

(Jack, Thiago)

2nd Grade: Bibles

Patty Lehman

(Lilly, Asiko, Jesse, Eleonora)

Commissioning of the teachers

Laura Moshier

A recording of this service is available in the office.

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Commissioning Prayer for the Nurture Hour Teachers

Leader:

God of Creation, you have gifted these teachers
with leadership, creativity and curiosity.
We pray you will fill them with the love of Christ,
and the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit.
Infuse them with energy and insight into your Word,
As they carry out our Christian education ministry this year.

Teachers:

You have not called us to be perfect
You have called us to be faithful
You have not called us to be all knowing
You have called us to believe.
We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching.
Grant us wisdom, patience and joy in our preparation
and teaching of your Word.

Congregation:

Bless our teachers we pray.
Remind us to find ways
to support and encourage them throughout the year.
May we share in their joy and times of difficulty.
Open our hearts this year to new insights.
No matter our age, keeps us growing as children of God.

ALL:

We commit ourselves,
each to our part,
in this joyful task of learning from each other.
May your steadfast, faithful, covenant love guide us in all we do. Amen.

Adapted from Lois Siemens' "Prayer for commissioning SS teachers", Superb Mennonite.

Responding

Song: *Teach me thy truth*
Congregational Sharing and Prayer

blue, 548
Laverne Nafziger

Transition to Fellowship and Sunday School

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors
(Please pass the friendship registers.)
Announcements
Song: *Christ is alive*
Sending

purple, 89

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Margaret Stoltzfus
Song Leader: Grant Miller
Accompanist: Patsy Sherer
Offertory: Patsy Sherer and Greg Smucker
Visuals: Susan Garboden
The old tiller/plow at the front of the meeting room was owned
and used by Phil Bauman's parents, Harold and Elizabeth Bauman.
Today it is a visual tie-in to the book Patty and Beth are using for
the children's story, *Swords to Plowshares-the Creation of*
John P. Klassen's Mennonite Central Committee Medallion,
story by Lisa Weaver, illustrations by Amanda Huston.
Ushers: Dan and Deb Williams
AV Operator: Michael Sherer

Hearing assistance devices are available in the room beside the doors to the sanctuary. Please see the A/V operator if you would like one.

We offer childcare during worship after children's time for infants & toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room, while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.

Infant Care: Brenda Grimes, Ruth Hathaway, Angela Shenk
Toddler Care: Tom Martin, Trish and James Yoder