

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

Teachers:

Early Childhood (*Ages 0-3 years*)..... Parents
 Preschool (*Ages 4-5 years*)..... Joanna Woodsmall, Debbie Giles
 Primary (*Grades 2 & 3*)..... Veronika Sukup, Bonnie Beachy
 Middler (*Grades 4 & 5*) Jim Beachy, Doris Weaver
 Junior High (*Grades 6, 7, & 8*)..... Dana Bumbalough, Matt Pflederer
 Youth (*Grades 9-12*)..... Evie Shellenberger

Adult Class: Winter Quarterly Bible Study "*Jesus is Lord: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians,*"
 Facilitated by Craig Bumbalough

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

December 09, 2012



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

Second Sunday of Advent

"Flood of Mercy"

Focus: Both water and fire have the ability to purify. Malachi and John the Baptist use these metaphors to urge people to prepare for God to come near.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song – Lo, how A Rose e'er blooming H 211
 Welcome and Introductions
 Call to Worship

Singing our Faith

Come, thou long-expected Jesus H 178
 Comfort, comfort, O my people H 176
 Wild and lone the prophet's voice H 8

Offering – *Special giving for December goes to Hospice & LIFE Pregnancy Center*

Special Music – Andrew Blount, Wendell Lantz

Hearing the Word

Children's Story
 Scripture: *Malachi 3: 1-4, Luke 1: 76-79, Luke 3: 1-6*
 Meditation – *Prepare and be refined*

Confession & Assurance

Responses

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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All the congregation

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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 *December 09, 2012 (worship at 9:30)*

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeter: Jim & Bonnie Beachy
Nursery: Jan Mullet & Dave Beachy
A.V.: Craig Bumbalough
Visual: Sherry Schmidt

NEXT SUNDAY *December 16, 2012 (worship at 9:30)*

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Sophie Sears
Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall
Meditation: Al Mortensen
Greeters: Gail Brown
Nursery: Julie Harrison & Luke Mosemann
AV: Craig Bumbalough

TODAY

On the second Sunday of Advent we hear from OT and NT prophets who announce that Messiah is coming. How will we prepare to meet our Savior? What kind of transformation are you awaiting?

NEXT SUNDAY

We will be continuing our Advent Series on "Flood Of Mercy". Al Mortenson will be bringing the mediation.

7 PM. PMF Christmas program. We plan to have a supper together with a reenactment of the Christmas story by all.

THIS WEEK

Tues. 11th, 7:00 pm Worship Committee

Wed. 12th, 7:00 pm PCRC meeting at Sherry's house.

Fri. 14th, 3:15 pm PET at Rebecca's house

UP-COMING EVENTS

Dec. 21, Longest Night Service

Jan. 27 – PMF Covenant Service

Feb. 2-3 – PMF Winter Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the congregation, PET wishes to thank Darren B. for his faithful service as an Elder. Given the extra time & intensity of preparing & caring for twins, PET granted his request to be relieved of this role as of Nov. 30, '12. Darren shared: "I am grateful for my short time on PET and am inspired by the thoughtfulness that goes into this prayerful decision-making team." Thank you, Darren, for your contribution & blessings as you focus on parenthood!

We encourage everyone to use the Advent devotional booklet, "Follow the Story" by Marva Dawn, as a way to nurture our spiritual lives and center our thoughts on the amazing story of the birth of Christ. Check your mailbox for your copy.

Please return The Mennonite subscription renewal forms to the church office by next Sunday to use the church's group rate.

Attention family vacation planners: the "Family Peace-builders Camp" will be held in Americas, GA with many educational and recreational activities for all persons in the family. Interested in learning more? Please contact Ted Larrison.

See the bulletin board for MDS' final report on its response to Hurricanes Katrina & Rita (Aug. '05 – May '12), and an update on Hurricane Sandy clean-up in progress.

FOR PRAYER

Pray for those who are caring for parents or loved ones who struggle with poor health.

Pray for Bonnie Beachy, that her eye would be restored to sight.

Pray for Danny Parsons; that his leg would heal, for calm and patience and for a positive response from the community.

Pray for Mickey and Mishelle Lewellen and family as they struggle with health concerns.