

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

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

Teachers:

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing aloud, O people, shout out your worship in a loud voice!

People: God takes away the judgment against us; there's no need to fear disaster.

Leader: The Lord our God exults over us with gladness, singing loudly as on a day of celebration.

People: God delivers us from all that oppresses us, changing our shame into praise.

All: We are saved not because we are good but because God is good

CONFESSION

Surely you are our salvation, O God; we will trust, and not be afraid.

(Silence)

You are our strength and our might; you have become our salvation. Amen.

BENEDICTION

**Let us not worry about anything, but in everything,
with thanksgiving, make our requests known to God.**

**So God's peace, which is beyond our understanding,
will guard both our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP



December 16, 2012

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

Third Sunday of Advent

"Flood of Mercy"

Focus: Repentance is not a "one-time" thing, nor is it "out of place" in preparation for the coming of the Lord to us, but is necessary for renewal and restoration.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song – Away in a manger H 194

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship – back of the bulletin

Singing our Faith

My soul is filled with joy SJ 13

Hosanna

The little drummer boy

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

Special Music – "There is a song in the air"

Hearing the Word

Children's Story

Scripture: *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Meditation

Confession & Assurance

Responses

Song – Oh healing river H 372

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

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MINISTERS

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 16, 2012 (worship at 9:30)*

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Sophie Sears
Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall
Meditation: Al Mortensen
Greeter: Gail Brown
Nursery: Julie Harrison & Luke Mosemann
A.V.: Craig Bumbalough
Visual: Sherry Schmidt

NEXT SUNDAY *December 23, 2012 (worship at 9:30)*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Ted Larrison
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Mishelle Lewellyn
Nursery: Cynthia Parsons & Dave Mullet
AV: Craig Bumbalough

TODAY

We continue our Advent series, "Flood of Mercy". Today we will hear how repentance is needed in preparing for the coming of our Lord.

5-7 PM. PMF Christmas program. We plan to have a supper together with a reenactment of the Christmas story by all.

NEXT SUNDAY

The scriptures for the fourth Sunday in advent [Micah 5: 1-5; Psalm 80: 1-7; Luke 1: 39-55] include prayers for God's salvation, and declarations that God will act and has acted to bring justice and peace to the lowly

THIS WEEK

Fri. 21st, 7:00 pm – Longest Night Service. This service of sharing, prayer, singing, and hearing Scripture acknowledges that God's presence is for those who mourn and struggle, especially during this holiday season. All are invited.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Jan. 27 – PMF Covenant Service
Feb. 2-3 – PMF Winter Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 updates from Mennonite Disaster Service, and thank you's from Foods Resource Bank and Food Pantry.

Christmas Photo Gallery - A beautiful collection of photos from MCC's work around the world is online at <http://www.mcc.org/stories/galleries/christmas-time-around-world>

FOR PRAYER

Pray for those for whom the Christmas season brings feelings of loneliness or grief. Ask God to show you how you might bring comfort and light to these people.

Pray for the Thill family and for Curtis' father as he nears the end of his earthly life.

Pray for Deb Giles and family. Pray that the application for Medicaid would be approved to assist with Sam's care.

Pray for Crystal's friends Sarah and Ron as their son Isaac faces a reoccurrence of cancer.

Pray for all those who long for physical healing, including Bonnie Beachy, Danny Parsons, Mickey and Mishelle Lewellen.