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Class:	Teachers:
Early Childhood (Ages 0-3 years)	Parents
Preschool (Ages 3-5 years)	Evie Shellenberger, Stori Sullivan
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Middler (Grades 4 & 5)	Doris Weaver, Veronika Sukup
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Youth (Grades 8-12)	Matt Pflederer
<b>Adult Classes:</b> The Bible As Story led by Bonnie Beachy.	
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For Prayer

Give thanks to God with awe as you celebrate the mystery of Jesus’ birth and the new life he offers us. Give thanks for how God’s Spirit has dwelt with you this past year, and offer to God for healing your times of struggle, pain, or grief.

Pray for those in the community for whom this time of year is lonely or difficult in other ways. Pray they might feel the Holy Spirit’s comforting presence each day, and consider ways you could express the hope and love of Jesus to them.

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MMN workers Justin Shenk and Valerie Showalter request prayer for the Round Chapel where they worship and serve in the East End of London. Pray for unity of vision as members discern how God is calling the congregation to proactive discipleship.

Please keep Duane Schmidt in your prayers as he has been dealing with hiccups and not sleeping. We ask God’s mercy and that he provide him relief and rest.

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP



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Advent 3      **O, the Mystery of God's Dwelling... in Transformation**

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**Prelude Music** – Wendell Lantz and Keith Gibbons

Inviting the Mystery

- Gathering to Worship
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- Reader's theater

Celebrating the Mystery

- Celebrating Shalom - Wally Shellenberger
- Opportunities for Generosity
  - Special giving for Dec. will go to Hospice and LIFE Family Resource Center
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- Scripture: Luke 1:46-55; Matthew 11:2-11
- Meditation

Engaging the Mystery

- Responses
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- Song: Come! Walk in the Light – SS 10
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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:

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