

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

### **Class:**

Early Childhood ( <i>Ages 0-3 years</i> ).....	Parents
Preschool ( <i>Ages 3-5 years</i> ).....	Evie Shellenberger, Stori Sullivan
Primary ( <i>Grades 1-3</i> ) .....	Crystal Shellenberger, Darlene Larrison
Middler ( <i>Grades 4 &amp; 5</i> ) .....	Doris Weaver, Veronika Sukup
Junior High ( <i>Grades 6&amp;7</i> ).....	Andrew Blount, Mary Beth Gibbons
Youth ( <i>Grades 8-12</i> ) .....	Matt Pfleederer

**Adult Classes:** The Bible As Story led by Bonnie Beachy.

The Gospel of Luke led by Rebecca Kauffman and Al Mortenson.

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### **Teachers:**

# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP



**December 8, 2013**

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

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Advent 2

**O, the Mystery of God's Dwelling ... in our Relationships**

*Focus: In God's mysterious ways, death blossoms into new and abundant life and the presence of enemies becomes an opportunity to restore relationship rather than to take up arms. So let us seek harmony that we may abide in the house of the Lord – there is peace!*

### **Arrangement for Silent Night:**

Adult Choir- Peace Prayer

Children Choir - V. 1 Silent Night

International Verses- Silent Night

- Spanish

- Slovak

-German (in Hymnal 193)

Silent Night/Peace Prayer: Together

### **For Prayer**

Continue to remember Claude, Gail, and others who are grieving the loss of a loved one at this Holiday season.

Please keep Duane Schmidt in your prayers as he has been dealing with hiccups and not sleeping for the past 2 nights. We ask God's mercy and that he provide him relief and rest.

### **Inviting the Mystery**

Gathering to Worship

Song: Joyful is the Dark – H 233

*Chiming of the Hour*

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship: (see insert)

Singing Our Faith

Song: *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*

Song: *Silent Night / Peace Prayer (see back of bulletin for arrangement)*

Song: *Peace Before Us*

Confession and Lighting the Advent Candle (see insert)

Reader's theater

### **Celebrating the Mystery**

Celebrating Shalom - Dana Bumbalough

Opportunities for Generosity

Special giving for Dec. will go to Hospice and LIFE Family Resource Center

Children's Time

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-1

Meditation

### **Engaging the Mystery**

Responses

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Announcements

Song: Come! Walk in the Light – SS 10

Benediction: Let us seek harmony that we may abide in God's dwelling!

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

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Matt Pflederer, Pastor (574) 606-6727  
Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723  
Mica Beauregard 723-4502  
Ted Larrison 723-3826

**MINISTERS**

All the congregation

**CHURCH OFFICE**

**Pastors:** Rebecca Kauffman; Office Hours - Tues 9-4, Wed 12-4, Thurs 1-5  
Matt Pflederer; Office Hours – Mon, 1-3 pm, Tues, Wed, Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Secretary:** Deb Giles; Office Hours – Wed. and Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 noon  
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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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**TODAY** December 8, 2013 (worship at 9:30)

***O, the Mystery of God's Dwelling!***

Worship Leader: Dana Bumbalough  
Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall  
Meditation: Matt Pflederer  
Greeters: Larry Lehman  
Nursery: Mica Beauregard & Dave Beachy  
A.V.: Craig Bumbalough

**NEXT SUNDAY** December 15 2013 (worship at

***O, the Mystery of God's Dwelling!***

Worship Leader: Dana Bumbalough  
Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall  
Meditation: Milton Borntreger  
Greeter:  
Nursery:  
AV: Larry Lehman

**TODAY**

How does John the Baptist's call of "repent" lead us to seek an authentic peace and harmony within our network of relationships?

**OC Habitat for Humanity invites** us to attend the dedication of Coty and Nneka Campbell family's new home in West Baden Springs, as they look forward to spending Christmas there. The celebration will take at 3:00 pm at their home (7991 W. County Pike Rd).

**NEXT SUNDAY**

We will continue to explore and ponder the "Mystery of God's Dwelling". In preparation please read Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10 James 5: 7-10 and Matthew 11: 2-11

**This Week**

Dec. 11, 6:30 pm, **Large Group meeting.** Come at 6:00 to share a light meal. Agenda to include: building rental policy, youth and children report, and 2014 spending plan.

Dec. 13, Circle of Care, 1:30 pm.

**UPCOMING**

The **Children's Christmas Program** this year will on Wednesday **December 18th** at 5pm. We will be doing a "Las Posadas"(which is Spanish for "the inns). This is a tradition that comes from Mexico and symbolizes the Biblical journey of Mary and Joseph as they searched for shelter in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. Look for more information in the weeks to come.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rebecca and Andrew **will be on vacation Dec. 6-9.** Please contact Matt or one of the Elders (Mica, Ted, Mary Beth) for pastoral care needs during these times.

Due to the weather on Friday Dec. 6, **Wally and Evie Shellenberger have rescheduled** the sharing of some stories and poetry from their new book, *Welcome to Iran! Christian Encounters with Shia Muslims*, for Friday Dec. 13, 7:00 pm at PMF. Books will be available at a reduced price for anyone interested.

**The Mennonite** is published monthly and serves Mennonite Church USA through articles that challenge and inspire, news that connects readers to the larger Mennonite community and more. If you would like to subscribe to receive The Mennonite you can through the PMF group subscription. The cost is \$37 which is a \$9 savings. Let Deb Giles know by Wednesday Dec. 11 to be added to the list.

### Call To Worship

Leader: Come, let's join one another in worship in the name of Christ.

**People: Let us seek unity in our congregation.**

Leader: Let us live in harmony and join our voices in song.

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Leader: In the prayer of Jesus, we hear his desire:

**All: “...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us...”** (excerpt from John 17:21)

### Confession and Lighting the Advent Wreath

Leader: The coming of Christ brings peace. Let us pause to remember the God who brings harmony from dissonance and speaks life into dead places.  
*(pause)*  
Let us confess the violence of our fractured relationships.  
*(pause, then light 2<sup>nd</sup> candle)*  
The second Advent candle is the candle of peace.

**People: In this light, we receive forgiveness, knowing that God dwells in our relationships.**

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