

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

### **Class:**

Early Childhood (Ages 0-3 years)..... Parents  
Preschool (Ages 3-5 years)..... Evie Shellenberger, Patsy H, Crescencia N  
Primary (Grades 1-3)..... Veronika Sukup & Andrew Blount  
Middler (Grades 4, 5, & 6)..... Jim Beachy & Marlene Beachy  
Junior High (Grades 7&8)..... Jamey Sullivan, Aaron Johnson, Bonnie B.  
Youth (Grades 9-12)..... Matt Pfleederer

### **Teachers:**

**Adult Class:** Bible study on "Acts of Worship" using passages from Psalms, Daniel, and the NT.

### **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come to worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship (pause). Redeeming God, work in our hearts so that we, your people, would share in your peace.

**All:** *Oh, that you would reveal your peace to us, O Lord.*

**Leader:** The paths of our world are not straight; there is deception, violence, and sin all around.

**People:** **Still, we listen for the voice in wilderness that calls out: "Prepare the way of the Lord."**

**Leader:** Behold, our God is coming.

**People:** **God speaks peace into our noisy world.**

**All:** *"Comfort, comfort, my people," says our God.*

### **FOR PRAYER**

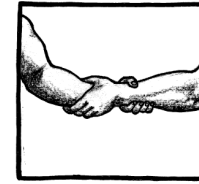
Pray that God would sustain and comfort those who are living with cancer, including: Sarah W., Mickey Lewellyn, Donald Parsons, and Pam Guess.

Remember in prayer Patsy Heinz as she had a CT scan on Thursday for chest pain. Pray for good results to the test. Pray also that she will be a blessing to others as she works part-time at Dr. Waldron's office.

Give thanks for the birth of Keifer, grandson of Cristy Ford. Pray for families you know who are anticipating the birth of a child. Ask for God's healing to be poured out on other families who have lost a child or loved one recently.

Donetsk Christian University, where Mission Network worker Mary Raber teaches in Ukraine, shares a campus with Gloria kindergarten and elementary school. Pray for an end to the military occupation that has cancelled classes. Pray for all the students.

# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP



**December 7, 2014**

*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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**Oh, that you would reveal your peace**

**Focus:** *In a disturbed and noisy world we hear God say, "Comfort, comfort my people."*

### **Gathering to Worship**

Gathering Song: To us a Child of hope is born - H 189  
Welcome and introductions  
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)  
Candle lighting  
Confession (see insert) – Come and fill our hearts – SJ 59

### **Singing Our Faith**

Comfort, comfort O my people – H 176  
Wild and lone the prophet's voice – SS 8  
Silent night/Peace prayer

### **Celebrating birthdays and special days**

**Opportunities for Generosity** - Special giving for December to Life Family Resource Center

### **Hearing and Experiencing God's Word**

Children's time  
Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8  
Meditation

### **Responses**

**Sharing joy and concerns / intercessory prayer**

### **Announcements**

**Sending song:** Hope is a candle - SS 15, verse 1 & 2

### **Benediction**

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor 653-4140  
Matt Pflederer, Pastor 653-4131  
Mary Beth Gibbons 723-2723  
Ted Larrison 723-3826

**MINISTERS**

All the congregation

**CHURCH OFFICE**

**Pastors:** Rebecca Kauffman; Office Hours - Tues 9-4, Wed 9-1, Thurs 1-5  
Matt Pflederer; Office Hours – Mon, 1-3 pm, Tues, Wed, Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
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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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<p><b>TODAY</b> Dec. 7, 2014 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>Oh, that you would reveal your mystery</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Larry Lehman Nursery: Jan Mullet/ Dave Beachy A.V.: Jamey Sullivan</p>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> Dec. 14, 2014 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p><b>Oh, that you would reveal your mystery</b></p> <p>Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Ted Larrison Greeters: Giles Family Nursery: Sandi Sears / Luke Mosemann AV: Craig Bumbalough</p>
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**TODAY**

Prepare ye the way!! Today we will hear once again that ancient cry coming from the wilderness. A cry that both comforts us and disturbs us.

Practice for the children’s Christmas program following Sunday school, for approximately 45 minutes. All children in the preschool, primary and middler classes are asked to be present.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

“My soul magnifies the Lord.” Next week we will be hearing Mary’s song of joy, praise and celebration. In preparation, read Luke 1:46-55.

8:00 am - Finance Committee meeting

Final practice for children’s Christmas program following SS. All children in the preschool, primary and middler classes are asked to be present.

**This Week**

Dec. 8, 7:00 pm – worship committee meeting  
Dec. 9, 9:00 – 4:00 – PET retreat in Bloomington

**UPCOMING**

Fri., Dec. 19, 6:30 – 7:30 pm – Children’s Christmas program. Invite a friend! You are invited to bring finger foods or cookies for our refreshment time following the service.

Sun. Dec. 21, 7:00 pm – Longest Night service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Note a new email address for Dana Bumbalough: [dana.bumbalough@gmail.com](mailto:dana.bumbalough@gmail.com)

Dear PMF family. Thank you all for your support and blessings at my Open House. It was wonderful to have your dear selves in my new home. It truly is a home now! Lovingly, Gail

“**Consider the Conversation**”, the DVD used in the adult education class recently, is available *for loan*. Find it and other **new resources** on aging, end of life, and grief on the Circle of Care resource shelf in the hall way.

**New in magazine rack:** Dec. issue of *The Mennonite*, and *The Marketplace* from Mennonite Economic Development Associates

Biblical and Theological Resources on Sexual and Gender Identity. The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and Staff have compiled a list of resources focused on sexual and gender identity for study in small groups and congregations. The list was developed with input from Mennonite church members with diverse perspectives, and seeks to tell stories of the ways people have come to their theological understandings. The list is available online:  
<http://bit.ly/MCUSAResources>

The preschool Sunday school class is preparing **food boxes** to give to person(s) /families who are experiencing health problems. We would appreciate help from you in providing some of the food. We are looking for healthy items. We will collect the food for the next two Sundays. You may put the food in the wagon outside our class room. The children will assemble the boxes and help deliver them. Thank you!  
-the preschool class

### Confession

Leader: Today, in this safe but dark and holy place we become aware of your presence, God. We look inward at wrongs that we have done against others in our family, our neighborhood, our workplaces and our churches. Sometimes we were paying back, sometimes just being mean, and sometimes we didn't realize the wrong we were doing.

**People: We desire John's baptism of repentance, confessing our sins.**

Leader: We ask you, Lord, to take our sin, including our inward secrets, and make us new.

**People: Forgive us our trespasses.**

*All: Restore our peace, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**(Time of Silence)**

**Song:** Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia.

### Assurance

Leader: God speaks peace to us, his people. In peace, we proclaim God's comfort to each other; reassuring one another of God's forgiveness.

**All: God is patient with us; God walks with us, helps us deal with the sin that bogs us down, and gives us the gift of peace.**

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