

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 Pflederer

Teachers:

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship *[pause]*.
Incarnate God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the awe
that comes from remembering your saving mystery.

All: *In a little child, God is revealed to us.*

Leader: The mystery, kept hidden in ages past, has been made known.

People: **We, who were once outsiders, now share in the inheritance.**

Leader: All of us, part of the same body, sharing the same promise,

People: **Through the gospel of Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

Leader: Throwing light on the inner workings of this mystery was God’s plan from all
eternity.

People: **God’s gift of grace is a gift to be received by all.**

All: *In thankfulness we treasure the immeasurable riches of Christ.*

Confession of Faith

Leader: The glory of the Lord has risen; the Light of God has come.

People: **You are gathering your people, all peoples, those far away
and those close at hand.**

Leader: The mystery, long hidden, has been revealed to all. Our hearts
are jubilant.

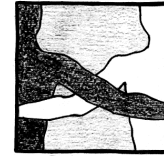
People: **This mystery, until now, was revealed to the apostles and
prophets.**

Leader: But now, in Jesus, all people are heirs to this mysterious
promise.

People: **So grace is our rich inheritance, more precious than gold, frankincense or myrrh.**

All: *We praise you, O God, for revealing your saving mystery. We will proclaim your
promise with gratitude.*

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP



January 4, 2015

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

Focus: God’s grace and salvation is revealed through Jesus’ birth, baptism, life, death and resurrection.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: Morning has broken – H #648

Welcome and introductions

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Do you hear what I hear?

We three kings

Oh Beautiful Star – SS #32

Confession of faith (see back of bulletin)

Opportunities for Generosity - Special giving for January is Mennonite Disaster Service

Recognition of special days

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-15, Matthew 2: 1-12, Mark 1: 9-11,

John 2: 1-11

Meditation: Four Epiphany Stories

Responses

Sharing joy and concerns / intercessory prayer

Announcements

Sending song: Joy to the World – H #318

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
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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

Today is Epiphany Sunday! It is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season. Epiphany (which means "to show" or to "reveal") is when the church remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. Today we will be hearing from Dave Brown-Kinloch on four epiphany stories from the Gospels.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week blurb: Next week we begin preparation for our annual covenant renewal service. In our worship services we will seek to explore the theological meaning and practical implications for the covenant promises we make together. What can we learn and apply from the examples of Biblical covenants?

This Week

Wed. 7th, 2:00 pm – PET meeting at Rebecca’s house

UPCOMING

Jan. 11, MYF will attend the IU women’s basketball game in Bloomington.

Jan. 16-18, Winter High School Retreat at Amigo Centre

Sunday, Jan. 25, Covenant service.

Feb. 7-8 – Save the date! PMF Winter Retreat at Mount St. Francis. Guest presenter Andy Brubacher Kaethler, professor at AMBS, will help us consider how technology affects our faith and our life together in community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to all who helped to piece, sew, and knot comforters on Wed evening. 3 blankets were knotted and are nearly finished, one was pieced together, and pieces for yet another one were cut out. These blankets will be given to MCC to be distributed to people in need around the world.

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

For Prayer

Be in prayer for PMF as we begin a new year of Christian discipleship and worship together. Give thanks to God for evidence of spiritual growth in your own life, and ask for grace to continue listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for those who are participating in orientation sessions to get more acquainted with Anabaptist history and faith, and life at PMF.

Pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, or losses of other kinds.

Ask for God’s healing to be upon those who are recovering from falls, including Connie G., Mishelle L., and Julie’s mother. Continue to pray for strength and comfort for those who are living with cancer, including Sarah W., Mickey L., Donald Parsons, and Bill Rice.

This month, author and teacher Palmer Becker begins a short-term assignment in Latin America, sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network and MC Canada. Pray for him as he helps Latin American Anabaptists understand their theological identity in order to minister more faithfully in their modern contexts.

<u>TODAY</u> Jan. 4, 2015 (worship at 9:30) Epiphany Sunday Worship Leader: Matt Pflederer Music Leader: Joanna & Dave Woodsmall Meditation: Dave Brown-Kinloch Greeters: Mishelle Lewellyn Nursery: Jon Shellenberger/ Veronika Sukup A.V.: Larry Lehman	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> Jan. 11, 2015 (worship at 9:30) Covenant 1: Covenant: A living, breathing thing Worship Leader: Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Matt Pflederer Greeters: Larry & Trish Moore Nursery: Ted Larrison/Trish Moore AV: Larry Lehman
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