

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

Early Childhood (<i>Ages 0-3 years</i>).....	Parents
Primary (<i>Ages 3- 1st</i>)	Crystal Shellenberger & Stori Sullivan
Middler (<i>Grades 2nd – 5th</i>)	Veronika Sukup & Bonnie Beachy
Junior High (<i>Grades 6, 7 & 8</i>)	Andrew Blount & Darlene Larrison
Youth (<i>Grades 9-12</i>).....	Evie Shellenberger & Phil Minerger

Teachers:

Adult Class: “Dig In” – 13 Scriptures to help us know the way

Call to Worship

Leader: In response to God’s boundless mercy, we come to worship and to wait for the dawn from on high to break upon us.

People: **Wait for the Lord**

Leader: We wait to understand more fully how, in the wilderness of our own hearts, we can prepare the way of the Lord.

People: **Wait for the Lord.**

Leader: Because of God’s mercy shown to us, we have come here to discern how we might give light and mercy to all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

People: **Wait for the Lord.**

A Moment of Silence

Response

1. Time of Quiet/Musical Interlude: Longing for Light – SJ 54

2. Lighting the Second Advent Candle

Leader: Together we light the second candle of Advent to symbolize our need for God’s continuing mercy in our lives. With the lighting of this candle, we offer ourselves to be agents of God’s mercy in the world.

People: We light this candle as a reminder to take heart. God is coming to make all things right. The path of God is a path of mercy.

3. Prayer of mercy

Sending: Go into the world doing what the Lord requires: living with mercy and justice, walking your path humbly with God

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

December 6, 2015



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

Advent 2

Freedom Bound - The Path of Mercy

Focus: In this second week of Advent, images of God’s mercy wash over us. The most striking image is of light that enters the darkness—dawning on us, illuminating our darkness, and giving us the strength to make the changes we need to be on this freedom way.

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Gathering Song: As the Pauper waits for plenty - SS 9

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Slowly turning, ever turning – SJ 23

Mercy is falling

Comfort, comfort, O my people - H 176

Celebrating

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

Celebrating Shalom: Jim Beachy

Celebrating and blessing 200 school and hygiene kits: High School Youth

Opportunities for Generosity: Special Giving for December is for the L.I.F.E. Family Resource Center.

Song: What does the Lord require of you – SS 54

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Time

Scripture: Luke 1: 68-79

Meditation

Responding to God’s Word

Response (See back of bulletin)

Song: Longing for light – SJ 54

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

Sending (see back of the bulletin)

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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.

<p>TODAY Dec. 6, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p>Freedom Bound</p> <p>Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Gail Brown Nursery: Jan Mullet/Jim Beachy A.V.: Jamey Sullivan</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Dec.13, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p>Freedom Bound</p> <p>Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation Wally Shellenberger Greeters: Deb Giles Nursery: Trish Moore/Andrew Blount AV: Jamey Sullivan</p>
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TODAY

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us" (Luke 1:78). Because of God's mercy we experience forgiveness and new life. In turn we embark on a path of extending mercy to others.

Today following Sunday School, Youth Council will be meeting with the Family and Youth Initiative Team to discuss the new grant proposal. Lunch will be provided.

NEXT SUNDAY

How often do you find yourself entangled and paralyzed by fear? On this third Sunday of Advent, we are invited to bring our fears to God who has power to free us from fear's power over our lives. As we place our trust in God, we are more able to live lives of courage and joy.

This Week

Wed. Dec. 9, Large Group. Meal – 6:00, meeting 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING

Friday, Dec. 18, 6:30 pm – PMF's Christmas program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jubilee Christmas - please assist our area children by buying new clothing or new toys! We have a Jubilee tree in Save A Lot with trumpets that list ages, size and gender of Throop elementary students and this will ensure we have what we need! You can leave your purchase at Save A Lot where a committee member will pick it up, or bring to PMF. Thank you! Mary Beth Gibbons.

Join the **celebration with OC Habitat for Humanity** as they dedicate the completion of house number 26. Kelli and Kayson Simpson plan to move into their new home in Orleans by Christmas. The dedication will take place on Sat., December 12, at 10:00 am at the house. A huge

Thank You to all the Apostles Build partners for your financial contributions and volunteer labor!

With the last of our PMF maple syrup supply gone, we wrapped up 2015 fundraising and sent a **donation of \$10,258.73 to Foods Resource Bank** to support faith-based efforts to increase food security in local communities around the world. We designate half of the money to be used by Mennonite Central Committee and the other half to be used where most needed by FRB partner organizations. Thanks for the many contributions!

Lost and Found items on the table in the library area, need to be claimed today! If you know an item belongs to someone who is not here today, please claim it for them. any remaining items will be disposed. The trustees.

On the bulletin board: Christmas card from Jubilee Community Health. Newsletter from the Wigginton's.

For Prayer

Remember Gail Brown in prayer as she has begun treatment for cancer, and for Liliann Woodsmall as her broken leg heals. Pray for others you know who have health concerns, and for those who provide care for them.

Pray for the Thone family as they grieve the death of Dianna's step-son, Alan; and as they received discouraging news this week about Erik's request for custody of his sons. May God grant them peace of mind and a very real sense of his loving presence with them.

Be in prayer for our upcoming Large Group meeting as we listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance for our life together. "Since you are eager for the gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church." I Corinthians 14:12