

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

### **Class:**

Early Childhood (Ages 0-4 years) .....Parents  
Primary (Ages 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) .....Crystal Shellenberger & Stori Sullivan  
Middler (Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) .....Jon Shellenberger, Aaron Johnson,  
Jim Beachy, Dave Woodsmall, & Doris Weaver  
Junior High (Grades 6, 7 & 8) .....Andrew Blount & Mary Beth Gibbons  
Youth (Grades 9-12) .....Evie Shellenberger & Phil Mininger

**Adult Class:** “Creation: A Divine Cycle”

### **Teachers:**

# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

**November 27, 2016**



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

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of peace.

**People:** **We yearn to walk in your way  
but often choose our own path of  
turmoil and pain.  
Save us, Lord,  
from the pride and foolishness of  
choosing our own course,  
that we may humbly and confidently  
follow your lead,  
through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life,  
God holds you close in love.  
Rejoice,  
because God’s wisdom is your guide,  
God’s compassion is your strength.  
God’s love is your redemption.

**All:** **Come, let us walk in the way of  
God’s heart!**

### Prayers

Continue to pray for Jo James and Ted Larrison as they continue their rehabilitation. May God grant them strength and continued progress.

Pray for Lilliann Woodsmall who will have surgery on Dec. 1 to remove metal from her thigh bone as a result of the accident last December. Please pray that Lilliann and her family feel God’s grace and presence surround them at this difficult time.

### **Advent 1**

### **The Holy Way; Walking in the way of God’s Heart**

*Focus: God’s peace is at hand. Come walk in the way of God’s heart.*

#### **Gathering to Worship**

Song: Here in this place – H 6  
Welcome and Introductions  
Call to Worship – Psalm 122

**Advent Wreath Processional** - Song: O Come O Come Emmanuel – H 172

Candle Lighting - Song: Come, light of the world – SS 3  
Moment of silence

**Confessing/Reconciling** (See back of bulletin)

#### **Singing our Faith**

Here I am to worship  
Speak O Lord  
Creator of the stars of night – H 177  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace – SJ 59

**Celebrating Shalom** – Wally Shellenberger

**Opportunities for Generosity** – Special giving for November is Christian Peacemaker’s Teams

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

Children's time: Crystal Shellenberger  
Scripture: Isaiah 2: 1-5  
Meditation: Milton Borntrager

**Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Sending**

Song: Come thou long expected Jesus – H 178

Benediction:

Come! Walk in the ways of God’s heart.  
The dawn is breaking!  
Christ is coming to free us from despair.  
He will show us the way

**PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

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**MINISTERS**

All the congregation

**CHURCH OFFICE**

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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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<b>TODAY</b> Nov 27, 2016 (worship at 9:30 am) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Holy Way</i></p> Worship Leader: Jim Beachy Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Milton Borntrager Greeters: Lonnie & Sandi Sears Nursery: Keith Gibbons/Cristy Ford A.V.:	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> Dec. 4, 2016(worship at 9:30 am) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Holy Way</i></p> Worship Leader: Jim Beachy Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Susan Classen Greeters: Jon & Crystal Shellenberger Nursery: Jan Mullet/Shanna Johnson AV:
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**TODAY**

We live in a world that seems increasingly violent and where people live in fear and despair. In such a world, today’s text Isaiah 2, is almost absurd. The prophet imagines a time when swords are beaten into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks and there will be no more war. Let us consider how Jesus is at work in the world and in our community, making peace.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

What comes to mind when you read John the Baptist’s fiery call to repentance? During the Second Sunday of Advent meditation, we will reflect on the literal Greek translation of the word “repent” which is “to go beyond the mind that you have.” How is the Spirit – present in the current context of our lives and our world – challenging us to go beyond familiar ways of thinking into a larger frame of perception? Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12

**UPCOMMING**

Mentor/Mentee cookie making and decorating, Sunday, Dec. 11.

Children’s Christmas program, Sun. Dec. 18, 4:00 pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JUBILEE CHRISTMAS**-Please help Throop Elementary children by donating new clothes or toys by December 9th. Save-A-Lot has the Jubilee tree again this year. By taking a tag from the tree and purchasing for that size and gender, you are helping to ensure we have what is needed for the families that have enrolled. You can drop your gift off at Save-A-Lot or give it to Mary Beth at PMF. Thank you!

**Adult Ed** is beginning a 13 week Menno Media quarterly study entitled "Creation: A Divine Cycle." We will look for God's creative activity in diverse scriptures beginning with an Advent focus.

**The Madrigal** dinner and performance will be held Dec. 8, 9 & 10, at the Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$18. Becky Johnson, Kyle Johnson and Darlene Larrison will be performing. See Becky or Darlene for tickets.

**New on Youth Bulletin Board:** *Bethel College* poster and scholarship information.

**New on Bulletin Board:** See poster on bulletin board about new books (gift ideas) from *Herald Press*, including a coloring book of quilt patterns and updated 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary ed. Of “More – with-less” cookbook, and “Very Married” about love an marriage.