

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

Teachers:

Early Childhood (Ages 0-4 years)Parents
 Primary (Ages 5 – 2nd grade)Crystal Shellenberger & Stori Sullivan
 Middler (Grades 3rd – 5th)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”

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of healing.
**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

Give thanksgiving that Jo and Ted was able to come home this week. Thanksgiving for the tremendous progress that they have made and prayers for continuing progress.

Give thanks for creativity in responding to white supremacy views and actions. May our faith continue to inspire our responses and may God grant us courage and strength.

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

December 11, 2016



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

Advent 3

The Holy Way: Walking in the Way of God’s Heart

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

Gathering to Worship

Song: It came upon a midnight clear – H 195
 Welcome and Introductions
 Call to Worship: Psalm 146:5-10 and Luke 1:46-55

Candle lighting: Come Light of the world – SS 3
 Moment of Silence

Singing our Faith

No wind at the window – SS 11
 My soul is filled with joy – SJ 13
 Hark the herald angels sing – H 201

Confessing/Reconciling (See back of bulletin)

Celebrating Shalom - Wally Shellenberger

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for December is Life Family Resource Center

Special music: Carol of the Drum – Adalie & Zach Giles, Kyle Johnson

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time
 Scripture: Matthew 11: 2-11
 Meditation: Brad Pickens

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

Sending

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

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor
Darren Bender-Beauregard
Doris Weaver

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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. 11, 2016 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Holy Way</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Phil Mininger Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Brad Pickens Greeters: Wally & Evie Shellenberger Nursery: Sam Kinsey/JoAnn Borntreger A.V.: Aaron Johnson</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 18, 2016(worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Holy Way</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Dave Brown-Kinloch Greeters: Veronika Sukup Nursery: Andrew Blount/Dessica Albertson AV: Aaron Johnson</p>
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TODAY

We welcome Brad Pickens who will share the Meditation today. Brad is a brother to Shanna Johnson and is Director of the Farm Mouse Mission in the northeast corner of Orange County. The Far House Mission offers spiritual retreats for groups and individuals. In our Gospel reading of Matthew 11:2-11 Brad says, “We join John the Baptist in prison and explore the nature of doubt and faith, questioning and hope, politics and empire. We hear this gospel presented in all it’s strange glory and we seek rain in a dry land.”

Please join us during the Sunday School hour in tasting some of the delicious coffee we are selling as both a fundraiser and a way to address the immigration crises. Coffee is available to purchase not only today but on an on-going basis. Give our order to any of our high school youth. We also want to share some pictures and stories of our trip to the U.S./Mexico border as well as explaining the importance of buying fair-trade-PLUS coffee. Thanks for supporting us in this effort. **PMF Youth.**

Mentor/Mentee cookie making and decorating, following Sunday school.

NEXT SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday in Advent calls us to consider God’s restoration. Scripture readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19; Matthew 1: 18-25; Romans 1: 1-7/.

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

THIS WEEK

Mon. Dec. 12, Worship Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm.

Wed. Dec. 14, **Large Group mtg.** Simple supper – 6:00 pm, meeting – 6:30 pm. Agenda includes Spending Plan for 2017 and Director of Family & Youth Ministry after June. Also, come to hear about a new and exciting idea to support PMF’s young people with their education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hannah Ford sends her greetings to the congregation. She misses being with us and would love to hear from everyone this Christmas season. Her address is Hannah Ford, 403 S Third Street, Petersburg. In. 47567

Invite your friends and neighbors to our **Longest Night Service** which will be held Wednesday, December 21 at 7 pm. This service; held on the longest night of the year, acknowledges the darkness of grief and loss in our lives, and the lives of those we know, and the Light of Christ as a source of hope, compassion and courage during dark times.

New on Bulletin Board: Note from Audrey Thill.

New in Magazine Rack: Two *Peace Bridges Organization Reports* from Audrey Thill.

It’s time to **update the church’s address list.** In your mail boxes you will find a form to complete if you have changes etc. Please return the form to me by Dec. 27. Thank you, Deb Giles.