

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

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

Teachers:

Adult Class: “Creation: A Divine Cycle”

Call to Worship

Leader: Day has dawned!
The light of Christ has come into the world.

People: **We see God’s radiance in creation
And in our lives.
We rejoice in God’s boundless riches
Given for all.
We worship and adore our Savior,
Christ the Lord.**

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

Prayers

Continued prayers for Ted and Jo as they continue to recover from their injuries. May God continue to give them strength and healing.

Pray for Wade Giles as he faces a second surgery on his spine. May God give the doctors and nurses wisdom. And may Wade feel God’s love and strength as he walks with him through this difficult time.

Hold Syria and the refugees that have made it out in your prayers as violence continues to escalate.

Continue to pray for the leaders of our county, our community and around the world; pray that they let the light that God has inevitably given them shine in their important work.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

January 1, 2017

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

The Holy Way

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

Gathering to Worship

Song: O beautiful star – SS 32
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship: (see back of bulletin)

Candle Lighting Song: Come, Light of the world – SS 3
Moment of Silence

Singing our Faith

Hail the bless’d morn – H 221
Here I am to Worship
Lord, You are more precious

Celebrating Shalom – Deb Giles

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for January is Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS)

Hearing and Experiencing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2: 1-12
Meditation: Crystal, Sandi, and Wally

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

Sending

Song: We three kings

Benediction:

Come! Walk in the ways of God’s heart.
The dawn is breaking!
Christ has come to set us free.
He will show us the way. Alleluia!

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor
Darren Bender-Beauregard
Doris Weaver

On Sabbatical
723-5259
723-2841

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.

TODAY

NEXT SUNDAY

Youth Council will meet following Sunday School on Jan. 8. A simple lunch will be provided.

THIS WEEK

Tues. Jan. 3, PET mtg., 12:30 PM

Wed. Jan. 4, Small Groups.

UPCOMING

On January 13-15, seven junior high youth will be going to Amigo Centre for a snow camp experience. Remember the youth and their sponsors as they engage in this faith-building experience.

Our annual Winter Retreat will take place on February 4&5. Our FYI grant has enabled us to invite Dr. mark DeVries to be our presenter as we focus on building the faith of our children and youth. More information about mark and the retreat will be available soon. Please mark the dates on your calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The FYI Committee has begun planning for the Guatemala trip which will take place immediately following the end of the school year. Please remember your financial commitments to the FYI grant which will make this trip possible.

The youth are continuing to sell **coffee as an FYI fundraiser**. Order forms are on the table in the foyer. A new arrival of coffee should be coming in soon. Thanks for your support.

<u>TODAY</u> Jan. 1 2017 (worship at 9:30 am) <i>Epiphany – God’s Holly Way</i> Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Dave Brown-Kinloch Greeters: Mica Beauregard Nursery: Veronika Sukup/Ted Larrison A.V.: Aaron Johnson	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> Jan. 8, 2017(worship at 9:30 am) <i>Prayers of the Bible</i> Worship Leader: Dave Beachy Music Leader: Meditation: Aaron Johnson Greeters: Jim & Bonnie Beachy Nursery: Curtis Thill/Stori Sullivan AV:
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Prayer of Confession

Leader:

Radiant God,

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.

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