

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Classes:

Nursery (ages 3-5)Shanna Johnson & Crystal Shellenberger
Primary (*Kindergarten – 2nd grade*)Stori Sullivan, Cristy Ford, Sherry Schmidt
Middler (*Grades 3rd – 5th*)Jon Shellenberger, Aaron Johnson,
Veronika Sukup, & Doris Weaver
Junior High (*Grades 6, 7 & 8*)Mary Beth Gibbons & Samuel Kinsey
Youth (*Grades 9-12*)Darren Bender Beauregard & Evie
Shellenberger

Adult Class:

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 100)

Leader: Come and sing to the Lord with joyful songs,
because God is good and generous; because we have all we need.

All: Let us enter Holy gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness,
because of God's greatness and mercy; because we serve a just and wise King.

All: Let us enter Holy gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Leader: Come before God, singing for joy, because God is faithful to his promises;
because he shows compassion from generation to generation.

All: Let us enter Holy gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God, our Maker to whom we belong.
We are God's children, sheep of the flock.

All: Let us enter Holy gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Leader: Indeed, God is good; whose merciful love is eternal, whose faithfulness lasts forever.

All: Let us enter Holy gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Prayers

Continue to remember in prayer those with health concerns, including: Randy Tuell, Ray Beauregard, Connie Gilliom, and Eumenio. May God's strength and healing power be upon them each day.

Pray for Audrey Thill and her Cambodian colleagues as they offer peace-building trainings, promote reforestation, and support mothers and children who are in prison. Give thanks to God for the accomplishments they've had recently. May God provide protection and courage in the face of opposition, and resources for their ongoing work. Give thanks for Audrey's faithfulness in serving alongside the people of Cambodia.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

November 26, 2017

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

Giving Thanks

Focus: God desires our thanks. Saying thank you to God, and to others, deepens our relationships and reminds us of God's goodness.

We Gather to Worship

Gathering song: Yonder come day – SJ 15
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

We Sing our Praise

Blessed be the name – SS 75
You've got a place – SJ 4
We plow the fields and scatter – H 96

Celebrating Shalom – Gail Brown

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for November goes to *Christian Peacemaker Teams*.

Song: My offering I bring to you

We Listen to God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 and Luke 17: 11-19
Meditation: The positive power of "thank you"

We Respond to God's Call

Song: O Sing to the Lord – SJ 12
Sharing Joys and Concerns / Intercessory prayer

We are Sent to share God's Love

Announcements
Sending song: Now go in peace – SJ 74

PASTOR-ELDER TEAM

Rebecca Kauffman, Pastor	653-4140
Darren Bender-Beauregard	723-5259
Doris Weaver	723-2841

MINISTERS

All the congregation

CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor: Rebecca Kauffman; Office hours – Tues. 9 am-3pm, Wed. 10 am-noon, Fri. 9 am-1pm

Pastor of Youth Formation: Darren Bender-Beauregard; Office hours – Wed. 2-5 pm

Secretary: Deb Giles; Office Hours – Wed. and Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

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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 Nov. 26, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)	NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 3, 2017 (worship at 9:30)
<i>Giving Thanks</i>	<i>Yes! Let it be!</i>
Worship Leader: Veronika Sukup	Worship Leader:
Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall	Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman	Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Jon & Crystal Shellenberger	Greeters: Wally & Evie Shellenberger
Nursery: Sam Kinsey/ JoAnn Borntinger	Nursery: Andrew Blount / Marlene Beachy
A.V.: Aaron Johnson	A.V.: Andrew Blount

TODAY

It is the season to count our blessings and give thanks for God's faithfulness! How many times in a week do you say "thank you"? Those two simple words, combined with a grateful attitude, have power to change us, and the people and situations around us.

Our offerings today of soap and towels will be given to Mennonite Central Committee for their relief and development work. Last year MCC shipped these items to places like North Korea, Serbia, Bosnia, and Ukraine.

NEXT SUNDAY

The season of Advent begins, leading us on a journey through darkness and longing to miraculous birth and compelling light! The response of Mary (Luke 1:38) to God's invitation will provide inspiration to our study and reflection throughout the season - "Yes! Let it be!" We can join Mary in her desire to be part of God's plan and action.

UPCOMING

Sunday, Dec. 10 – **Mentor-Mentee cookie decorating!** Details to come.

Wed. 13th, 10:00 am – 2:00 – Soup & Sew

Wed. 13th, Large Group meeting

Wed. Dec 20, 6:00 pm - **PMF Christmas Program.** All ages are welcome! This inter-generational event will feature singing and creative engagement with the Christmas story.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have not yet submitted your Faith Promise for 2018, or committee spending plan requests, please do so. Thank you!
-Finance Committee

Enjoy **Christmas Holiday music and art** produced and performed by the Paoli High School concert bands, choirs and art students on Sunday December 17 at the high school auditorium. A great way to support our youth and celebrate Christmas.

Darlene, Becky, and Rebecca are singing in the community **Madrigal performance.** Talk to any of them if you are interested in tickets (\$20). Shows are Dec. 7, 8, & 9 at the Paoli Presbyterian Church, and includes a 3-course meal, entertainment and wonderful music of the season. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

New on the bulletin board:

- Menno-Hof newsletter "reunion"
- Letter from Audrey Thill with photos

New in the magazine rack:

- Goshen College Bulletin.
- December issue of *The Mennonite*.
- The Marketplace* magazine from Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) including a story about young entrepreneurs developing robots to clear land mines.

If you or your family would like to consider **alternative gift-giving options**, look on the hall table for catalogs from several organizations that you are welcome to look at or take, including:

- Koinonia Farm in Georgia (nuts, chocolate)
- MCC (projects: water, education, peace, health, agriculture, etc)
- Heifer International (animal projects)
- MEDA (economic development projects)