

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Classes:

Nursery (ages 3-5)	Shanna Johnson & Crystal Shellenberger
Primary (Kindergarten – 2 nd grade)	Stori Sullivan, Cristy Ford, Sherry Schmidt
Middler (Grades 3 rd – 5 th)	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: Doctrine of Discovery

Teachers:

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP



December 10, 2017

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

Call to Worship/Prayer

(Congregation says the bold print after each stanza)

Into our troubles and weaknesses,

Into the barren places of our souls, come Jesus.

Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the refugee and those torn by war,

Into those who live in conflict, come Jesus.

Into the homeless and unemployed,

Into those who feel abandoned, come Jesus.

Into the sick and the suffering.

Into those with cancer or depression, come Jesus.

Into those who are oppressed or abused,

Into those who hold power over others, come Jesus.

Into the lives of our loved ones,

Into those from whom we are estranged, come Jesus.

Into our joys and celebrations,

Into our work and our resting, come Jesus.

O Christ, we long for your presence for only You can make us whole.

Hasten that day when your Kingdom will come in all its glory; when suffering and pain, sickness, oppression and death will be overcome forever.

Hasten the day when we will be resurrected as a great multicultural family, and live in harmony, joy and love together with you.

Let it be whole, Amen.

Let It Be Whole

Focus: Rejoicing in God's comfort, we catch God's vision of shalom. We choose to join the Spirit that is already at work to restore creation.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering song: O little town of Bethlehem – H 191

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship/prayer (see back of bulletin)

Lighting of Advent Candles

Singing Our Praise

Come light of the world (continue singing)

My soul is filled with joy – SJ 13

Magnificat – vocal ensemble

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for December goes to *Life Family Resource Center*

Recognizing Birthdays & Anniversaries

Hearing God's Word

Children's time: The woodworker's visit

Scripture: Luke 1:46b-55

Meditation

Responding to God's Call

Confession and Assurance

Song: I will come to you in the silence – SS 49

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Intercessory prayer

Sent to share God's Love

Announcements

Drama: "Wisdom and Wonder"

Benediction

Theme verse - Luke 1:38 -

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

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 Dec. 10, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)	NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 17, 2017 (worship at 9:30)
<i>Yes! Let it be!</i>	<i>Yes! Let it be!</i>
Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman	Worship Leader: Lonnie Sears
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy	Music Leader: Mary Mininger
Meditation: Kelly Carson	Meditation: Janice Pickens
Greeters: Dave & Marlene Beachy	Greeters: Veronika Sukup
Nursery: Dessica Albertson	Nursery: Veronika Sukup/Ted Larrison
A.V.: Andrew Blount	A.V.: Aaron Johnson

TODAY

When the prophet Isaiah, and young Mary, reflect on how God is acting and will act in the world, they envision a radical realignment of the social order. How is the Holly Spirit realigning things today? Will we join Mary in proclaiming *and wishing for* this wholeness?

Mentor and Mentee lunch and cookie decorating following church.

NEXT SUNDAY

The response of Mary (Luke 1:38) to God's invitation can serve as inspiration for our own willingness to say "yes" to God. What do you think prepared Mary to answer in such a way? Read and reflect on Luke 1:26-38 in preparation.

THIS WEEK

Dec. 13, 6:30-8:00 pm - **Large Group meeting.** Light meal and fellowship 6-6:30. Agenda to include: draft 2018 Spending Plan; discussion of proposal to revise PET; report from PCRC on the Congregation and Pastor Review.

UPCOMING

Wed. Dec 20, 6:00 pm - **PMF Christmas Program.** All ages are welcome!

Dec. 31, Shalom Sunday, Farewell 2017 and Welcome 2018 party, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Watch for details in PMF all email. Questions to Deb, Mary or Dave W.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Christiana Matheny and Marlene Beachy for providing our Advent visuals!

Please note, there will not be Christian Education hour on December 24 or 31. We will have a worship service on Dec. 24 (9:30 am), and Shalom Sunday on Dec 31 (11:00 am).

Thank you for your gifts of towels and soap! Milton is delivering these to the MCC Material Resources Center, and they will be distributed to places like Serbia and Ukraine.

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.

Friends of Helen Gooch are inviting anyone whose interested to meet at the **Paoli Health and Living on 12/17 at 2 pm to sing Christmas songs** for Helen (and other residents). Helen really responds to familiar songs. Hope to see you there. Questions to Gail or Evie.

It is time to update our **PMF Address list** for 2018. I have put a form in your box, please complete and return to me by Dec. 17. You can put your completed form in the box on the office door. Thank you, Deb.

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)

Our second "**soup and sew**" event will be on Wednesday, **December 13, from 10 to 2 p.m.** Last month six comforters were completed and are now ready to go to M.C.C. We will knot comforters and also cut some squares for new comforter tops. This is a come-and-go time for anyone interested in doing this work. At 12 noon we will stop our work and have a 15 minute reflection time followed by lunch together. Everyone is welcomed!