

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: Doctrine of Discovery

Teachers:

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

December 24, 2017



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

Yes! Let it be new

Focus: We marvel at the vastness of God's plan. We celebrate in exuberant praise what God has done and will continue to do!

Call to Worship

Leader: Yes!
We will give thanks and rejoice!

**All: We will praise the Lord from the heavens,
from the heights, and with the angels!**

Leader: We praise the Lord with the sun and moon!
We praise the Creator of the shining stars!

**All: Fire and hail! Snow and frost!
Mountains and hills! Fruit trees and cedars!**

Leader: Young men and women alike!
Children and the aged ones too!
Let us praise the name of the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Yes! Let all things be new.

Prayers

Pray for Cynthia Parson's mother, Janice Stone, who was hospitalized last Saturday (at IU Bloomington) due to having trouble breathing. May God's strength and grace surround Cynthia, Danny, and the whole family in this time of uncertainty.

Pray for strength for Peter and Delicia Wigginton, mission workers in Ecuador whom we help to support. Pray especially for their infant daughter, Ariana, who has been experiencing seizures or tics, she is undergoing testing in Quito.

Continue to pray for those with health concerns or who are recovering from surgery including: Ray Beauregard, Randy Tuell, Kym Kinsey's father and mother.

May the Light and grace of Jesus grow stronger in our lives and world this season.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering song: O Come, all ye faithful – H 212
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship: (see back of bulletin)
Lighting of Advent Candles

Singing Our Praise

The First Noel – H 199
What Child is this – H 215

Liturgical dance: Shanna, Clark, Franklin and AdaRuth Johnson.

(Music: Mother's Child (Child of God) By Elizabeth Mitchell and Peggy Seeger)

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

Hearing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: Luke 2: 21-40
Meditation

Responding to God's Call

Affirming our Faith – H 713
Song: Hark the Herald Angel's sing – H 201
Sharing Joys and Concerns / Intercessory prayer

Sent to share God's Love

Announcements
Drama: "Wisdom and Wonder"
Benediction
Sending song: Joy to the World – H 318

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. 24, 2017 (worship at 9:30 am)	NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 31, 2017 (worship at 11 am)
<i>Yes! Let it be!</i>	<i>Shalom Sunday</i>
Worship Leader: Ted Larrison	Worship Leader: Dave Woodsmall, Mary Mininger and Deb Giles
Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall	Music Leader:
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman	Meditation:
Greeters: Mica Beauregard	Greeters:
Nursery: Shanna Johnson/Dessica Albertson	Nursery:
A.V.: Aaron Johnson	A.V.:

TODAY

In Luke 2: 22-40 we meet two lesser known witnesses to Jesus' birth - Simeon and Anna. Both were eagerly waiting for God to fulfill the promise of deliverance. Are we as excited about Jesus' arrival as they were? What praises can we offer in response to what Jesus has done for us?

NEXT SUNDAY

Dec. 31, Shalom Sunday, Farewell 2017 and Welcome 2018 party, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Please bring your best of 2017 memories (stories, pictures, etc.) to share and your hopes for 2018 expressed in prayer, scripture, poems, songs, etc. Have these (2018 hopes) written out for a special activity. Also bring your favorite New Year's finger food/appetizers to share for a pitch-in lunch. Happy New Year! Shalom Comm. Dave, Mary and Deb.

FIRST WEEK OF JAN.

Jan. 2, Worship Comm., 7 pm.

Jan. 3, PET, 1:00 PM

Jan. 3, Small Groups

UPCOMING

Covenant Service, January 21, 5:30 pm.

Winter Retreat, February 10 – 11 at Mt. St. Frances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PMF sent a check for \$5156.45 to **Foods Resource Bank** to be split between Mennonite Central Committee and the Cambodia East overseas project in recognition of Audrey Thill's work in that country. Funds help local communities feed themselves through sustainable agriculture projects. Money was raised through our summer "noisy offering," volunteer work, donations, and contributions of items such as wheat, maple syrup, produce, salsa, and timber. For more information see foodsresourcebank.org. Maple syrup season will be here soon!

Church Office will be closed on Dec. 26 & 27.

New in magazine rack: *MOSAIC*, the magazine of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

New on bulletin board: Christmas card from Mishelle Lewellyn