

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:

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

January 7, 2018

*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 declared”

*Focus: Drawn by the light of Jesus, we are sent in new directions. We are empowered to e God’s
illuminating presence in the world.*

Call to Worship

Leader: Yes! The glory of God is revealed!

**All: It is in the star of the East; it is in the morning sun.
It is Jesus, God’s son.**

Leader: Jesus is a just king;
he judges with righteousness and defends the cause of the poor.
He has pity on the weak and needy;
from oppression and violence, he redeems their life.

All: Praise to the King of light!

Leader: The light of Christ shines on us, and we are changed.
The light of Christ shines through us, and God’s presence is
revealed.

**All: May we, like the magi, seek the Christ-child until we find him.
May we offer our gifts to his service, and let his light direct all
our paths.**

Leader: Arise all peoples, and shine, for the mystery of Christ has been
revealed. Yes! Let it be declared!

Prayers

Pray for those who have lost a loved one in recent weeks or months, including Cynthia and the Parsons family in the death of her mother, Janis Stone. May God’s comfort and peace strengthen them as they grieve.

Continue to pray for Peter and Delicia Wigginton and their daughters, who are mission workers in Ecuador whom we help to support. Pray for Quito Mennonite Church in their outreach to refugees and immigrants.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: We three kings
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)
Lighting the Epiphany candle(s)

Singing our Praise

O beautiful star – SS 32
Hope is a candle – SS 15
Peace before us – SS 16

Celebrating Shalom: Wally Shellenberger

Recognizing Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Hearing God’s Word

Children's time
Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6, and Colossians 1:25-27
Meditation: “Re-member!”

Responding to God’s call

Affirmation of Faith
Song: This little light – H 401
Sharing joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

Sent to share God’s love

Announcements
Drama: “Wisdom & 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

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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 Jan. 7, 2018 (worship at 9:30)	NEXT SUNDAY Jan. 14, 2018 (worship at 9:30)
<i>Let It Be</i>	<i>Covenant Series</i>
Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman	Worship Leader: Milton Borntreger
Music Leader: Joanna Woodsmall	Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Mary Minerger	Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Milton & JoAnn Borntreger	Greeters: Gail Brown
Nursery: Mary Beth Gibbons/Marlene Beachy	Nursery: Crystal Shellenberger/Darren Bender-Beauregard
A.V.: Andrew Blount	A.V.: Andrew Blount

TODAY

Epiphany literally means appearance, to show forth, manifest; an appearance or manifestation of a god. In many Christian churches, it is a yearly festival commemorating both the revealing of Jesus as Christ to the Gentiles (Magi), and the baptism of Jesus. How do you and I manifest the Light?

NEXT SUNDAY

One of PMF's Core Values is "peace, justice, and Biblical nonviolence in action." Our life together is also guided by a Covenant which expresses our commitment to Jesus Christ and to one another. Our covenant life together is strengthened when we have willingness and skills to help us manage conflict in nonviolent, transforming ways. This will be the focus of our worship, scripture study and prayer over the next 4 weeks.

The **congregational Task Force on Immigration** will meet following Sunday School on January 14. A simple lunch will be provided.

THIS WEEK

Soup & Sew. As we are finding ways to keep warm these cold days we remember the many people in our world suffering from the cold. On **Wednesday, Jan 10, from 10 until 2**, we will be knotting three new comforters that will be given to MCC to send to those in need. Since November we have completed 12 comforters and hope to continue through the winter months. Come and go as you can and plan to stay for soup and bread at noon.

Friday, January 12, 9:00 am at PMF, **Sister Care Breakfast.** Please join us for a time of sharing and reflections, what are your prayers and hopes for 2018. Please bring a breakfast item to share. RSVP to Darlene Larrison, larrison.darlene@gmail.com or Deb Giles, debsamgiles@gmail.com.

UPCOMING

Jan. 21, **Covenant Service**, 5:30 pm.

Winter Retreat, Feb 10 – 11, Mount St. Francis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please make note of Sally and Russ's new address: Russ and Sally Leinbach, 855 College Ave. Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802

New in the magazine rack: January issue of *the Mennonite*, and *Peacemaker Team Report*.

Prayers Cont.

Pray for encouragement and vision for Dan Miller (conference minister) and Vanessa Kelleybrew (admin assistant) as they carry out the day-to-day work of Indiana-Michigan Conference (IMMC) as the 2 remaining staff. Pray a blessing on Doug Kauffman who completed his time as Conference Minister for Leadership Transitions on Dec. 30.