

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Class:	Teachers:
Nursery (ages 3-5)	Shanna Johnson, Donna Mosemann, Keith Gibbons
Primary	Stori Sullivan, Crystal Shellenberger
Middler)	Jon Shellenberger & JoAnn Borntrager, Veronika Sukup, & Mary Beth Gibbons
Junior High	Evie Shellenberger & Phil Mininger
Senior High.....	Darren Bender Beauregard & Mary Mininger

Adult Class: “Journey Forward”

Prayers

All shall be well...for there is a Force of love moving through the universe that hold us fast and will never let us go. Julian of Norwich

The congregation surrounded Joanna and Dave Woodsmall this week with love and prayers. May our prayers continue for the healing of all involved in the tragic shooting incident. Notes of encouragement may be sent to Zora Ann at 505 E Southern Ave, Bloomington, 47401.

Continue to remember Andrew, Rebecca and family as they grieve the death of Andrew’s mother, Debbie Blount. In response to Debbie’s death, PMF sent Andrew a comfort blanket and wind chimes as a way of remembering her.

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

December 2, 2018



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

Advent 1

Hope of a Messiah

Focus: We wait and watch with anticipation for the one who comes, proclaiming righteousness in the name of the Lord. We wait in hope for the coming Messiah and learn what it means for us to receive God’s righteousness today.

Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song: I am weak and I need Thy strength – H 553
Welcome and Introductions
Call to worship (see insert)

Singing Our Faith

How can we be silent – SJ 61
Longing for the light – SJ 54
As the pauper waits for plenty – SS 9

Celebrating Shalom: Wally Shellenberger

Opportunities for generosity -Special giving for December goes to Life Family Resource Center. *All \$5, \$1 and change in the offering, goes above our budgeted giving to the important work of our member conferences!*

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Time: Shanna Johnson
Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36
Meditation

Sharing Response

Song: We are called

Sharing joys & concerns/Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction: Go now with unwavering faith in the promises of God. Go now with excited expectation of the coming of God’s son. Go now with abundant love for one another and the world. Go in peace.

Before leaving please put all songbooks under your seat and be sure the tables are Cleaned. Thank you!

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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

Last Sunday in Adult Ed we reflected on extending God’s Peace in situations of threat and danger. We realized that rather than making peace we extend the peace we have received as God’s gift. We were invited to first “make peace” with ourselves. This Sunday we will engage the promise that the Spirit of God, The Holy Spirit, The Spirit of Truth will be with us and live in us – transforming us to reflect God’s love. John 14: 15-17.

NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Advent.

THIS WEEK

Wed. Dec. 5, Small Groups

UP COMING

The **children’s Christmas program** will be held on Shalom Sunday, Dec. 30. Details to be announced later.

Mark your calendar: **Winter Retreat**, Feb. 9-10, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual **Madrigal Dinner** will be held on Dec. 13, 14 & 15, at the Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. To make your reservation contact Darlene Larrison at 812-639-7589.

I am updating the **PMF participant address list**. There is a copy on the bulletin board, please check to see that your information is correct and if not make the corrections. If you are not on the list but would like to be please provide me your information. Changes and additions need to be to me by Dec. 9. Thank you. Deb Giles

Jubilee Christmas 2018: If you would like to help with this annual effort to assist

Throop Elementary students and families, please choose a tag from a Christmas tree. The trees are located at Save-A-Lot, Paoli Family Dollar, and Paoli Old National Bank. These are also drop-off locations for your gifts. We are requesting new clothes, new toys and non-perishable food items. Thank you! Mary Beth

A check for \$7625.42 was sent to **Foods Resource Bank (now called Growing Hope Globally)** from PMF as a result of money collected from various donations such as from the Mullet farm in Montana, maple syrup, salsa, timber, garden produce, and the summer penny power noisy offerings. We designated half of the money to go to Mennonite Central Committee and the remaining funds to go where most needed. Growing Hope Globally is a group of faith-based organizations including MCC who "help those living in the poorest regions of the world grow their own food and earn an income." Soon it will be maple syrup time signaling the start of a new year!

Darren, Evie, five junior high boys and a parent, are away at the Moore’s cabin this weekend learning more about faith and sexuality. They have completed two classes already and are now ready for a more intensive experience.

Thank you to everyone who contributed food and cards to Zora Ann Woodsmall this week. She was blessed with many food items and cards of support. A \$75.00 Kroger gift card was purchased to help out with needed food during this recovery time.

During this Advent season we continue to remember those who grieve in various ways due to significant losses. Join us for **a Longest Night Service on December 21** to sit with all who grieve during this Christmas Season. More details later.

TODAY Dec. 2, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am) <i>Advent 1: Hope of a Messiah</i> Worship Leader: Ted Larrison Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Brad Pickens Greeters: Crescencia & Jaime Nunez Nursery: Dave Beachy/Patshy Heinz A.V.: Espri Bender-Beauregard	NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 9, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am) <i>Advent 2: Listen with Opened Hearts</i> Worship Leader: Milton Borntrager Music Leader: Marlene Beachy Meditation: Tom Kauffman Greeters: Louise O’Connell Nursery: Deb Giles/Evie Shellenberger A.V.: Espri Bender-Beauregard
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Call to Worship

Leader: God, we have heard that you are a God of Justice,
how are we to sing your song, in an unjust world?
God, we have heard that you are a God of Compassion,
how are we to sing your song in a hard-hearted world?

All: **We cannot stand apart from the world as we know it,
it is our world, it is the air we breathe, the food we eat,
the words we speak, the songs we sing, the people we meet.
Give us faith. Give us hope. Give us life.**

Leader: Come and we will worship God together.

People: *But how are we to this?*

Leader: Let us worship God, with our honesty, with our humanity, with our
Searching hearts and by our actions.

People: *Can faith take root in our everyday selves?
Where we hope and fear, hate and love, work, rest, and worship?*

All: **Let us liberate our anger and our uncertainty,
let them be channeled creatively
allowing us the freedom to see the harvest.**

Affirmation of Faith and Words of Commitment

Leader: Let us now confess our common faith:

All: **We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
In the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over the empty fields.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action,
into vulnerability and into the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
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