

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

**Class:**

**Teachers:**

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

**Adult Class:** "Journey Forward"

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for God-with-us is coming to set things right!

**People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.**

Leader: The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.

**People: He will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim salvation.**

**All: *Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness and new life to the world.***

**Prayers**

God of Advent, in the darkest days and nights of the year, our hearts turn toward your promised light. In these Advent days, lead us in your light to a manger where the face of God shines bright and clear. We pray: for all who weep this Christmas season, for those who wait beside the dying, for frightened children and immigrants, for parents and families in distress, for nations at war, for hungry refugees and those unjustly oppressed.

**PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**December 16, 2018**



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

**Advent 3**

**Rejoicing in God's Justice**

*Focus:* On this third Sunday of Advent we rejoice and join with the voice who calls out from the wilderness, converting us to the way of God's justice.

**Gathering to Worship**

Song(s): O come, all ye faithful – H 212  
 Hark the Herald Angels sing – H 201  
 Lighting of Candles & placing the word "PEACE" – created by Parker Sullivan  
 Welcome and Introductions  
 Call to worship (see back of bulletin)

**Singing Our Faith**

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy – H 202  
 Joy to the world – H 318  
 Poor of the earth

**Celebrating Shalom:** Phil Mininger

**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: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12: 2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 2:7-18  
 Meditation: Susan Classen

**Sharing Response**

**Sharing joys & concerns/Prayers of the People**

**Announcements**

**Benediction:**

Go with joy in your hearts, for the Spirit of Christ is within you; glorifying his coming with acts of compassion and service to others. 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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## CHURCH OFFICE

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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.

<b>TODAY</b> Dec. 16, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> Dec. 23, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)
<b>Advent 3</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>
Worship Leader: Lonnie Sears	Worship Leader: Tom Kauffman
Music Leader: Keith Gibbons	Music Leader: Joanna & Dave Woodsmall
Meditation: Susan Classen	Meditation: Aaron Johnson
Greeters: Sherry Schmidt	Greeters: Lonnie & Sandi Sears
Nursery: Joanna Woodsmall/Jon Shellenberger	Nursery: Dessica Albertson/Kym Kinsey
A.V.: Aaron Johnson	A.V.: Noah Johnson

## TODAY

Having heard John the Baptist's message, we are called to join in the celebration of Christ's coming.

In our study of Journey Forward last Sunday we reflected on the Power of the Holy Spirit. This Sunday we will notice the Revealing of God's Beauty as we, through our God given diversity, reflect the beauty of The Holy One.

House dedication for the Stout family. Everyone is invited to dedicate the 29<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity house in Orange County. The dedication will be at 2 p.m. at 917 S Indiana Avenue in French Lick. Check the announcement on the bulletin board for more information.

## NEXT SUNDAY

4th Sunday of Advent.

## THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 19 Small Groups meet.

Several **special Christmas school events** are happening this week in which a number of our children and youth are participating. At 2 p.m. today a Christmas concert will feature the Junior High and High School Bands and the Varsity Choir. On December 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. the Paoli High School Drama Club will be performing "The Velveteen Rabbit." Students in the elementary school will hold their Winter Concert at 6 p.m. featuring the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade bands, the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade traditional Christmas program. Check with our children and youth for more information.

Friday, December 21: This year **the Longest Night Service** will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. PMF and the Presbyterians planned the service together as a time to sit with persons in our community who have and

are experiencing various kinds of loss. We are asking participants in both congregations to personally invite someone you know to the service. All who come are asked to bring some cookies to share with others. This service is an opportunity for congregations to work together in sharing the Good News.

## 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

**Tom Kauffman** will not be coming to Paoli this week on Thursday through Sunday. He and Amy will be in California celebrating Amy's sister's 80th birthday. He will return on Thursday the 20th for his regular schedule.

The congregation has received **\$2019.32 from Everence as matching funds** for our giving to the Food Pantry (\$475.00), the Mercy Center (\$180.00), Habitat for Humanity (\$546.00) and PMF Love Fund (\$800.00). Thank you for your past giving which enabled us to receive these matching funds.

The December issue of *The Mennonite* is in the bookrack, focusing on Good News Great Joy. How do we welcome the gift of joy? How do we notice it? How do we share it? Check it out!