

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: The word has become flesh; God now walks among us!

People: **Through Jesus, God is fully made known.**

Leader: All creation is renewed, experiencing the grace and truth of God, through the birth and life of Jesus.

People: **And all who believe are the children of God; brought together to experience the unity of the whole human race.**

All: ***Praise be to God for the abundant love and shalom we now experience!***

Prayers

During these long night we continue to pray: with those whose hearts are tired, and with those whose hope is lost; with those who sleep and with those who cannot rest; for those with fearful hearts, and with those whose hearts are angry; with those whose courage is waning and with those whose strength is growing; with those who suffer and for those who continue to keep vigil.

May the Spirit that guides you lead you into a New Year of peace. May the sorrows of the past flavor your life with gratitude, wisdom, and an understanding of love. May kindness be what you give and receive. From our friends at the Faithtrust Institute

PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

December 23, 2018



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

Advent 4

Love Revealed

Focus: During this Advent season we rejoice in the Word made flesh, who brings together all creation and reflects God's love for all.

Gathering to Worship

Song: O come, all ye faithful – H 212
Lighting of Candles & placing the word "LOVE" – created by Hannah Albertson
Welcome and Introductions
Call to worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing Our Faith

Away in a Manger – H 194
What child is this – H 215
The Little Drummer Boy

Celebrating Shalom: Evie 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: Micah 5:2-5a; Colossians 3:12-17; Hebrews 10:5-10
Meditation: Aaron Johnson

Sharing Response

Song: Silent Night – H 193

Sharing joys & concerns/Prayers of the People

Announcements

Sending Song: Joy to the world – H 318

Benediction:

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.

<p>TODAY Dec. 16, 2018 (worship at 9:30 am)</p> <p>Advent 4</p> <p>Worship Leader: Tom Kauffman Music Leader: Joanna & Dave Woodsmall Meditation: Aaron Johnson Greeters: Lonnie & Sandi Sears Nursery: Dessica Albertson/Kym Kinsey A.V.: Noah Johnson</p>	<p>NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 30, 2018 (4:00 pm)</p> <p>Shalom Sunday</p> <p>Worship Leader: Music Leader: Meditation: Greeters: Nursery: A.V.:</p>
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TODAY

In adult ed last Sunday we completed our 12 lesson series on Journey Forward. We wondered, that from a divine perspective, beauty includes harmony which must include diversity. This Sunday we will touch on the high points of this series and generate a response to the Mennonite Church USA about moving forward.

NEXT SUNDAY

For Shalom Sunday we will gather at 4 p.m. to sing some favorite Christmas music together and to watch the movie, *The Best (or worst) Christmas Pageant Ever*, based on the book by Barbara Robinson. It is about a family of children who have never heard the Christmas story before and end up taking over the annual Christmas pageant at a local church. We will end our time together sharing some beautifully decorated cookies from the mentor-mentee cookie decorating time. As we gather to celebrate Shalom we are aware of others in need during this season. Circle of Care Committee is aware of a particular need for household supplies such as toilet paper, cleaning supplies, paper towels, personal hygiene items and non-perishable food items. We are inviting everyone to bring an item with you to make up a food/household supply box. Thank you!

UP COMING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Friday, December 28, **Rebecca and Andrew will be loading their belongings in preparation for their move to West Liberty, Ohio**, where Rebecca will assume a new pastoral position the beginning of the new year. They would appreciate help in loading the truck later that Friday morning. Continue to remember them in your prayers as they make this transition to a new location.

A reminder that Tom Kauffman, Transitional Pastor would like to **interview families and individuals** to hear your feelings, thoughts and ideas on important issues for PMF to address. Schedules can be arranged through Deb Giles. If you haven't scheduled your appointment yet, please do so. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Thank you.