**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

***Class: Teachers:***

Early Childhood…………………………………………………Shanna Johnson, H - Crystal Shellenberger

Primary Mary Beth, H - Dessica Albertson

Middler*)* Jon Shellenberger & Veronika Sukupova,

 H – Doris Weaver

Junior High Evie Shellenberger & Phil Mininger

Senior High Darren Bender Beauregard & Mary

 Mininger

 ***Adult Class:*** **We** will be reading the book "Anabaptist Essentials" by Palmer Becker over the next several weeks.  Copies are available in the library

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God’s promises to be fulfilled.

**People: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?**

Leader: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

**People: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.**

*All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

**PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**December 1, 2019**

We welcome all persons

to worship, study and fellowship with us as we continually

seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

**Advent 1**

*Focus: We wait and watch in anticipation for the one who comes proclaiming righteousness in the name of the Lord. This week is about holding our hope in the coming Messiah while we wait and learn wat it means for us to receive God’s righteousness today.*

**Gathering to Worship**

Song: O come, O come, O come Immanuel – H 172

 Welcoming to worship

 Presenting Christmas Wreath & Lighting the Candle of Hope

(Hope is the Candle SS 15)

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

**Singing Our Praise**

O Little town of Bethlehem – H 191

 Come all ye faithful – H 213

**Celebrating December birthdays and anniversaries**

**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 the Conferences.*

**Listening**

Children’s Time

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13: 11-14, Matthew 24

Meditation: Aaron Johnson

**Responding**

 **Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Announcements**

 **Benediction**

 **Please store all song books underneath the chair and clean off the tables before leaving. 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.

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| TODAYDec. 1, 2019 (worship at 9:30 am)  | NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 8, 2019, (worship at 9:30 am) |
| ***First Sunday of Advent*** | ***Second Sunday of Advent*** |
| Worship Leader: | Veronika Sukupova |  | Worship Leader:  | Veronika Sukupova |
| Music Leader: | Joanna Woodsmall |  | Music Leader: | Marlene Beachy |
| Meditation:  | Aaron Johnson |  | Meditation: |  |
| Greeters: | Deb Giles |  | Greeters: | Allen & Jo James |
| Nursery: | Deb Giles/Sam Kinsey |  | Nursery:  | Doris Weaver/Evie Shellenberger |
| A.V.: | Noah Johnson |  | A.V.: | Espri Bender-Beauregard |

**TODAY**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and we are focusing on hope and what it means to have unwavering faith in God even in times of struggle.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Save the Date! **Mentor/Mentee cookie decorating** is scheduled for Dec. 8. More details to come!

**THIS WEEK**

Wed. Dec. 4 Soup **& Sew**, 10 am – 1 pm.

Sat. Dec. 7 **Sister Care Breakfast** 9:30 am, at Veronika’s house at 1220 S Indiana Ave, Apt. 2B. French Lick.

**UPCOMING**

Jr High **bell ringing** at Walmart, Wednesday Dec 11th, 6 to 8 pm

**This Week’s Personals**

Happy Birthday Keith Gibbons – 12/5

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On Wednesday December 4th and 11 we are going to begin **Soup and Sew** to make comforters for Mennonite Central Committee. All are welcome to come between 10 and 1 to knot comforters and eat soup together. Our goal is to knot 12 comforters.

Looking for an **"at home" devotional guide for Advent**? We have two offerings this year. One from Henri Nouwen is focused for adults. The second is from MCUSA and is geared toward families with children. This second resource has activities that you can do each week and it will follow the worship themes for this year's Advent series. Both are available on the table in the entryway for your taking. Take and enjoy!

**Jubilee Christmas trees** are up at Old National Bank, Dollar General and Dollar Store in Paoli. If you would like to help the effort to assist Throop Elementary School families with their Christmas, please take a tag from the tree and purchase gifts.  Tags correspond to students in need.  Thank you!  Mary Beth