**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 studying the book “***Why Did Jesus Die and What Difference Does it Make.”*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let the heaven rejoice and the earth be glad, for God-with-is 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**

Please keep all those who are fighting addiction in your prayers. Pray for there recovery, pray for their families. May they find courage and hope to continue their battle.

**PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**December 15, 2019**

We welcome all persons

to worship, study and fellowship with us as we continually

seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

**Advent 3**

*Focus: Rejoice, for God-with-us is coming to set things right!*

**Gathering to Worship**

Song: No Wind at the window – SS 11

Welcoming to worship

Lighting of the advent candle: Song Hope is a Candle – SS 15

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

**Singing Our Praise**

**My Soul filled with joy – SS 13**

**To Us a child of Hope is Born – H 189**

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence – H 463**

**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: Jo Ann Borntrager

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Meditation: Matt Pflederer

**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. 15, 2019 (worship at 9:30 am) | | | | | | NEXT SUNDAY Dec.22, 2019, (worship at 9:30 am) | | | | | | |
| ***Third Sunday of Advent*** | | | | | | ***Fourth Sunday of Advent*** | | | | | | |
| Worship Leader: | | | | | Veronika Sukupova |  | Worship Leader: | | | | | Veronika Sukupova |
| Music Leader: | | | | Marlene Beachy | |  | Music Leader: | | | | Joanna Woodsmall | |
| Meditation: | | | Matt Pflederer | | |  | Meditation: | | |  | | |
| Greeters: | | Allen & Jo James | | | |  | Greeters: | | Aaron & Shanna Johnson | | | |
| Nursery: | | Joanna Woodsmall/Deb Giles | | | |  | Nursery: | | Hannah Albertson/Beth Walden-Fisher | | | |
| A.V.: | Espri Bender Beauregard | | | | |  | A.V.: | Aaron Johnson | | | | |

**TODAY**

Today is the third Sunday of Advent and we are rejoicing in the news of God’s coming.

We continue with John the Baptist annoying habit of saying the most "inappropriate" things. Last week it was "Brood of Vipers" This week is having second thoughts about Jesus.

Adult ed will start a new book, “*Why Did Jesus Die and What Difference Does it Make. “*

**NEXT SUNDAY**

The Children’s Christmas program will be on December 22 at 6:00.  The children’s program this year will include watching a Christmas movie, singing Christmas carols, eating cookies and snacks, and will be a time for all ages to come together and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**THIS WEEK**

This Saturday, December 21, at 7 p.m. PMF and the Presbyterian congregation will host the **Longest Night Service**.  This service will be held at the Presbyterian church and is a time to remember all those who are experiencing loss and grief this Christmas season.  Please come and invite those you know in the community who struggle with grief and loss.  It is a time to remember ourselves and our own darkness and losses.  It is a time to mourn with those who mourn and to provide a sense of comfort for all of God's people this Christmas season.

**UPCOMING**

On Dec. 29, at 11:00. We will gather to **reflect on and celebrate the service of Tom and Darren at PMF,** as transitional and interim pastor and pastor of youth formation, respectively.  This will be the time for your reflections, stories, expression of gratitude, or whatever you might wish to say to, or about them.  Every good celebration involves food, so a pitch-in meal will follow.  Meat will be provided, so bring sides to share.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us for a **Christmas pot-luck dinner** on December 25 at 1 p.m. at PMF.  There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who can attend.  Bring along some fun table games to play after our meal together.

Thanks to everyone who helped knot three more **comforters for MCC**.  We now have six completed comforters and will have another opportunity to prepare more in January.  The comforters are placed in the sanctuary and foyer so you can see them and remember those who are in need of comfort this Christmas season.

**This Week’s Personals**

**Happy Birthday** Aleyah Wigginton – 12/17

Sarah Whiteman – 12/18, Sophie Sears – 12/19, Larry Moore, Dayson & Laythan Cotton-Rodes – 12/20.