**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”

**Call to Worship**

Leader:   Oh God, our God, you cry out to us.

*Congregation:   God asks, “When will you see the light that I am, the grace I have extended to all people?  Will you dance out of the darkness and into righteousness to which I invited you?”*

Leader: We see that in you, God, we are transformed, that we are unable to go back in the way we have known.

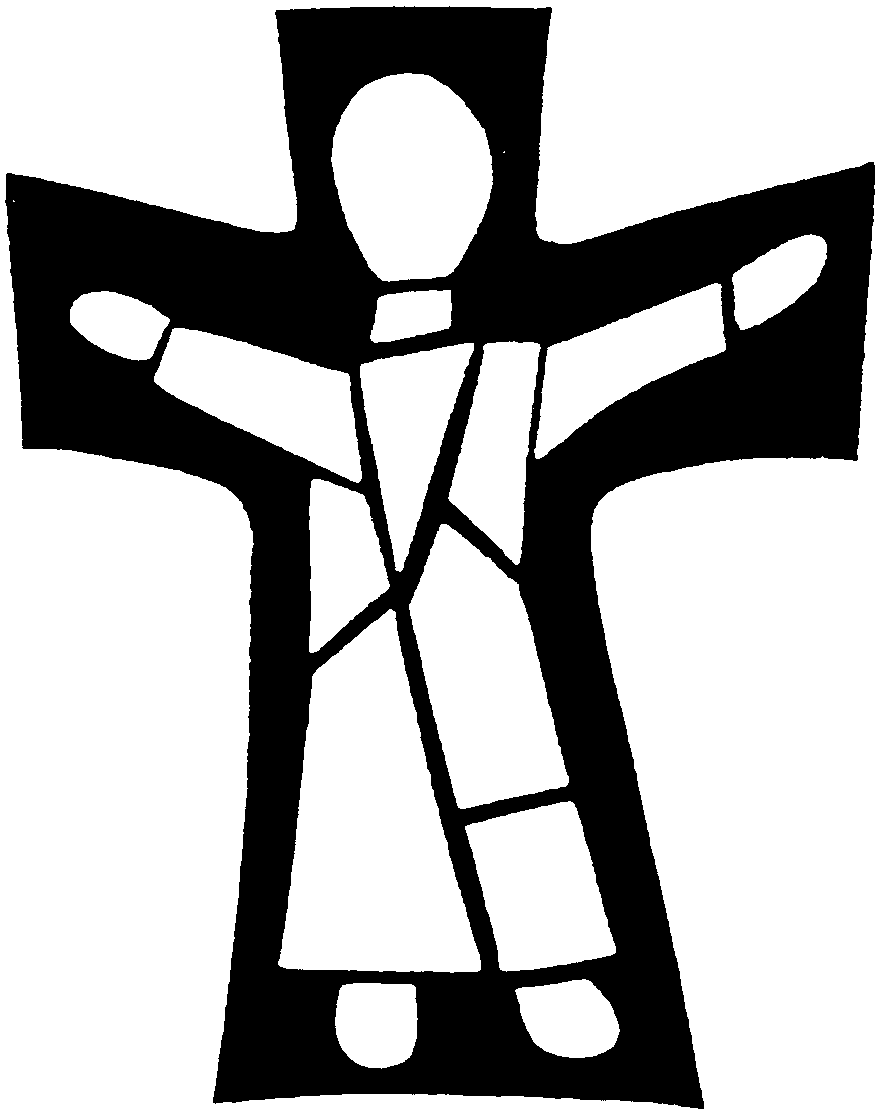
**All: God, what are we waiting for?**

**Prayer**

God, you have made yourself known to us, revealed to us your mystery, and we are transformed! Our lives will never be the same in the light of this truth. Our hearts thrill and rejoice! We lift our voices together with all of creation and sing our praises to you. The whole world is filled with joy and has been made glad. Emmanuel. God with us.

**Responsive Reading (from Isaiah 60:1-6)**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.  
*People:  Arise! Shine! For our light has come.*  
Leader:  The darkness shall no longer cover the earth.  
*People:  Arise! Shine! For our light has come!*Leader:  Gather your children and bring gifts to the Lord.  
**All:  Arise! Shine! And be transformed!**

**PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

**January 5 2020**

We welcome all persons

to worship, study and fellowship with us as we continually

seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

**Epiphany**

*Focus:* The wait is over. The mystery has been made known. Arise! Shine! Walk in this new path and be transformed!

**Gathering to Worship**

Song: Hail the Blessed Morn - H 221

Welcome and Introductions

Call to worship and prayer (see back of bulletin)

**Singing Our Faith**

When Long Before Time - SJ 25

See Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets

**Celebrating Shalom:** Wally Shellenberger

**Responsive Reading** (see back of bulletin)

**Celebrating January birthdays and special days**

**Opportunities for generosity -**Special giving for January goes to Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS). *All $5, $1 and change in the offering, goes above our budgeted giving to the important work of our member conference!*

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children’s Time

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12

Meditation

**Response**

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

**Announcements**

**Sending Song:**

**A Franciscan Benediction ( see insert)**

***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.

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| TODAY Jan 5 2020 (worship at 9:30 am) | | | | | | NEXT SUNDAY Jan 12, 2020 (worship at 9:30 am) | | | | | | |
| ***Epiphany*** | | | | | |  | | | | | | |
| Worship Leader: | | | | | Ted Larrison |  | Worship Leader: | | | | | Phil Mininger |
| Music Leader: | | | | Marlene Beachy | |  | Music Leader: | | | | Keith Gibbons | |
| Meditation: | | | Aaron Johnson | | |  | Meditation: | | | Phil Mininger | | |
| Greeters: | | Doris Weaver & Wendell Lantz | | | |  | Greeters: | | Ted & Darlene Larrison | | | |
| Nursery: | | Lonnie Sears/Shanna Johnson | | | |  | Nursery: | | Sherry Schmidt/Curtis Thill | | | |
| A.V.: |  | | | | |  | A.V.: | Espri Bender Beauregard | | | | |

**TODAY**

Adult ed.: we are reading the chapter, What Does Paul Say About Atonement.

**Next Sunday**

PMF Orientation at Shellenbergers.

**this Week**

Wed. Jan 8, **Soup and Sew**, 10 am – 1 pm. Join us for good food, good company and good work making **comforters for MCC.**

Thur. Jan. 9**, PET mtg.** 7:00 pm.

Fri. Jan 10 – 12, Junior High Youth will attend **Snow Camp at Camp Friedenswald.**

**Up coming**

Jan. 22, **Large Group** mtg. Meal at 6:00 pm and meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

Jan. 26, **Covenant**

Mark your calendar: **Winter Retreat**, Feb. 8-9, 2020

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Join us to celebrate **John Harrison’s 80th birthday** on Jan. 11, 2020, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, open house at French Lick Resort, Habig Room, above the desk. RSVP to Jami Jones, 765-749-3246 or email: [jamiharrison@hotmail.com](mailto:jamiharrison@hotmail.com)

**PMF Orientation Sessions on Jan 12 & 19**: All new participants at PMF are invited to for lunch and conversation about Mennonite understandings of faith and how PMF functions as a congregation. Jan 12th will be at the home of Wally and Evie Shellenberger and Jan 19 will be held at the home of Doris Weaver and Wendell Lantz.

**A Franciscan Benediction**

May God bless you with discomfort

At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships

So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger

At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,

So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears

To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,

So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and

To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness

To believe that you can make a difference in the world,

So that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

To bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

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