

Winter 2025/2026 Sunday School Quarter

December – February (No Sunday school December 28)



ADULTS

"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE"

This class will focus on hymn singing as we do the following things each week:

- 1. Class members will share a favorite hymn with the group.
- 2. We will learn one or two new hymns from Voices Together.
- 3. We will focus on 4 part singing of familiar hymns. All singers are welcome: persons who can already sing soprano, alto, tenor, or bass, and persons who would like to increase their ability to sing one of those parts.

Location: Sanctuary | Teacher: Cindy Breeze; Accompanist: Pastor Deb

PRACTICING LAMENT: HOW DO WE PRAY WHEN EVERYTHING GOES WRONG?

The biblical tradition of lament is a prayer practice that is honest, prophetic, and hopeful, making room for us to bring all of our emotions (rage, grief, sadness, longing, etc.) before God. Guided by the short book, *Practicing Lament* by Rebekah Eklund (Cascade, 2021), class time will be part Bible study, part theological discussion, and part prayer practice. **Location:** Library | **Facilitator:** Pastor Michael

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

A fellowship group open to all, with topics arising weekly from within the group. Coffee & Conversation is a "brave space" that invites thoughtful sharing about faith from a range of perspectives and experiences. **Location:** Downstairs (Room 13)



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CHILDREN and YOUTH (birth - grade 12)

NURSERY (BIRTH - 2 YEARS)

Nursery care will be provided for children birth – 2 years. Each Sunday, a volunteer will plan a simple lesson using MennoMedia/Shine Wee Wonder curriculum, which introduces young children to God through song, action rhymes, Bible stories and responsive play.

Location: Nursery | Wee Wonders Leader: Rotating volunteers, Helper: Skylar U'Ren

Note: First Mennonite Church uses MennoMedia's curriculum, Shine: Living in God's Light, for children and youth Sunday School classes. The current quarter's theme is: the Upside Down Kingdom and focuses on Advent/Christmas stories from Isaiah and Luke. After Christmas, the focus is "The Kingdom is Near", with stories from Matthew.

PRESCHOOL (AGES 3-5 YEARS)

Location: Downstairs (Room 6) | Teacher: Sheryl Dyck; Helpers: Kathy Anderson & others

GRADE SCHOOL (GRADES K-3)

Location: Downstairs (Room 3) | Teacher: Janet MacLean, Helper: Abby Crosby

GRADE SCHOOL (GRADES 4-6)

Location: Downstairs (Room 10/11) | Teacher: Donna Evans, Helper: Bev Hertle

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 7-12)

Location: Downstairs (Room 7) | Teachers: Lynne Sancken, Tammie Bouseman & Mary

Biddle