

About us

- **Our roots** are in the Anabaptist experience of the Protestant Reformation. **We teach** peace-making, believers baptism, and following the teachings of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **We value** the community of faith as a central part of the Gospel.
- **In 1984**, West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship grew out of a small Bible study group from Diamond Street Mennonite Church in North Philadelphia, with a vision to be an internationally focused church in West Philadelphia.
- **Our first public worship service** was at the “Second Mile Center,” 45th and Chestnut Streets.
- **We moved to the Calvary Center** (48th and Baltimore) in February 2000. We share this historic sacred space with five other faith groups, Curio Theatre Company, and a number of organizations involved in the arts, community-building, and activism.
- There is a spirit of **flexibility and spontaneity** in our church. People do meals together, go on picnics, outings and hikes, play volleyball and basketball, and enjoy game nights and movie nights.

Our Vision Prayer

Open us to your grace, O God,
that we may grow
as a joyful community
of Jesus' disciples, who
honor you in worship,
seek your presence daily,
encourage each other in faithfulness,
welcome others to life in Christ,
and work for the shalom of the city,
Amen.

*We are a congregation in
the Franconia Mennonite
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Welcome to

West
Philadelphia
Mennonite
Fellowship



We are
an urban
Anabaptist congregation that
meets for worship and fellowship,
encouraging one another to live
and share our beliefs.

Please Join Us

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship (WPMF)

Ministry of Worship

Encountering the living God

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00-10:30 Worship

- ~ Singing and praising
- ~ Sharing, praying, and offering ourselves to one another and to God
- ~ Hearing God's word
- ~ Responding and going forth
(Nursery care provided downstairs)

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month

September - May, our service continues with:

10:30 - 10:45 Snack Time / Coffee Break in the fellowship hall downstairs

10:45 - 11:30 Sunday School

- ~ Age appropriate classes for children ages 3 — Sr. High
- ~ Adult electives
(No nursery care during Sunday School)

11:45 - 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

On the first Sunday of the month, everyone is invited to bring a dish and stay for a potluck fellowship meal.

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Ministry of Nurture

To show one another love and to grow in Christ's love, we actively cultivate:

~ Sunday School

for children and adults

~ Small Groups

Groups of roughly 4-8 people who meet regularly, usually in homes, for fellowship, study, sharing and prayer

~ Youth Activities

Junior and senior youth meet regularly for fun activities together with adult sponsors. They attend a national gathering of Mennonite youth every other summer.

~ Retreats

Time away for reflection, recreation and spiritual growth



Ministry of Outreach

WPMF is working to engage with our community, locally and globally. Currently, we participate in:

WPMF Peace Group

Planting and Watering the Seeds of Peace

The Beaumont Initiative

Providing affordable housing in West Philadelphia



Our Leadership

- ~ We have one full-time **Pastor**, Lorie Hershey, who joined our fellowship in 2007.
- ~ Three lay persons serve as **Elders**. Together with the Pastor, the Elders continually seek to clarify our vision, discern God's will for the congregation and provide pastoral care.
- ~ Three **Deacons** oversee stewardship of resources and financial stability.
- ~ The Pastor, Elders, Deacons and Human Resources Committee make up **Church Council**. As a decision making body, Council remains accountable to the congregation.