

WEST PHILADELPHIA MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017, 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough
Song Leader: Sarah Rody
Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders
Musician: Tim Schellenberg
Preacher: Lynn Wetherbee

Opening song

Sing the Journey #95 "Sing to God with Joy and Gladness"

Call to worship

Singing

Hymnal #492 "God of Eve and God of Mary"
Hymnal #77 "God of Many Names"
Hymnal #50 "Praise the Lord, sing Hallelujah"

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Song

Song Supplement #54 "All Who Hunger"

Sharing & Prayer

Offering

Song Supplement #85 "No Wind at the Window"

Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31

Children's time

Sermon

Response song

Song Supplement #81 "Magnificat"

Congregational response

Closing song

Hymnal #433 "Go, my Children"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dorianna is on vacation until May 8. There will not be a weekly announcement email this week. To send an email out to the google group, use wpmfchurch@googlegroup.com. Tim Martin Johnson will be printing the bulletin, if you have an announcement for the May 7 bulletin, please email it directly to Tim.

Monthly fellowship meal is next Sunday, May 7. Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting, if able.

For the next few weeks we will have the opportunity to focus on stories of women from the Hebrew Scriptures. Each week will feature a different woman and what her story shows us about God's character, ourselves, and living faithfully in this time. Take time to read the stories before each Sunday. The schedule is as follows:
April 30: Woman from Proverbs 31
May 7: Esther
May 14: TBD
May 21: Covenant: new members sharing
May 28: Ruth

Keep in Prayer: Thurs, evening May 4 - Sat May 6, WPMF is sending a team to participate in the Understanding & Analyzing Systemic Racism Workshop led by Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training. Team members are: Rebecca Weber, Nancy Geryk, Sherri Michalovic, and Pastor Lorie. This is another step in our awareness of how we participate in the structure of racism and learn healthier ways for our own structures.

District Attorney Candidate Forum, Thu, May 4th @ 7-9 pm, Mishkan Shalom (4101 Freeland Ave, 19128). The next DA has an important role to play in many of the criminal justice and racial issues that are impacting neighborhoods throughout the city. Come and hear each candidate's vision for the criminal justice system in Philadelphia and learn how their vision will impact our communities.

HRC is happy to announce that Rebecca Weber has agreed to serve a three year term as DEACON. A congregational affirmation meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Save the date: Men's retreat will be September 22-24 at Black Rock Retreat center.

The Shalom Center Honors Racial and Climate Justice Leaders: Meet three crucial activists who "Sow the Seeds of Transformative Leadership" at a dinner and celebration on Sunday, May 21, 2017, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Mishkan Shalom (4191 Freeland Avenue, Phil, PA 19128). Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and speak with movement leaders Bishop Dwayne Royster, political director of PICO, Bill McKibben, world-renowned leader of 350.org, and Sophia Wilansky, Standing Rock leading organizer.

Upcoming service of baptism at the Wissahickon on Sunday, May 21st! Kaitlin Moore Morley would like to be re-baptized as part of joining WPMF and the Mennonite Church. We will have our normal Sunday schedule at Calvary that day, and following Sunday school will travel to Blue Bell Park for a picnic and the baptismal service. More details to come. If others have been considering baptism and would like to be baptized that day, contact Pastor Lorie.

Beyond the Walls: Prison Healthcare and Reentry Summit, Wednesday, June 28 8AM-5PM at the Philadelphia Convention Center. This summit brings together the communities that are affected by the parallel crises of HIV and mass imprisonment. With a focus on community-led responses to the crisis in the criminal justice system, workshops reflect the needs of prisoners and former prisoners and will highlight the work being done to improve conditions inside the prison walls and in the communities to which prisoners are returning.

Faith and Community Leaders Summit and Gospel Concert
Saturday, June 17th, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
With Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr
Temple University – Howard Gittis Student Center, 1755 N 13th Street, Philadelphia, 19122. The Faith Summit convenes faith leaders in Philadelphia for the purpose of confronting HIV/AIDS and equipping these community leaders with the tools to promote HIV Prevention, testing, and linkage to care in their daily work.

POWER Upcoming Events:
Social Justice Revival, Sunday, May 7th @ 6 pm, Mother Bethel AME Church (419 S. 6th St 19147). In this moment in our nation, we choose to stand together; organizing based in the principles of our shared faith traditions. We choose action rooted in nonviolence, love, and an unrelenting demand for justice. To deepen that commitment, on May 7th we will gather for a time of prayer, teaching, and preaching led by The Reverend Traci Blackmon, Acting Executive Director of Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ. There is no charge for this event, but a free-will offering will be collected to ensure we keep the movement going strong. If you cannot join us on May 7th to hear The Reverend Traci Blackmon, you can make a contribution to POWER in her honor,

Laughter is Sacred Space: The Human Faces Tour presented by Ted & Co. is a unique event heading out on tour this May for Mental Health Awareness month. This tour is about humanizing the faces and stories of those who struggle with psychological or mental disorders, and will be presented Saturday, May 20, 7:00 pm at **Zion Mennonite Church**. Admission to the show is free and a free-will offering will be taken to support the work of Penn Foundation.

At the 2016 Assembly, delegates from Eastern District Conference and Franconia Mennonite Conference affirmed moving forward with a process to explore reconciliation and possibly reuniting EDC and FMC as one. The Reference Team appointed by both conferences' boards is now requesting your input. Please take a few minutes and complete their **online survey here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDC-FMC>.

The private **Facebook group** is a place for current attendees to connect and share during the week on Facebook. To request to join, search on Facebook for WPMF-West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Guests: We would also love for you to join us downstairs after the service for snack and fellowship time, followed by Sunday school.

We welcome all people
of any ethnicity, race, gender
identity, age, sexual orientation,
status, physical or mental ability
or condition.



Today

Greeter: Alex
Usher: Jim
Nursery: Mark Michalovic, Sylvia Horst, Carter, Mary
Snack: Cindy Cassel
Coffee/tea: Elaine Shenk

Sunday, May 7

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder
Song Leader: Mark & Sherri Michalovic
Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders
Musician: Peter Horst
Preacher: Rosa & Nathan Vader Wyse
Greeter: Sylvia
Usher: Sheldon
Nursery: Brendon Gawel, Katheryn Fernandez, Victor
Snack: Nancy Geryk
Coffee/Tea setup: Carol MJ & Elizabeth H

Sunday, May 14

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan
Song Leader: Peter Horst
Children's Storyteller: Heather Swanson
Musician: Jeff Knightly
Preacher: Lorie Hershey

CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY

7: 11:45am - Monthly Fellowship Meal
8: 7:30pm - Pastoral Team Meeting
10: 7:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

Office Hours this week

Lorie
Tuesday: 10am-4pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-2pm
Thursday: 10am-3pm
Friday: Antiracism training

Dorianna does not have office hours this week.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool & Primary Class

(ages 3 - 2nd grade)
Where: Preschool room
Teacher: Linda Esh
Helper: Bryan Geib

Middler Class (grades 3-5)

Where: large classroom of gym
Teacher: Marcy Zimmerman
Helper: Kaitlin Moore Morley

Junior Youth Class (grades 6-8)

Where: Samaritan room (2nd floor above
the Calvary office)
Teacher: Nathan Vader &
Alex Esh Bouwman

Senior Youth Class (grades 9-12)

Where: 2nd FL above WPMF office
Teachers: Brooke Blough & Thomas
Leischner

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is provided for children
(infants - 3 yrs/48 mon) starting after
Children's Time in our worship service.
Two adults and a youth helper supervise.
No nursery care is provided during
Sunday School. The nursery is located on
the lower level of the building, past the
women's bathroom.

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Adult Education Sherri Michalovic
Anne Yoder

C. Council Chair Tim Martin Johnson
Church Retreat Laurie Callan
Fellowship Meal Nancy Geryk

Tim Martin Johnson

FMC Lay Delegate Drick Boyd

Greeters Jim Kurtz

Nursery Carol Buhrman

Small groups Joe Syzdek

Snack Rebecca Weber

Sunday School Linda E & Sarah R

Sr. Youth SS Thomas Leischner

Worship Committee Tim Martin Johnson

Youth Sponsor Sarah, Ken,
Rosa, & Nathan

Mentor Coordinators Broke & Marcy

LGBTQ+ Ally Brooke Blough

**Our Child Protection Policy can be
found on our website and in our
church library.**

SMALL GROUPS

Dream Group

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