

WEST PHILADELPHIA MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP  
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017, 9:00 AM

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

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**Call to Worship:**

Leader: How Blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

**People: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.**

L: God makes us now in God's Spirit!

**P: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.**

L: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

**P: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God.**

**Singing:**

Hymnal #26 "Holy Spirit, come with power"

Hymnal #70 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

**Opening Prayer**

**Reading:** "Here's to women of faith..."

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Time of Offering/Singing:**

Sing the Journey (STJ) #27 "God of the Bible"

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Announcements about the life of the church**

**Children's Time**

**Singing:**

Hymnal #546 "Guide my feet"

Hymnal #64 "Asithi: Amen"

**Scripture Reading:** Joshua 2:1-21

**Sermon:** Rahab

**Communion:**

STJ #84 "Jesus, offered up as bread"

STJ #81 "Take, O take me as I am"

STJ #73 "The Lord lift you up"

**Sending**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**We are currently focusing 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:  
May 21: Covenant Sunday w/ new members sharing  
May 28: Ruth

**HRC is happy to announce** that Elaine Shenk has agreed to serve a three-year term on HRC, and Rebecca Weber has agreed to serve as DEACON.

**Save the date: Congregation meeting, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:45** at the children's community school. This will be an affirmation meeting for Elaine S. and Rebecca W. And decipher whether to support Pastor Lorie to officiate a same-sex marriage at any point in the future.

**Next Sunday is our annual Covenant Sunday** where we welcome new members, commit ourselves to God's ways and this congregation, and sign our membership covenant. We will be welcoming Ethan Tan, Katie Tan, and Kaitlin Moore Morley into membership. You can find the membership covenant on our website, under resources in organization documents. If you need the password, please contact Dorianna.

**No Sunday school, snack time, or fellowship meal in June-August.**

**WPMF supports students at Mennonite Colleges through the Mennonite College Assistance Fund which is separate from our regular budget.** The fund provides \$1,000 grants to students, which the college matches. Next year we will be supporting Dillon Hershey at Goshen College and Rebecca Yugga at EMU. If you are interested in supporting these students you may write a check to WPMF and indicate MCAF on the memo line. Contributions are needed by the end of July when the grant payments are due.

**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.

**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 complete the **online survey here:** [www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDC-FMC](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDC-FMC).

**May 8 to 22,** Walk for Green Jobs and Justice: POWER and EQAT (Earth Quaker Action Team) a 100 mile **walk throughout PECO's service area** - Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, and Philadelphia counties. **The walk highlights the demand for PECO to increase local solar by 20% by the year 2025. And to begin that work in areas with high-unemployment so that green jobs are accessible to those who need it most.** Join the final mile from Philadelphia City Hall to PECO at 12 noon on May 22. See [www.eqat.org](http://www.eqat.org) for more info or to sign up.

**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 May 21, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Mishkan Shalom (4191 Freeland Avenue,). 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. [theshalomcenter.org](http://theshalomcenter.org)

**Beyond the Walls:** Prison Healthcare and Reentry Summit, June 28, 8AM-5PM at the Philadelphia Convention Center. 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 & Gospel Concert, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM With Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr** Temple University – Howard Gittis Student Center, 1755 N 13th Street. 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.

**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, 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.

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"

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**2017 Offering Report**  
**Weekly Offering goal: \$3,320**  
**May 7 giving: \$2,880**  
**Year-to-Date Goal: \$60,798**  
**Year-to-Date Actual: \$53,369**

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



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#### SUNDAY SCHEDULES

##### Today

**Greeter:** Angelina  
**Usher:** Matt  
**Nursery:** Lynn W, Alex EB, Edwin, Emma  
**Snack:** TBD  
**Coffee/Tea setup:** Jim Kurtz

##### Sunday, May 21

**Worship Leader:** Sheldon Rich  
**Song Leader:** Drick Boyd  
**Children's Storyteller:** Brenda Rich  
**Musician:** Tim Schellenberg  
**Preacher:** New Member Sharing  
**Greeter:** Linda  
**Usher:** Mel  
**Nursery:** Dorianna, Christine, Chloe, Maya, Julian  
**Snack:** Heather Davis Jones  
**Coffee/Tea setup:** Kathie Sauder

##### Sunday, May 28

**Worship Leader:** Brooke Blough  
**Song Leader:** Mark & Sherri Michalovic  
**Children's Storyteller:** Sarah Rody  
**Musician:** Anne Yoder  
**Preacher:** Sheri Magness

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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### MAY

**16:** 7:00pm – Worship Committee Meeting  
**20:** 7:00pm – Retirement group  
**21:** 12:00pm - Baptism  
**26:** 7:00pm – Mentoring movie night

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#### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

##### Lorie

**Tuesday:** 9am-3pm  
**Wednesday:** Comp day  
**Thursday:** 9am-3pm  
**Friday:** 9am-4pm

##### Dorianna

**Tuesday:** 8:30am-3:30pm  
**Thursday:** 10:30-3:30pm  
**Friday:** 8:30am-2:30pm

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#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

##### Preschool & Primary Class

(ages 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor above the Calvary office)  
Teacher: Nathan Vader & Alex Esh Bouwman

##### Senior Youth Class (grades 9-12)

Where: 2<sup>nd</sup> FL above WPMF office  
Teachers: Brooke Blough & Thomas Leischner

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#### NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is provided for children (infants – 3 yrs/48 mo) 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.

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#### 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** Brooke & Marcy  
**LGBTQ+ Ally** Brooke Blough

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

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#### SMALL GROUPS

##### **Dream Group**

Sheldon Rich: shrich54@gmail.com

##### **Lectio Divina**

Sheri Magness & Brenda Rich:  
brenrich53@gmail.com

##### **Men's Monthly Breakfast**

Matt MacNeill: mrmacneill@gmail.com

##### **Togetherring**

Alex & Amanda Esh Bouwman:  
aaeshbouwman@yahoo.com

##### **New Attenders Small Group**

Lorie Hershey: lorie@wpmf.org

##### **Supper, Sharing, and Study group**

Angelina: angelina.rose.horst@gmail.com

##### **Contemplative Prayer group**

Chris P: chrispetersen66@yahoo.com

##### **Exploring Retirement Group**

Elizabeth Hamilton:  
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