

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Sunday, July 9, 2017 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Tim Martin Johnson

Song Leader: Tim Martin Johnson

Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders

Musician: Jeff Knightly

Reflection: San Juan Jones

Opening Song

Sing the Journey #1 "We sing to you, O God"

Call to Worship

Passing the Peace

Offering

Hymnal #151 "Marvelous grace of our loving Lord"

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Announcements

Prayer

Children's Time

Song

Hymnal #503 "Come, O thou traveler unknown"

Reflection - Denerale Jones, Genesis 32:22-32

Song

Response Time

Communion

Sing the Journey #53 "O God in heaven"

Sing the Journey #109 "There is more love somewhere"

Remembering those we have lost

Closing Song

Hymnal #421 "Bless'd be the tie that binds v. 1,3,4"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Biblical Stories We Love," June 11 – July 9th.

This series will be a time to reflect on our favorite Bible stories or ones that have a meaning to us and share how they connect with and shape us. The bible is a patchwork of stories, letters, poems, and accounts pointing us toward God's love. There is always more to learn and understanding can grow when we work at it as a community. To reflect this messy, beautiful book, you'll have an opportunity to create a collaborative collage, making pieces with different materials each week and putting them together the last week!

Congregational meeting, Sunday, July 16 at 10:45 am.

This will be a two-part meeting. The first part will be the mid-year financial check-in which is informational with no decision requested. The second part will be the decision whether to offer marriage for same-sex couples by our pastor as part of our calling as a welcoming and affirming congregation, following up on our discussion and discernment on June 4. The proposal for this meeting was emailed out last week and can be found on top of the mailboxes. The meeting will be in the basement of Calvary and childcare will be provided.

July 23: is a joint worship service with Calvary UMC in Clark Park, 10:00 a.m.

July 30: joint worship service with Calvary UMC at the Calvary center, 10:00 a.m.

August 6: Visiting Sunday. There is no WPMF Worship service this Sunday.

The Interfaith Center is offering a tour and discussion titled Nature's Revelations in Religious Art, Wednesday July 19, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Register online: interfaithcenterpa.org/art

2017-2018 Ministry Position Vacancies

The following ministry positions have vacancies, for more information contact a member of HRC. Coffee Servers
Fellowship Meal Coordinators
Retreat Planning Team Member
WPMF Representative to Calvary Board

Responding to Church Violence: Thinking Ahead, July 20, 7:00 to 9:30 pm, at Oxford Circle Mennonite Church, 900 Howell St. Lancaster Mennonite Conference will offer this free seminar to help churches think ahead to the unthinkable. Pastor Tracy Brown (retired State Police) will provide a peace church context for the presentation by the Pennsylvania State Police. Local metro police will also be present to comment on facility safety. The officers will provide practical suggestions to reduce threats and describe resources available to churches to increase personal and property safety. The approach will encourage thoughtful responses rather than fearful reactions. RSVP to Joselyn Santiago: jsantiago@lancasterconference.org

WPMF will be holding its 2017 Men's Retreat on September 22-24 at Black Rock Retreat Center. This retreat for men and boys (older than 12 years old) is an opportunity for learning, recreation and fellowship. We will have some reflection time on a theme (TBD), have time for recreation and conversation with the goal of building community and connection with each other. Information on how to register and more details about the retreat will be available later in the summer. Please come and join us. If you have questions, you can contact Ken Beidler.

What would you do if you found yourself fresh out of prison, a social outcast in a strange city, with nowhere to lay your head? Could you survive life "on the outside?" **On September 30th, Redemption Housing's Day One Challenge** will place you "in the shoes" of Philadelphia's returning citizens, giving you a glimpse of what they have to experience in the days and weeks following their release. To complete the Day One Challenge, you will work with other participants to locate supports in employment and education, obtain your state IDs, and find a place to sleep until you can "get back on your feet." Save the Date for the Day One Challenge. More information to follow.

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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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Mentor Coordinators Brooke & Marcy
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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 restroom.



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Today

Greeter: Alex
Usher: Matt
Nursery: Nick L, Amanda EB, Maggie, Eden

Sunday, July 16

Worship Leader: Brenda Rich
Song Leader: Drick Boyd
Children's Storyteller: Laurie Callan
Musician: Amy Hochstetler
Sharing: MC USA Convention
Greeter: Elizabeth
Usher: Jim
Nursery: Dorianna L, Sarah W, Erin, Sadie

Sunday, July 23

Worship Leader: Sheldon Rich
Song Leader: Mark & Sherri Michalovic
Children's Storyteller: Marla Burkholder
Musician: Tim Martin Johnson
Sharing: Joint Service with Calvary

CHURCH CALENDAR

July
16: Congregational Meeting after Service
19: Deacon Meeting

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Lorie
To Be Determined.

Dorianna
Tuesday: 8:30-3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am-3:30pm
Friday: 9:30am-2:30pm

2017 Offering Report

Weekly Offering goal: \$3,320
July 2nd giving: \$11,235
Year-to-Date Goal: \$87,253
Year-to-Date Actual: \$83,200

