

## West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Sunday, July 16, 2017, 9:00 AM

**Worship Leader:** Brenda Rich

**Song Leader:** Drick Boyd

**Children's Storyteller:** Sarah Rody

**Musician:** Amy Hochstetler

**Sharing:** Participants who attended MCUSA Convention in Orlando:

“Love is a Verb”

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### GATHERING SONG

Psalm 136 (God's Love Endures Forever)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### SINGING

Supplement #102 “We will follow”

Supplement #84 “My Soul Cries Out”

Sing the Journey #79 “As I went down to the river”

### PASSING THE PEACE

### INTRODUCING VISITORS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OFFERING

Supplement #83 “Many Gifts, One Spirit”

### CHILDREN'S STORY

#### SONG

From the Convention led by Youth Group

### SCRIPTURE READING:

### REFLECTIONS FROM CONVENTION:

### SHARING/CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#### PRAYER

#### CLOSING SONG

Sing the Journey #78 “Sizohamba naye”

### BENEDICTION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**TODAY: Congregational meeting, at 10:45 am in the basement.** This will be a two-part meeting. First will be the mid-year financial check-in which is informational with no decision requested. The second 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 weeks ago. Childcare will be provided.

**Next Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be our joint service with Calvary UMC held in Clark Park at the corner of Chester Ave and 45<sup>th</sup> St.** Worship begins at 10 am. Please bring blankets or chairs for seating. If inclement weather, we will meet in the chapel at Calvary. There will not be nursery care; children are welcome in worship.

**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.

**POWER Health Care Campaign:** This past Thursday POWER Metro and POWER Philadelphia leaders joined Open-Air Town Halls to Save Medicaid - building energy, community, and resistance in defense of Medicaid and ACA protections. On busy street corners in Media, Doylestown, and Philadelphia, we shared stories, prayers, and engaged new people in the struggle for health care justice. While widespread resistance has delayed the devastating Senate bill, we know that the fight is far from over - we need you with us! To get involved and stay updated on POWER's health care work visit [powerinterfaith.org](http://powerinterfaith.org) For questions or to get involved in our work on health care, please contact Community Organizer Lena Glickman ([lglickman@powerphiladelphia.org](mailto:lglickman@powerphiladelphia.org)).

**July 21 and 22, Kingdom Builders Anabaptist Network is offering a Biblical Literature course co-taught by Hesston College Professor Michele Hershberger Pastor Juan Marrero of Christ Centered Church.** The class will look at the narrative sweep of the Scriptures, asking three questions: 1) What is the sin problem? 2) What does God do in response? and 3) How faithfully are God's people cooperating? This class helps connect different eras in Biblical history and the different types of literature. Participants are asked to contribute \$25 to partially cover the cost of the text book, meals, and other expenses. Classes will be held at Centro de Alabanza, 440 Snyder Ave. Translation to Spanish will be provided. Schedule: Fri, 6-9pm; Sat, 8:30am - 12:30 / lunch / 1:30-5:30pm. RSVP to Fred Kauffman, [fk4873@gmail.com](mailto:fk4873@gmail.com), if you would like to participate.

**Responding to Church Violence: Thinking Ahead, July 20, 7:00 to 9:30 pm,** at Oxford Circle Mennonite Church, 900 Howell St. Free seminar offered by Lancaster Mennonite Conference 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](mailto:jsantiago@lancasterconference.org)

**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.

**We welcome all people**

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



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<b>Church Retreat</b>	Laurie Callan
<b>Fellowship Meal</b>	TBD
<b>FMC Lay Delegate</b>	Drick Boyd
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Kurtz
<b>Nursery</b>	Carol Buhrman
<b>Small groups</b>	Joe Syzdek
<b>Snack</b>	Rebecca Weber
<b>Sunday School</b>	Linda E & Sarah R
<b>Sr. Youth SS</b>	Thomas Leischner
<b>Worship Committee</b>	Tim Martin Johnson
<b>Youth Sponsor</b>	Sarah, Ken, Rosa, & Nathan
<b>Mentor Coordinators</b>	Brooke & Marcy
<b>LGBTQ+ Ally</b>	Brooke Blough

**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:** Elizabeth  
**Usher:** Jim  
**Nursery:** Dorianna L, TBD, Erin, Sadie

**Sunday, July 23**

**Worship Leader:** Sheldon Rich  
**Song Leader:** Mark & Sherri Michalovic  
**Children's Storyteller:** Marla Burkholder  
**Musician:** Tim Martin Johnson  
**Sharing:** Lorie Hershey  
**Greeter:** Sylvia  
**Usher:** Bryan

**July 30 is run by Calvary.**

**There is no worship Service August 6.**

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**July**  
**16:** Congregational Meeting after Service  
**19:** 7:15pm Deacon Meeting  
7:30pm Pastor Team Meeting

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

**Lorie**  
**Tuesday:** 8:30am-3pm  
**Wednesday:** 9am-3pm  
**Thursday:** 1pm-4pm  
**Friday:** 8:30am-12pm  
**Dorianna**  
**Tuesday:** 8:30-3:00pm  
**Thursday:** 11:00am-3:30pm  
**Friday:** 9:30am-2:30pm

**2017 Offering Report**

**Weekly Offering goal:** \$3,320  
**July 9th giving:** \$11,235  
**Year-to-Date Goal:** \$3,600  
**Year-to-Date Actual:** \$86,800

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