

**West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship  
Sunday, September 3, 2017, 9:00 AM**

**Worship Leader:** Sheldon Rich  
**Song Leader:** Ariel Ressler MacNeill  
**Children's Storyteller:** Marla Burkholder  
**Musician:** Jeff Knightly  
**Sharing:** Ross Bender

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**OPENING SONG:** Hymnal #16 "God is here among us"

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**SINGING:**

Hymnal #514 "Lord, I am fondly"  
Hymnal #506 "I sought the Lord"

**PASSING THE PEACE / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SINGING:** Hymnal #373 "Thou true Vine, that heals"

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**OFFERING:** Hymnal #7 "Here O Lord your servants gather"

**SHARING & PRAYER:**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Corinthians 12: 1-6; John 15:1-5

**SERMON:** Reflection by Ross Bender

**SONG OF RESPONSE:**

Hymnal #343 "My hope is built on nothing less"

**CONGREGATIONAL SHARING**

**CLOSING HYMN:** Hymnal #434 "Thuma Mina"

**BENEDICTION:**

**Announcements**

**Sunday school and snack time begins next week**, September 10<sup>th</sup>, after the Worship Service. The Adult Sunday school class will meet in the Church office for the Fall quarter.

**The S.S. materials are in for the fall quarter, now all we need are teachers for our wonderful children.** We need 1 Primary (K-2nd grades) teacher, 1 Middler (3rd-5th grades) teacher, 1 Jr. High (6th -8th grades) teacher and a person or two to be substitutes. We have been truly blest with some delightful children at WPMF. Let's do our part to help them learn about God/the Bible and grow in their faith. Please let Linda Esh ([lindajesh@yahoo.com](mailto:lindajesh@yahoo.com)) or Sarah Rody ([sarahgotwalsrody@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgotwalsrody@gmail.com)) if you are able to teach any of these classes during the fall, winter or spring quarter. It will be much appreciated.

**Our monthly Fellowship Meal** is an important part of shared community life as well as an opportunity to extend welcome to those who visit or are new to our congregation. We are looking for someone to share the role of Fellowship Meal Coordinators (we already have one volunteer but need a second) to ensure that this practice will continue this fall at WPMF! Please contact Elaine Shenk or Tim Martin Johnson if you are willing to serve in this way.

**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.

**Comegys' School supply drive.** We are collecting school supplies for a local k-8 school, please bring school supplies to services in August.

**Brian McLaren to speak at Salford Mennonite:** As part of Salford Mennonite Church's 300th anniversary celebration, noted theologian, speaker, author, and activist Brian D. McLaren will present on September 10 at 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. He will speak to the challenges facing North American Christianity, and offer his hope for the future of Anabaptist Christians and the North American Church while reflecting on his most recent book, *The Great Spiritual Migration*.

**September 30th, Redemption Housing's Day One Challenge.** 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." Register at [dayonechallenge.org](http://dayonechallenge.org)

**The Dedication Service of the Elevator here at Calvary has been postponed and will be scheduled for some time in December.** WPMF has been a part of making the building more accessible and in 2010 began the John "Jerry" Greene Memorial Fund, in honor of former WPMF'er, to help with costs. The lift/elevator is the important first step in this accessibility. So, join the other building users in dedicating it on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

**Don't miss the Apple Butter Frolic, Saturday October 7, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Mennonite Heritage Center** (565 Yoder Rd, Harleysville, PA 19438). The Frolic is an opportunity to learn how Mennonites and their neighbors lived 100 or more years ago, and is great fun for young and old alike. The event features a pancake & apple sausage breakfast (7:30-10:30 am), folk craft demonstrations, food, children's activities, farming demonstrations and much more. Parking is available at Indian Valley Middle School. For more information call 215-256-3020 or email [info@mhep.org](mailto:info@mhep.org).

**Carol Buhrman is the new snack coordinator. Sign up to bring snack at [signup.com/go/cnYToTf](http://signup.com/go/cnYToTf)**

**We welcome all people**

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



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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.

**2017 Offering Report**

**Weekly Offering goal:** \$3,320  
**August 27 giving:** \$2,150  
**Year-to-Date Goal:** \$113,243  
**Year-to-Date Actual:** \$105,848

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**Today**

**Greeter:** Elizabeth  
**Usher:** Matt  
**Nursery:** Mark M, Mel Esh, Mary, Edwin

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**Musician:** Jeff Knightly  
**Preaching:** Valuing our daily work sharing  
**Greeter:** Dorianna  
**Usher:** Bryan  
**Nursery:** Amanda EB, Sylvia H, Eden, Victor

**Sunday, September 10**

**Worship Leader:** Carey Davis  
**Song Leader:** Amy Hochstetler  
**Children's Storyteller:** Laurie Brunk  
**Musician:** Elaine Shenk  
**Preaching:** Lorie Hershey  
**Greeter:** Linda  
**Usher:** Mel  
**Nursery:** Ken B, Christine W, Julian, Toby

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**September**  
**16: Retirement small group**  
**20: 7:15pm Deacon meeting**  
**7:30pm Pastoral team meeting**  
**22-23: Men's retreat**

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

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

