

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Sunday, October 8, 2017, 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Lorie Hershey

Song Leaders: Tim S, Tim MJ, Peter H

Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody

Musician: Peter Horst

Gathering Song

Hymnal #651: I owe the Lord a morning song

Call to Worship

Psalm 98 and 150

from *Psalms for Young Children* by Marie-Helene Delval

Singing

Sing the Journey #97: The Lord is my light

Hymnal #580: My life flows on

Welcome & Prayer

Passing the Peace

Sharing & Prayer

Song Supplement #61: Come bring your burdens to God

Sing the Journey #78: Sizohamba naye

Blessing for Mentoring Program

Offering

Hymnal #389: Take my life

Song Supplement #21: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Psalm 96:1-7, 11-13

Expressing our Prayers

Song Supplement #84: My Soul Cries Out

New song: Sing a New a World into Being

Singing our Heart Songs

Name a song that speaks to your heart and soul, i.e. inspires you, sustains you during hard times, encourages you to keep walking with Jesus, draws you into God's community, reminds you that you are loved, etc.

Sending Song

New song: As you go out from here

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for snack time and Sunday school after Worship service. The Adult Sunday school class will meet in the Church office for the Fall quarter.

Today we are previewing some of the songs and worship materials for the Mennonite Church's new hymnal being released in 2020. Opportunities for feedback and content are available online: heraldpress.com/MennoniteWorshipAndSongCollection

On Oct 15th we will have opportunity to give towards Crossroads Community Center,

a partner in the Anabaptist Kingdom Builders Network. Pastor Juan Marrero of Christ Centered Church and executive director of Crossroads will be preaching that morning. Crossroads ministry shares God's love as they work to keep kids and youth in meaningful relationships in the Fairhill neighborhood. Rebecca Yugga worked there for 2 summers. Currently they are fundraising to convert their basement into a music studio ministry, a dream of one of their former "Crossroads kids," which will provide a space for creativity and a counter to violence. Crossroads also needs more sustainable funding for their overall budget. To give, write your check to WPMF with "Crossroads Community Center" in the memo line. For more information:

<http://www.crossroadspshilly.org/>

Focus Groups on Racism: During the next few months, you are invited to participate in a focus group to gauge our congregation's desire/interest to do more intentional work around racism, including within our own structures and organization. These will be hosted in a variety of settings and with facilitated questions for group discussion and input. Watch for coming details on dates and locations. Questions? Talk to Rebecca Weber or Pastor Lorie.

Adult Sunday School Schedule

Oct. 8: 4-min. video "The Unequal Opportunity Race" (systems and racism)

Oct. 15: Pastor Juan Marrero facilitating

Oct. 22: mental health

Any guys out there interested in free voice lessons? The barbershop harmony group that I (Jeff Knightly) sing with, will be hosting 6 free voice lessons, Monday evenings from October 23 - November 27th. When you are done you will have the option of joining us in our annual holiday on December 2nd. See me or follow this link for more information.

pinebarons.org/events/free-singing-lessons/dashboard/53.html

On October 16, the Mennonite Heritage Center is sponsoring a unique one-day tour to New York City

to visit the Tenement Museum and learn the stories of immigrants on Manhattan's Lower East Side in the mid-to-late nineteenth century. There will also be a 2-hour guided "Foods of the Lower East Side" walking tour of the neighborhood. For information and to register, see www.mhep.org or call 215-256-3020. Registration due by September 29.

The next New Attenders small group meeting will be Thu, Oct 19th @ 7pm at Sherri and Mark Michalovic's home. Talk to Pastor Lorie for more details.

Interfaith Study with Imam Malik, Thu evenings Oct 19 - Nov 30 (no study Nov 23), 7 pm @ Calvary Center. Calvary UMC, Kol Tzedek Synagogue, Muslim Community Masjid, and WPMF are invited to join together in studying Bruce Lawrence's *The Qur'an: A Biography*, led by Imam Malik. The discussion will look at the historicity of interpreting a sacred text; how context shapes and allows interpretation. Space is limited so register with Kari, Calvary building administrator: office@allmeansall.org Preference will be given for equal number of participants from each congregation.

Kingdom Builders Network (KBN)

Giving: KBN, the Anabaptist network of churches in Philadelphia, is gathering money to send a contribution to MDS for their work in post-hurricane relief and a small contribution to Iglesia Evangelica Menonita de Oracion y Adoracion, the new congregation meeting at Oxford Circle Mennonite. If you would like to contribute, please send your contributions to Fred Kauffman (KBN Treasurer) at 4631 Pine St, E305 / Phila. PA 19143. Mark your contribution for either MDS, Iglesia Evangelica, or both.

Church Council sent a letter to MC USA's Executive Board regarding the inclusion of the LGBTQ community and other marginalized groups in denominational committees and appointments. If you didn't receive the letter via WPMF listserv, there are copies on the mailboxes along with some background on the timing of the letter.

Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why? October 25 to December 12. This on-line short course is taught by Loren Johns, Ph.D., professor of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS). It is an interactive 6-week course that looks at: What, exactly, is Anabaptism? Where did it come from? Why did the early Anabaptists' method of reading of Scripture challenge, and often frighten, their contemporaries? And why does it still matter today? Cost: \$200 before Oct. 4; \$250 after. Noncredit. CEUs available.

Update your contact info! Our annual church directory will be printed in October. Please email Dorianna if to update any info or if you would like to be included in the directory at wpmf@wpmf.org.

2017 Offering Report

Weekly Offering goal:	\$3,320
October 1 giving:	\$3,341
Year-to-Date Goal:	\$129,952
Year-to-Date Actual:	\$123,556

We welcome all people

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



Today

Greeter: Elizabeth

Usher: Matt

Nursery: Nick L, Sarah W, Maggie, Owen

Snack: Sylvia Horst

Coffee/Tea: Jim Kurtz

Sunday, October 15

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan

Song Leaders: Amy Hochstetler

Children's Storyteller: Drick Boyd

Musician: Elaine Shenk

Preaching: Pastor Juan Marrero

Greeter: Linda

Usher: Mel

Nursery: Dorianna, Marla B, Erin, Sadie

Snack: Nancy Geryk

Coffee/Tea: Tim & Carol Martin Johnson

Sunday, October 22

Worship Leader: Sheldon Rich

Song Leaders: Peter Horst

Children's Storyteller: Marla Burkholder

Musician: Tim Schellenberg

Preaching: Pastor Lorie Hershey

CHURCH CALENDAR

October

14: 10:00am Powerlinks meeting

18: 7:00pm Worship Committee
7:15pm Deacon Meeting

21: 7:00pm Retirement Group

25: 7:00pm Church Council Focus Group

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Lorie

Tuesday: 1pm-4pm

Wednesday: Jury Duty

Thursday: 1pm-4pm

Friday: 8:30am-2:30pm

Dorianna

Tuesday: 10:30am-2:30pm

Wednesday: 8:15am-12:45pm

Thursday: 8:15am-2:15pm

Friday: TBD-1:30pm

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool

(ages 3 - 4)

Where: Preschool room

Teacher: Linda Esh

Helper: Christine Waanders

Primary Class

(Kindergarten - 2nd grade)

Teacher: Laurie Callan

Middler Class (grades 3-5)

Where: large classroom of gym

Teacher: Marcy Zimmerman

Junior Youth Class (grades 6-8)

Where: Samaritan room (above Calvary office)

Teachers: Sarah Rody & Alex E B

Senior Youth Class (grades 9-12)

Where: 2nd FL above WPMF office

Teachers: 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 Daniel Vader & Jeff Knightly

FMC Lay Delegate Drick Boyd

Greeters Jim Kurtz

Nursery Carol Buhrman

Small groups Joe Syzdek

Snack Carol Buhrman

Sunday School Linda Esh & Sarah Rody

Sr. Youth SS Thomas Leischner

Worship Committee Tim Martin Johnson

Youth Sponsor Sarah, Ken, Rosa, & Nathan

Mentor Coordinators Angelina Host & Marcy Zimmerman

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

SMALL GROUPS

Dream Group

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