

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, October 15, 2017, 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan
Song Leader: Amy Hochstetler
Children's Storyteller: Drick Boyd
Musician: Elaine Shenk
Preacher: Pastor Juan Marrero

Call to Worship

Singing:

Hymnal #26: Holy Spirit, come with power
Hymnal #46: I sing the mighty power of God
Hymnal #56: Awake, arise, O sing a new song

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Passing the Peace of Christ/ Welcome of Visitors

Time of Offering/Singing:

Hymnal #369: Lord, whose love in humble service

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Announcements about the life of the church

Children's Time

Singing:

Hymnal #139: Far, far away from my loving Father (vs. 1-4)

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-31

Sermon: The Lost Son, The Forgiving Father and the Big Brother

Song of Response:

Hymnal #139: Far, far away from my loving Father (vs. 5 & refrain)
Hymnal #150: Wonderful grace of Jesus (verses 1, 3)

Congregational Response

Song of Sending: Hymnal #418 Move in our midst

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Pastor Juan Marrero from Christ Centered Church and director of Crossroads Ministry. A 4th generation Mennonite, he grew up in the Fairhill section of Philadelphia and was part of Second Mennonite Church. Currently, he serves as chairman of Kingdom Builders Network. Pastor Juan and his wife, Sandy, parent 7 children and in his spare time he enjoys basketball and boxing.

Today we will have opportunity to give towards Crossroads Community Center, a partner in the Anabaptist Kingdom Builders Network. 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 operating budget. To give, write your check to WPMF with "Crossroads Community Center" in the memo line. For more information: <http://www.crossroadsp Philly.org/>

Mental Health Worship and Sunday School series, Oct 22-Nov 27, focusing on our mental health and faith. Mental health is a broad category, like physical health. We all work to maintain our mental and physical health in some way, whether we have conditions, diseases, or illnesses. But there is still stigma in society, and the Church, about mental health and mental illness. This series hopes to create holy space to hear one another's journeys both broadly with mental health and specifically with mental illness. And to inspire us to keep taking steps towards God, health, and one another.

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.

Adult Sunday school Schedule:

Oct 15 Juan Marerro- Crossroads Ministry
Oct 22 Mental Health series
Oct 29 Mental health series
Nov 5 Focus group discussing racism
Nov 12 Mental health series
Nov 19 Mental health series

POWER Economic Dignity Action: October 19th, at the "Aloft Hotel, A Loss for Philly" action will take place at the Arch St. United Methodist Church (55 N. Broad St.) to call for the hotel to create jobs or give our money back. This is a follow up to the September 19th action demanding that the public money which was not used to create the promised community benefit of 115 jobs at the hotel's canceled restaurants actually be created.

POWER's Climate Justice & Jobs Convening. October 22-23.

October 22: 10:30 am at Chestnut Hill United, Worship service and talk by Colette Pichon Battle, Executive Director of the U.S. Human Rights Network.

October 22: 1-6pm at St. Vincent's Church in Germantown for lunch and workshops.

October 23: 12-2pm at Community College of Philadelphia for lunch and chat, co-sponsored by CCP, AFT Local 2026.

For more info or to register, visit goo.gl/2stVpW

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

The 2017 Women's retreat is November 3-5 at Tel Hai in Honeybrook, PA.

The theme is *Take Heart! Exploring Courage in Women of the Bible & Beyond*. For questions talk with Anne Yoder, Pastor Lorie, or Shelley Crognale. To register, contact Anne Yoder.

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.

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a **Web and Social Media Manager**. To request a copy of the job description and an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org

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.

2017 Offering Report

Weekly Offering goal:	\$3,320
October 8 giving:	\$3,845
Year-to-Date Goal:	\$133,200
Year-to-Date Actual:	\$127,401

We welcome all people

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



Today

Greeter: Angelina

Usher: Bryan

Nursery: Dorianna L, 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

Greeter: Angelina

Usher: Jim

Nursery: Amanda EB, Christine W, Isaiah, Julian

Snack: Ken & Elaine

Coffee/Tea: Cynthia Boyd

Sunday, October 29

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder

Song Leaders: Mark & Sherri Michalovic

Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders

Musician: Amy Hochstetler

Preaching: Sharing from congregation

CHURCH CALENDAR

October

18: 7:00pm Worship Committee

7:15pm Deacon Meeting

20: 6:30pm Mentoring Event at Wetherbees

21: 7:00pm Retirement Group

25: 7:00pm Church Council Focus Group

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Lorie

Tuesday: 1pm-4pm

Wednesday: 9am-3pm

Thursday: 8:30am-11:30am

Friday: 9am-1pm

Dorianna

Tuesday: 9:30am-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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