

## West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 9:00 AM

**Worship Leader:** Laurie Callan

**Song Leaders:** Amy Hochstetler

**Children's Storyteller:** Pastor Lorie Hershey

**Musician:** Peter Horst

**Reflection:** Drick Boyd

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### Call to Worship:

Worship Leader: You call us, Lord, to share your story,

**Congregation: To follow where you lead, to live as you live, to love as You love, To preach the good news of God's Kingdom of justice and joy, of peace and hope.**

WL: If we are to share Your story, Lord, then we have to invite You to share ours, To be part of all we do and say.

**Congregation: We can't share Your story if we're not prepared to let You into our story.**

WL: Come into our lives, into our stories, and worship, Lord.

**All: Lead us the way you want us to go,**

**So, we, too, may be disciples in the world.**

### Singing

Hymnal #166 I'll praise my Maker

Hymnal #651 I owe the Lord a morning song

### Call to Confession, Prayer of Response:

All: God of Courage, be in our speaking.

Be also in our listening, and speak to our souls' deep understanding.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### Scripture Reading: A Psalm of Lament from Ann Weems

### Passing the Peace of Christ/Welcome of Visitors

### Time of Offering /Singing

Hymnal #90 For the fruit of all creation

### Sharing our joys and concerns/Prayer

### Children's Time

Hymnal #553 I am weak, and I need Thy strength

### Scripture Reading: Psalm 88 and Matthew 6:34

### Personal Reflection: "Learning to Walk in the Dark"

### Sacred Movement by Mercy Oyana

### Communion/Time of Response

Hymnal #233 Joyful is the dark

Sing the Journey #94 Blest are they

Sing the Journey #84 Halleluya! Pelo tsa rona

### Sending

Sing the Journey #77 The peace of earth be with you

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.

**Focus group on Racism today at 4 PM** at Carey & Gerry Davis' house in Germantown.

**Evangelicals for Social Action, in partnership with Rev. Alexia Salvatierra of Matthew 25, is coordinating a public prayer campaign for DREAMers.** We are committing to pray each week until clean legislation that ensures the security of families is passed. Will you join us in weekly prayer? We are also collecting prayers for DREAMers that the CCDA will deliver to legislators in DC on December 4th. If you would like to participate, green index cards and a designated prayer box will be available each Sunday at WPMF. For more information, visit [EvangelicalsforSocialAction.org/PrayforDREAMers](http://EvangelicalsforSocialAction.org/PrayforDREAMers) or speak with Katie Tan.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** will host a program on **World War I Conscientious Objectors** on Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 pm. Anne Yoder, archivist for the Swarthmore College Peace Collection and member of West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship, will speak on "Expanding the Narrative: Stories of WW I Conscientious Objectors in Their Own Words". The program is open to the public by donation. For information, visit [www.mhep.org](http://www.mhep.org) or call 215-256-3020.

**New attenders small group will meet on Sunday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>** for lunch in the home of Mark and Sherri Michalovic. See Pastor Lorie for details.

**POWER job opening:** We're expanding our team with a new Digital Organizer position! If you are interested or know of anyone who would like to join our team and help us increase our presence and impact through digital tools and creative communications strategies, please visit [powerinterfaith.org](http://powerinterfaith.org)

### Mental Health Worship and Sunday School series, Oct 22 – Nov 27

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.

11/19 **Mental Health and Community Reflections in Worship:** Mercy Oyana, Brooke Blough

**Adult Sunday School:** Carol Martin Johnson facilitating

11/26 **Mental Health: Ways of Support Reflections in Worship:** TBD

**Adult Sunday School:** Supporting one another. Lorie facilitating.

**For this series, you are invited to bring a piece of art, writing, sculpture, or poem that reflects your feelings about mental illness.**

Feel free to keep them anonymous or to sign your name to your contribution. Bring it with you to worship, or contact Pastor Lorie in advance. We will hang them around the back of the chapel as a gallery of our community's voices. Each week during worship there will be time to view the gallery as we hold each other in the presence of God and one another. They will be taken down each week after our worship service. You can choose at any time to take your contribution out of the gallery. Just speak to Pastor Lorie.

**A new small group is forming for people age 18+ who identify as LGBTQ or are questioning their sexual identity.** It will be a casual and relaxed group for just being together and talking about our lives. Contact Julie Prey at 267.825.5242 if you're interested.

### The annual church directories are printed!

Pick one up from the top of the church mailboxes in the foyer.

**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 will have facilitated questions for group discussion. If you are part of an existing small group, your group likely has a meeting on the calendar and we will have a time at Women's Retreat for this conversation.

There are currently three meetings scheduled that are open to anyone:

**TODAY at 4 PM** at Carey & Gerry Davis' house

**Sunday, December 3** during adult Sunday school.

Questions? Talk to Lorie Hershey.

### The Human Resources Committee is pleased to announce that Matt MacNeill

has consented to serve on HRC, completing the term of Betsy Sneller, who has resigned her position. Congregational affirmation will take place at the congregational meeting on December 17.

### Art of Interfaith Understanding:

**Continuity & Reform, Wed Nov 15, 6-8:30 pm.** During this tour and discussion, we will

use the resources of the Philadelphia Museum of Art to explore the context in which the Protestant Reformation took place, as well as the ways in which Martin Luther and his followers were either in continuity with Roman Catholicism or urging reform. The program will be guided by Rev. John B. Hougen, a consultant with the Interfaith Center and a volunteer guide at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. \$10/person (includes parking, museum admission, and program) Register: [interfaithcenterpa.org/art](http://interfaithcenterpa.org/art)

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### 2017 Offering Report

**Weekly Offering goal: \$3,320**

**November 5 giving: \$3,845**

**Year-to-Date Goal: \$133,200**

**Year-to-Date Actual: \$127,401**

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## We welcome all people

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



### Today

**Greeter:** Elizabeth  
**Usher:** Linford  
**Nursery:** Lynn W, Alex EB, Maya, Eden  
**Snack:** Tim & Carol Martin Johnson  
**Coffee/Tea:** Jim Kurtz

### Sunday, November 19

**Worship Leader:** Anne Yoder  
**Song Leader:** Ariel Ressler MacNeill  
**Children's Storyteller:** Sarah Rody  
**Musician:** Tim Schellenberg  
**Reflection:** Mercy Oyana & Brooke Blough  
**Greeter:** Linda Esh  
**Usher:** Linford Martin  
**Nursery:** Shelley C, Sylvia H, Victor, Ezra  
**Snack:** Nathaniel & Kiana Grimes  
**Coffee/Tea:** Tim & Carol Martin Johnson

### Sunday, November 26

**Worship Leader:** Brooke Blough  
**Song Leader:** Brenda Rich  
**Children's Storyteller:** Christine Waanders  
**Musician:** Tim Martin Johnson  
**Reflection:** TBD

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### November

**12:** 4:00pm Focus group on racism  
**15:** 7:30pm Pastoral Team Meeting  
**17:** Youth Ice Skating  
**21:** 7:15pm Deacon Meeting

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

#### Lorie

**Tuesday:** 1pm-4pm  
**Wednesday:** 9am-3pm  
**Thursday:** 9am-3:30pm  
**Friday:** 9am-2pm

#### Dorianna

**Tuesday:** 9:30am-2:30pm  
**Wednesday:** 8:15am-12:45pm  
**Thursday:** 9:30am-2:00pm  
**Friday:** TBD-1:30pm

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Preschool

(ages 3 - 4)  
Where: Preschool room  
Teacher: Linda Esh  
Helper: Christine Waanders

### Primary Class

(Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Adult Education</b>     | Sherri Michalovic & Anne Yoder  |
| <b>C. Council Chair</b>    | Tim Martin Johnson              |
| <b>Church Retreat</b>      | Laurie Callan                   |
| <b>Fellowship Meal</b>     | Daniel Vader & Jeff Knightly    |
| <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>               | Carol Buhrman                   |
| <b>Sunday School</b>       | Linda Esh & Sarah Rody          |
| <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> | Angelina Host & Marcy Zimmerman |

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

## SMALL GROUPS

### Dream Group

Sheldon Rich: shrich54@gmail.com

### Lectio Divina

Sheri Magness & Brenda Rich:  
brenrich53@gmail.com

### Men's Monthly Breakfast

Matt MacNeill: mrmacneill@gmail.com

### Togethering

Alex & Amanda Esh Bouwman:  
aaeshbouwman@yahoo.com

### New Attenders Small Group

Lorie Hershey: lorie@wpmf.org

### Supper, Sharing, and Study group

Angelina: angelina.rose.horst@gmail.com

### Contemplative Prayer group

Chris P: chrispetersen66@yahoo.com

### Exploring Retirement Group

Elizabeth Hamilton:  
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*"God, find me here  
where the sun  
is afraid to shine!"*

*--Ann Weems*