

**West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship**  
**Sunday, November 26, 2017, 9:00 AM**  
**Mental Health: Ways of Support**

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

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**Opening song**

Hymnal #55 Cantemos El Senor

**Call to worship**

**Singing**

Hymnal #94 Come ye thankful people, come

Hymnal #91-92 Praise to God, immortal praise & Lord, should rising whirlwinds

**Offering**

Hymnal #385 What gift can we bring?

Hymnal #553 I am weak but I need

**Prayer of Gratitude**

**Announcements**

**Sharing**

**Prayer**

**Scripture**

Psalms 139:1-18

**Children's time**

**Reflections**

**Congregational response**

Hymnal #577 O Love that wilt not let me go

**Closing Song Special music**

Quartet: The Lord Bless you and keep you

**Benediction**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mental Health Worship & Sunday School series, Oct 22 – Nov 27**

This Sunday is our last in the series. We hope this series has broken down some of the stigma around mental illness, given us new insight into the struggles for mental health, created brave space to speak and hold our journeys, and inspired us to keep taking steps towards God, health, and one another. Share your feedback with Worship Committee and/or Pastoral Team.

**Adult Sunday School:** Building our Community's Support. Lorie facilitating.

**Monday, November 27th @ 7 pm, "A Trauma-Informed School to Prison Pipeline Presentation" held at People's Baptist Church, 5039 Baltimore Ave, 19143.**

Learn how childhood traumas impact children and adults, and are often overlooked and consequently punished rather than treated in school settings. This fuels the school to prison pipeline. Dr. Joan Duvall-Flynn, current president of the NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference will be our guest speaker. Refreshments following. WPMF is co-hosting with People's Baptist.

[facebook.com/events/1913899912272542/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1913899912272542/)

**Next Sunday, 12/3 is our monthly fellowship meal.** Please bring a potluck dish to share and your own place setting, if able.

**Focus Groups on Racism: The last focus group will be Sunday, Dec. 3rd during Sunday school.** The group will last longer than our 45-minute class time, so we will need to start on time and plan to stay till 12:15 pm. There is a fellowship meal that day and we'll make sure there is food saved for the group. Questions? Talk to Pastor Lorie. **Also thank you to all who have participated so far!** We have had a total of 39 people. The feedback from these groups will go to Church Council at their January meeting.

**The next new attenders small group will be Friday, Dec. 8th, 6 pm @ Sheldon & Brenda Rich's home.** Contact Pastor Lorie for details.

**Christmas Eve Information:** We will gather for our morning worship service at 9 am. In the evening, at 7 pm, we will have our joint community Christmas Eve service with Calvary.

**Prayers for DREAMers: Dec 3rd will be our last Sunday to collect prayers.** Look for the basket with green cards, and write down a prayer that the Christian Community Development Association will deliver to legislators in Washington DC on Dec 4th. This is part of the public prayer campaign that Evangelicals for Social Action, in partnership with Rev. Alexia Salvatierra of Matthew 25, is coordinating. For more information, visit [EvangelicalsforSocialAction.org/PrayforDREAMers](http://EvangelicalsforSocialAction.org/PrayforDREAMers) or speak with Katie Tan.

**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.

**Join POWER's Economic Dignity Campaign for a press conference, November 30th, 9:15 am** at City Hall, 4th floor, outside City Council Chamber. We are calling on City Council to raise the wage for city contracted and sub-contracted workers from \$12 an hour to \$15 an hour. Join with others to let City Council know we stand with workers struggling to make ends meet.

**Encountering Other Faiths Facilitator Trainings, Sat Dec 2nd 9am – 4 pm or Thu Dec 7th 9 am – 4 pm.** This one-day training provides practical guidance for individuals and study-groups on how to encourage inter-religious dialogue in its beginning stages. Participants receive a book, a workbook, and a facilitator's guide, and the day is spent skill-building, sharing best practices, and discussing common joys and challenges for interfaith facilitators. \$120 fee (limited number of half scholarships available). Held at the Interfaith Center of Great Philadelphia, 100 W. Oxford St 19122 Register here: <https://www.interfaithcenterpa.org/eof>

**Please mark your calendars for a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 17** following Sunday school in the lower level of the church. The deacons will present a budget proposal for 2018 and HRC will present Matt MacNeill as candidate to join HRC. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

**The Alternative Seminary Peace On Earth and the Politics of Christmas, Saturday, 12/9, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.** Project HOME, 1515 Fairmount Avenue Much of the Christian church in the United States has been co-opted by an American gospel of prosperity, racism, violence, and militant nationalism. The celebration of Christmas is often wrapped in innocent, feel-good, Hallmark-card imagery. But in fact, the biblical texts describing the coming of Jesus are making powerful assertions about the politics of the Bible that speak very much to our contemporary global crises. We will reflect on the "nativity narratives" in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke to see how they express core biblical themes of justice and liberation. We will try to "un-domesticate" these tales of liberation and reflect on how they are truly challenging us in terms of our allegiance and our discipleship. A perfect event for Advent. A light breakfast will be served. A \$5 donation is requested to cover costs. *If you are interested in participating, please contact Will O'Brien at (215) 842-1790 or [wobrien@alternativeseminary.net](mailto:wobrien@alternativeseminary.net) by 12/3.*

**Cedar Park Neighbors (CPN) Holiday Baskets.** Celebrate the holidays by providing those in need with a seasonal holiday meal for their table. Here are two ways you can participate: 1) DONATE a suggested \$36 to feed families and foster our commitment to "neighbors helping neighbors". Go to [bit.ly/CPNholidaybasket](http://bit.ly/CPNholidaybasket) to contribute any amount. 2) **PACK and DISTRIBUTE the baskets on Saturday, December 16th** from 8:30 to 10:30am at Renewal Presbyterian Church. All volunteers are welcome. RSVP to [holidaybasket@cedarparkneighbors.org](mailto:holidaybasket@cedarparkneighbors.org)

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2017 Offering Report	
<b>Weekly Offering goal:</b>	<b>\$3,320</b>
<b>November 19 giving:</b>	<b>\$2,130</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Goal:</b>	<b>\$152,987</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Actual:</b>	<b>\$145,213</b>

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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:** Sylvia Horst

**Usher:** Jim Kurtz

**Nursery:** Mark M, Amanda EB, Julian, Maggie

**Snack:** Drick & Cynthia Boyd

**Coffee/Tea:** Cynthia Boyd

### Sunday, December 3

**Worship Leader:** Sheldon Rich

**Song Leader:** Tim Schellenberg

**Children's Storyteller:** Marla Burkholder

**Musician:** Amy Hochstetler

**Preacher:** Rev. Lori Banfield

**Greeter:** Angelina

**Usher:** Bryan

**Nursery:** Christine W, Sylvia H, Toby, Isaiah

**Snack:** Amy Hochstetler

**Coffee/Tea:** Kathie Sauder

### Sunday, December 10

**Worship Leader:** Laurie Callan

**Song Leader:** Peter Horst

**Children's Storyteller:** Sarah Rody

**Musician:** Elaine Shenk

**Reflection:** Pastor Lorie Hershey

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### December

**1:** Mentoring cookie baking

**2:** Christmas party for 55+ at Bouwman home

**6:** 7:30pm Pastoral Team meeting

**9:** Youth Christmas Party

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

#### Lorie

Monday: 10am-3:30pm

Tuesday: 9am-2:30pm

Thursday: 10am-3:30pm

Friday: 9am-12:30pm

#### Dorianna

**Tuesday:** 9:30am-2pm

**Wednesday:** 8:15am-12:45pm

**Thursday:** 9:30-2pm

**Friday:** 9:30-1pm

### 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

**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

Sheldon Rich: shrich54@gmail.com

#### Lectio Divina

Sheri Magness & Brenda Rich:

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#### Men's Monthly Breakfast

Matt MacNeill: mrmacneill@gmail.com

#### Togetherring

Alex & Amanda Esh Bouwman:

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#### New Attenders Small Group

Lorie Hershey: lorie@wpmf.org

#### Supper, Sharing, and Study group

Angelina: angelina.rose.horst@gmail.com

#### Contemplative Prayer group

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#### Exploring Retirement Group

Elizabeth Hamilton:

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