

**West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship**  
**Sunday, December 3, 2017, 9:00 AM**  
**Mental Health: Ways of Support**

**Worship Leader:** Sheldon Rich  
**Song Leader:** Tim Schellenberg  
**Children's Storyteller:** Marla Burkholder  
**Musician:** Amy Hochstetler  
**Preacher:** Rev. Lori Banfield

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**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**SINGING**

HWB #175, O Savior, rend the heavens  
HWB #186 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate

**Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Lighting of Advent Candle**

**SINGING**

Sing the Journey #102 When from the darkness  
Sing the Journey #58 Who has known the mind of Jesus?

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**OFFERING** "O come, O come Immanuel"

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Habakkuk 3:17-19/Matthew 14:24-33

**SERMON:** "These Feet Were Made For Walking"

**SONG OF RESPONSE:** Oceans

**LICENSING & BLESSING OF NICK LORDI**

Introduction & Presentation  
Reflections from Nick  
Affirmations from Congregation  
Questions of Commitment  
Prayers of Commissioning  
Gifts & Declaration

**SHARING & PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**BENEDICTION:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome Rev. Lori "Lo" Banfield to our worship this week.** Rev. Lo serves on the Redemption Housing Board of Directors, is a Professor of Psychology and Christian Ministries at Esperanza College, and an Associate Minister and worship leader at Gates of Heaven Pentecostal Church in West Philadelphia. She is a graduate of Saint Joseph's University, Palmer Theological Seminary, and is currently completing a PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy at Eastern University. Lori is author of the spiritual formation book *Walking Worthy of My Calling: Journey Back to the Likeness of God*, and resides in West Philly with her husband and children.

**TODAY is our monthly fellowship meal.**

Please bring a potluck dish to share and your own place setting, if able.

**TODAY: Focus Groups on Racism: The last focus group will be today, 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.

**Worship Participation Survey:** The Worship Committee would like to know what ways your gifts and abilities would enhance our worship services. So, look for Peter Horst in the fellowship hall after worship. Online and paper copies of the survey will be available. The results are posted on the password protected part of our website.

**Our Giving Project this year, for Advent, will benefit the Locust St. home of Redemption Housing.** There are 2 large bookcases that are looking to be filled. Donate any new or secondhand books that you think the residents of the house would enjoy. Board games and card games for adults are also welcome, as well as any non-perishable food.

**Age 40+ group Christmas party (adults only please) Sat December 9th from 3-7pm at our home. 309 Enlow Place, Pennsville, NJ, 08070.** We will provide Chili Soup and all the fixings; Cream of Mushroom Soup, coffee, tea, and hot spiced apple cider. Please bring a salad OR relish / veggie tray, OR dessert; AND a white elephant wrapped gift per person, to exchange if you want to participate in that activity! Come enjoy a fun relaxing evening on the Delaware River. -Please RSVP to Jan-Gerrit & Wanda Bouwman.

**Encountering Other Faiths Facilitator Training,**

**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: [interfaithcenterpa.org/eof](http://interfaithcenterpa.org/eof)

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

**Calvary's 9th Annual Big Push Holiday Concert, December 17th, 7:30pm at Calvary United Methodist Church.** Suggested Donation is \$20 per person. All proceeds donated to hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico. Featuring a cameo performance by Philly Funk Band, Breakwater! Musical guests include: Salsa Singer Anthony Colon, Jessica Roemer & Ezuz, Calvary UMC Choir, and Latin Percussionists Raul & Asaf Berrios.

**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.

**Christmas Eve:** 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 w/ Calvary.

**Restoring Hope & Dignity: Mass Incarceration Service Day in Philadelphia,** Mon, January 15, 2018, 8:30 am - 12:00 noon. Circle of Hope, 1125 South Broad St. 19145 Join MCC East Coast for a Service Day as we remember those in prison whom are often forgotten and discarded from communities. During this event, you will assemble basic hygiene items into care kits for those in prison to meet basic needs while restoring hope and dignity. You'll also hear from a panel of community leaders and formerly incarcerated individuals as they share their stories and discuss the role of race, poverty and the law in mass incarceration. To learn more and register for the event, visit [mcc.org/service-day](http://mcc.org/service-day).

**Service Opportunity:** SALT applications are now open. Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through this Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) program, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more. Serve the world and change your life! To learn more and apply, visit [mcc.org/SALT](http://mcc.org/SALT).

**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 26 giving:</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Goal:</b>	<b>\$156,344</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Actual:</b>	<b>\$148,388</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:** Angelina  
**Usher:** Bryan  
**Nursery:** Mark Michalovic, 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  
**Greeter:** Alex  
**Usher:** Sheldon  
**Nursery:** Ken Beidler, Nick Lordi, Maggie, Eden  
**Snack:** Jeff Knightly  
**Coffee/Tea:** Jim Kurtz

**Sunday, December 17**

**Worship Leader:** Carey Davis  
**Song Leader:** Amy Hochstetler  
**Children's Storyteller:** Christine Waanders  
**Musician:** Tim Schellenberg  
**Reflection:** Pastor Lorie Hershey

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**December**

**6:** 7:30pm Pastoral Team meeting  
**9:** Youth Christmas Party  
40+ Christmas party at Bouwman Home in NJ

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

**Lorie**

Tuesday: 9:30am-3pm  
Wednesday: 9am-3:30pm  
Thursday: 1pm-4pm  
Friday: 9am-12pm

**Dorianna**

Tuesday: 10:30am-1:30pm  
Wednesday: 8am-1pm  
Thursday: 8am-1:30pm  
Friday: 9:15am-1:30pm

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Preschool**

(ages 3 – 4)  
Where: Preschool room  
Teacher: Christine Waanders  
Helper: Rosa Wyse

**Primary Class**

(Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
Teacher: Bryan Geib  
Helper: Nancy Geryk

**Middler Class** (grades 3-5)

Where: large classroom of gym  
Teacher: Jim Kurtz

**Junior Youth Class** (grades 6-8)

Where: Samaritan rm. above CUMC 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**

<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

**Togetherring**

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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Dark Advent: A poem

In the beginning was the end  
and in the end, silence  
and the silence is God.  
She was and is God,  
all of life born through her.

She flashes rays of darkness  
and the whiteness does not overcome her  
because in her is life  
and her life is flesh  
like midnight.

In the dark  
her eyes flicker  
and her chest trembles mine  
with the quiet of the most high.

We have seen her glory:  
a raven's black sheen,  
beauty's shadow.

–Isaac Villegas,

Pastor of Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship