

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, September 24, 2017, 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder
Song Leader: Tim Schellenberg
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Elaine Shenk
Preaching: Lorie Hershey

SINGING

Hymnal #14, "Come we that love the Lord"

CENTERING TIME (prayer / reading / etc.)

SINGING

Sing the Journey #15 "Santo (Holy)"
Sing the Journey #18 "Over my head"
Hymnal #169 "I to the hills will lift my eyes"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING & PRAYER

SINGING / OFFERING

Hymnal # 493 "I heard the voice of Jesus say"

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING:

SERMON

SINGING

Hymnal #579 "Lift every voice and sing"

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

SINGING

Sing the Journey #73 "The Lord lift you up"

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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. The **next fellowship meal** will be October 1st after Sunday school.

Adult Sunday School Schedule

Sept. 24th: hear and discuss faith reflections related to our experiences as women and men

Oct. 1st: 12-min anti-racism youtube video (How to relax talking about race)

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

Oct. 15: TBA

Oct. 22: mental health

Oct. 29: mental health

We will celebrate communion next Sunday, Oct 1st, for World Communion rather than our usual second Sunday communion. November will resume our typical schedule, taking communion Nov 12.

New Attenders Small Group: Pastor Lorie will be starting another new attenders small group, meeting 1x/month, September through January. This is a time to learn more about the congregation and get to know others. If you are new to WPMF and interested in attending, email Lorie at lorie@wpmf.org The next New Attenders small group will meet Sat, Sept 30th @ 5:30 pm for supper at Tim and Carol Martin Johnson's house. Talk to Pastor Lorie for more details.

Hosting New Attenders Small Group: We need host homes beginning in October and going through January. The host home provides refreshments or a meal and shares parts of your story of how you chose WPMF as your home. Pastor Lorie will facilitate each meeting. If you would like to get to know our new attenders, sign up to host one of these monthly gatherings. Contact Lorie: lorie@wpmf.org.

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.

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.

Sept. 30th, Redemption Housing's Day One Challenge. To complete the Day One Challenge, you will work with other participants to locate supports in employment and education, obtain your state IDs, and find a place to sleep until you can "get back on your feet." Register at dayonechallenge.org

The **Facebook group** is a place for current attendees to connect and share during the week on Facebook. To request to join, search on Facebook for WPMF-West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

If you are able to be a substitute Sunday School teacher, please let Linda Esh or Sarah Rody know.

Mennonite Disaster Service is now on the ground in parts of Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey and are getting ready to send an assessment team to Florida as well. They are accepting financial donations but are unable to accept material aid. To learn more or to make a donation, visit mds.mennonite.net.

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.

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.

2017 Offering Report	
Weekly Offering goal:	\$3,320
September 17 giving:	\$2,945
Year-to-Date Goal:	\$123,252
Year-to-Date Actual:	\$116,048

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



Today

Greeter: Angelina
Usher: Sheldon
Nursery: Carey D, Brendon G, Isaiah, Micah
Snack: Sherri Michalovic

Sunday, October 1

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough
Song Leader: Ariel Ressler MacNeill
Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders
Musician: Jeff Knightly
Preaching: Peter & Angelina Horst
Greeter: Alex
Usher: Linford
Nursery: TBD
Snack: Linda Esh

Sunday, October 8

Worship Leader: Lorie Hershey
Song Leaders: Tim S, Tim MJ, Peter H
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Peter Horst
Preaching: Music Sunday

CHURCH CALENDAR

October

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: 9am-4pm
Wednesday: 9am-1pm
Thursday: 9am-4pm
Friday: 9am-3pm

Dorianna

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

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

Sheldon Rich: shrich54@gmail.com

Lectio Divina

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Men's Monthly Breakfast

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New Attenders Small Group

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Exploring Retirement Group

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