

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, December 10, 2017, 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan

Song Leader: Peter Horst

Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody

Musician: Elaine Shenk

Preacher: Pastor Lorie Hershey

Call to Worship

Maranatha, come

Maranatha, come; come, Lord Jesus.

Maranatha, come; come, O God.

Hymnal #176 "Comfort, comfort, O my people"

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Scripture Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Hymnal #352 "Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us"

Passing the Peace of Christ/Welcome of Visitors

Time of Offering/Special Music

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Announcements about the life of the church

Children's Time

Hymnal #178 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon

Responding through Confession

Communion

Sing the Journey #84 "Jesus, offered us as bread"

Sing the Journey #87 "Put peace into each other's hands"

Sing the Journey #105 "Don't be afraid"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Participation Survey: The Worship Committee would like to know what ways your gifts and abilities would enhance our worship services. You can take the survey on our website, under the resources tab. 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.

Please mark your calendars for a congregational meeting next 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.

Calvary Center for Culture and Community (CCCC) has been officially recognized as a Zone of Peace from the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia. Pastor Lorie was part of the interview process with other Calvary representatives.

Zones of Peace is part of the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia and is a call to people of faith to stop violence by creating zones of peace in their communities that are "free from fear, filled with respect, and marked by deeds of kindness." For more information go to interfaithcenterpa.org/zones-of-peace

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.

Watch Night for Racial Justice: An Evening Jazz at the Cathedral to Benefit POWER. December 31: In a new initiative inaugurated in response to the racist violence and injustice over the past year, the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral (19 South 38th Street, 19104) will host a New Year's Eve event. The event celebrates the tradition of "Watch Night" which began on New Year's Eve 1863 in black churches throughout the nation awaiting the announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1864. Family friendly and begins at 4pm with Jazz performances and interfaith Watch Night service at 7pm. Donations will be accepted at event for POWER and the Cathedral table ministries.

Restoring Hope & Dignity: Mass Incarceration Service Day in Philadelphia, Mon, January 15, 2018, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. 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.

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.

New Attenders small group is rescheduled for Sat Jan 13 around 5:30 pm at Sheldon and Brenda Rich's home. See Pastor Lorie if interested in attending.

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.

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 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

| 2017 Offering Report | |
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| Weekly Offering goal: | \$3,320 |
| December 3 giving: | \$4,051 |
| Year-to-Date Goal: | \$159,655 |
| Year-to-Date Actual: | \$152,214 |

We welcome all people

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



Today

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

Greeter: Elizabeth

Usher: Linford

Nursery: Shelley C, Alex E B, Victor, Maya

Snack: Carey Davis

Coffee/Tea: Tim & Carol Martin Johnson

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder

Song Leader: Tim Martin Johnson

Children's Storyteller: Drick Boyd

Musician: Jeff Knightly

Greeter: Sylvia

Usher: Jim

CHURCH CALENDAR

December

20: 7:15pm Deacon Meeting

24: 7:00pm Christmas Eve Combined Service

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Lorie

Monday: 10am-3:30pm

Tuesday: 1pm-4pm

Thursday: 2:30pm-4:30pm

Friday: 9am-12pm

Dorianna

Monday: 9:30am-1:30pm

Tuesday: 8:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday: 8am-1pm

Thursday: 8am-1:30pm

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool

(ages 3 - 4)

Where: Preschool room

Teacher: Christine Waanders

Helper: Rosa Wyse

Primary Class

(Kindergarten - 2nd 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: 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

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