

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, January 7, 2018 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder
Song Leader: Drick Boyd
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Elaine Shenk
Preacher: Pastor Lorie Hershey

SINGING: Sing the Journey 97 "The Lord is My Light"

WELCOME

SINGING: Hymnal 16 "God Is Here Among Us"
Hymnal 226 "You Are the Salt of the Earth"

SCRIPTURE READING / CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: O God, your light has come, and your brightness dawned, illuminating the way of the magi, and all our paths.

Congregation: From your fullness we have received grace as your mystery has been revealed and your presence made known.

Leader: Now we too are called to arise, shine, and return by another road.

Congregation: Yet we confess that, instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently,

Leader: instead of walking with boldness and confidence,

Congregation: we cling to what we have and know, and we continue on our old, familiar ways home.

Leader: We are frightened by the unknown, and by the deep shadows that cover the earth.

ALL: FORGIVE US. HAVE MERCY ON US.
(pause for silence)

Leader: O God, Emmanuel, in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us. You have given us life, and we are restored.

Congregation: We give you thanks for being LIGHT for us. May we reflect you to those around us in this year ahead.

SINGING / OFFERING: Song Supplement 88 "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

SINGING: Sing the Journey 67 "Let There Be Light, O God"

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING: Song Supplement 78 "The Light of Christ"

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calvary center currently does not have heat. They have identified the problem and are working on resolving it. The issue is costly and the freezing temperatures may have caused additional issues throughout the building. The water has been turned off to avoid pipes from bursting. Pastor Lorie and Dorianna will be working from home until the issues are resolved. An update will be sent out to the church once we have them.

There is NO Sunday school or fellowship meal today.

The proposed 2018 budget was approved at the congregational meeting. It includes an increase in offering giving and expenses from the 2017 budget of about 4%.

Church Council has received a formal response from the Franconia Conference board concerning our congregational decision about same-sex marriage. The letter affirms the current conference position and process. Copies of the letter are available from the church office and from Tim Martin Johnson, Church Council chair.

Monday, Jan. 15th, 1-4:30 pm POWER is hosting "A People's Call to Action Rally and Teach Ins" with the MLK DARE coalition. After a year of resistance, this MLK Day we will begin building a stronger people's movement to work for racial justice and opportunity for all. Join us at 1:00 pm for the rally and 2:30 for the teach-in. Dobbins High School, 2150 W Lehigh Ave, Philadelphia PA 19132

"Immigration, Sanctuary & the Church" is the theme of the 2018 Winter Peace Retreat, February 9-11 (Friday evening to Sunday noon) at St. Mary of Providence retreat center, Elverson, PA. Speakers are Peter Pedemonti, the Director of New Sanctuary Movement, and Tammy Alexander, Senior Legislative Associate for Domestic Affairs in the Washington, DC, Office of Mennonite Central Committee. There will be activities for children age 12 and under. For more information, see peaceretreat.pjpr.org or contactCarolynn Boyd at 610-489-9084 or fcboyd@verizon.net.

The teachers at Comegys have 4 swag stations at the school to promote infection control and self care. They provide hand sanitizer, spray deodorant, travel size stick deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, gloves, and lotion for students as needed. Your donation helps. A box for donations will be provided during the offering until Jan. 7. event, visit mcc.org/service-day.

Ted and Co. are interested in bringing Discovery: A Comic Lament to Philadelphia. This show stars Ted Swartz, owner/creative director of Ted & Company Theaterworks, and Michelle Milne. *Discovery* weaves through time and geography, from Europeans "discovering" the New World to the Kansas wheat fields and pipelines of the present, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settler oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. For more information, go to tedandcompany.com. **If you are willing to be on a team to make this a reality, talk to Pastor Lorie.**

Carmela Libre: Grant Asylum to Mother & Children in Sanctuary at Church of the Advocate. Stop the deportation of Carmela and her four children. Carmela and her family were issued a family order of deportation after their asylum petition was denied. They came to the U.S. fleeing the violence of the U.S.-backed drug wars in Mexico, which claimed the lives of three of their closest family members and led to physical assault of Carmela and her oldest daughter. Carmela and her children have taken Sanctuary in Church of the Advocate. Sign the petition by visiting: sanctuaryphiladelphia.org

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.

Save the date for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.

Saturday March 3rd and Friday March 9. Plan to participate either or both dates. Details to follow. – Tim and Carol MJ

Dorianna is on vacation January 5-8.

2017 Offering Report	
Weekly Offering goal:	\$3,320
December 31 giving:	\$2,385
Year-to-Date Goal:	\$172,650
Year-to-Date Actual:	\$165,935

We welcome all people

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



Today

Greeter: Alex

Usher: Jim

Nursery: Sylvia H, Carey Davis, Ezra, Emma

Coffee/Tea: Kathie Sauder

Sunday, January 14

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan

Song Leader: Mark & Sherri Michalovic

Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders

Musician: Tim Martin Johnson

Greeter: Elizabeth

Usher: Bryan

Nursery: Dorianna Lordi, Kathie S, Toby, Chloe

Snack: Brent & Lorie Hershey

Coffee/Tea: Jim Kurtz

Sunday, January 21

Worship Leader: Sheldon Rich

Song Leader: Amy Hochstetler

Children's Storyteller: Brenda Rich

Musician: Jeff Knightly

Preacher: Anne Yoder

Greeter: Sylvia

Usher: Matt

CHURCH CALENDAR

January

10: 7pm Church Council meeting

13: 5:30pm New Attenders Small Group

20: Youth Movie night

24: 7:30pm Pastoral Team meeting

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Lorie

Monday: OFF

Tuesday: TBD

Wednesday: TBD

Thursday: TBD

Friday: TBD

Dorianna

Tuesday: TBD-1pm

Wednesday: 8am-12:45pm

Thursday: 9:30am-1:30pm

Friday: TBD-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

Lectio Divina

Sheri Magness & Brenda Rich:

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New Attenders Small Group

Lorie Hershey: lorie@wpmf.org

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