

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Sunday, January 14, 2018 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan
Song Leader: Mark & Sherri Michalovic
Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders
Musician: Tim Martin Johnson
Preacher: Rev. Nicolas O'Rourke

Call To Worship

Singing:

Supplement #91 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
Supplement #84 My Soul Cries Out

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139

Passing the Peace of Christ/ Welcoming of Visitors

Offering with Song:

Hymnal #70 Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Announcements

Children's Time

Singing:

Hymnal #559 O Thou in Whose Presence

Sermon

Communion

Singing:

Supplement #90 Peace Before Us

Sending Song:

This Little Light of Mine

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Nicolas O'Rourke, to our worship today. He is our community organizer from POWER and Assistant Pastor of Worship & Liturgical Arts at Living Water UCC. Since joining POWER his focus has been towards dismantling the crippling effects of Mass Incarceration and Police Brutality on people of color and combating Islamophobia within the city of Philadelphia. Nicolas is completing his education at the Lancaster Bible College: Center for Urban Theological Studies.

We will be meeting at Wharton-Wesley for worship until further notice, as Calvary Center is still without heat and water.

As the heating situation at Calvary shakes our congregation out of a setting that we've shared for many years, we want to be intentional in many ways about how and where we want the waters to settle. We are taking this time to evaluate different scenarios with our worship space and our congregational life within a particular worship setting. We are seeking people interested in searching for and evaluating spaces near where we currently are, in hopes of building a list of potential short-, intermediate-, and possibly long-term homes for WPMF. If you are interested in helping to expand the list and collect more details, please contact any deacon.

Pastor Lorie will be attending the School for Leadership Training, Mon Jan 15 - Wed Jan 17, at Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg, VA.

Monday, Jan. 15th, 1-4:30 pm POWER and the MLK D.A.R.E. Coalition is hosting "A People's Call to Action Rally and Teach Ins." After a year of resistance, we observe this Martin Luther King, Jr Day by coming together to build a stronger people's movement to work for racial justice and shared opportunity for all. Join us at 1:00 pm for the rally and 2:30 for the teach-in. Dobbins Tech High School, 2150 W Lehigh Ave, Philadelphia PA 19132
RSVP: <https://goo.gl/WPvVAP>

House of Grace Centering Prayer Gathering: January 15, 7pm at 6220 North Fairhill Street
Facilitators: Johanna Berrigan and Mary Beth Appel, jberrigancw@yahoo.com and einiegal@yahoo.com
For more information on all events contact Chris Petersen at chrispetersen66@yahoo.com

The deacons are pleased to announce that offering giving in 2017 was just enough to cover expenses and we broke even! Thank you to everyone who contributed and stretched to make this possible! The 2018 budget is our next challenge and is an \$11,000 increase over our 2017 actuals. Please consider how you can be part of making 2018 just as successful as 2017. Thanks again for helping us end the year on a positive note!

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.

"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.pjir.org or contactCarolynn Boyd at 610-489-9084 or fcboyd@verizon.net.

Save the date for Guess who's coming to dinner: Saturday, March 3 and Saturday, March 17. Plan to participate either or both dates. Details to follow. – Carol and Tim MJ Tim and Carol MJ

Kingdom Builders Construction (KBC) is raising money to send two of their staff to Puerto Rico with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS). Ed Jackson, Construction Manager, and Alex Kuilan, next Executive Director in-training, both have extensive construction skills and are fluent in Spanish. KBC has offered its staff to previous MCS projects and would like to do so again for the people of Puerto Rico. They would like to raise \$3500 for airfare, some materials, and Ed and Alex's salaries while in Puerto Rico for approximately 7-10 days. If you would like to donate, write a check to Kingdom Builders Construction and mail it to [2030 E. Willard St. Phila. PA, 19134](mailto:2030.E.Willard.St.Phila.PA.19134). Or contribute through their PayPal account on their website, kbcphilly.org.

We welcome all people

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



Today

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

Nursery: Marla B, Lynn W, Erin, Isaiah

Snack: Peter & Angelina Horst

Coffee/Tea: Tim & Carol Martin Johnson

Sunday, January 28

Worship Leader: Brent Hershey

Song Leader: Tim Schellenberg

Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody

Musician: Anne Yoder

Preacher: Pastor Lorie Hershey

CHURCH CALENDAR

January

20: Youth Movie night

24: 7:30pm Pastoral Team meeting

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Lorie

Monday: School for Leadership Training

Tuesday: School for Leadership Training

Wednesday: School for Leadership Training

Thursday: TBD

Friday: TBD

Dorianna

Tuesday: TBD

Wednesday: 8am-1pm

Thursday: 9:30am-1:30pm

Friday: 9:30am-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

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