

**West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship  
Sunday, February 18, 2018 10:00 AM**

**Worship Leader:** Sheldon Rich  
**Song Leader:** Amy Hochstetler  
**Children's Storyteller:** Sarah Rody  
**Musician:** Tim Schellenberg  
**Preacher:** Pastor Lorie Hershey

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**OPENING SONG**

Hymnal #47 Earth and all stars  
Hymnal #169 I to the hills will lift my eyes

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed...**  
We follow our faithful Lord.  
**These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...**  
We follow our faithful Lord.  
**It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...**  
We follow our faithful Lord.  
**In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...**  
We follow our faithful Lord.  
**Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...**  
We follow our faithful Lord.

**SINGING** - Hymnal #129 Fire of God undying Flame

**PASSING THE PEACE / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SINGING** - Sing the Journey #36 Long before my journey's start

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**OFFERING** –

Sing the Journey #63 Lord, you give the great commission

**SHARING & PRAYER:**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Mark 1:9-15

**SERMON:**

**SONG OF RESPONSE:**

Sing the Journey #23 - Slowly turning, ever turning

**CLOSING HYMN:** Hymnal #303 - Come, gracious Spirit

**BENEDICTION:**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We will be meeting at Wharton-Wesley United Methodist Church at 5341 Catherine Street at 10:00 a.m. until further notice.**

We will have all Sunday school classes at 9:00 a.m., Snack/Fellowship time at 9:45 a.m., and Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the basement/fellowship area. Updates will be emailed out through the google group. Contact Dorianna if you are unsure if you are a part of the google group.

**HRC is pleased to announce that Jeff Knightly has agreed to serve as Deacon, completing the term of Lenny Thompson,** who is stepping down from his position. A congregational affirmation meeting will be held immediately after our worship service on Sunday, February 25.

**The Pastoral Team is happy to announce a Parenting and Faith Formation workshop to be held the morning of Saturday March 3rd.** Amy Yoder-McGloughlin, pastor of Gemantown Mennonite Church, will be facilitating. It will be a time to discuss, process and reflect on our faith and how we want to pass that on to our children. This comes after the last few years of discussions in our congregation around baptism and communion for our children and looking at the ways we were shaped by our families and faith communities growing up and trying to sort through what and how we want to give input to our own children and those children we care for. Parents, grandparents and other caring adults are invited to attend. Exact time and location, as well as childcare details are still being worked out. Any questions, ask Laurie Callan

**Working People's Day of Action, February 24, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** POWER and Local 668 SEIU union are taking part in this national day of action to support unions and the rights of working people. We will meet at the Philadelphia Constitution Center (6th and Arch St.) at 10am and march to the PA Working People's Day of Action at Thomas Paine Plaza (1401 John F Kennedy Blvd, 19102). For more details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/777608952424117/> Stand up for the freedom of working people to join together in strong unions and fight for decent and equitable pay, affordable health care, quality schools, vibrant communities, and a secure future for all.

**"Guess who's coming to dinner!"**  
Saturday, **March 3** and Friday, **March 16** You may choose one or both dates. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. on both dates. Contact Tim or Carol Martin Johnson to register your interest: 215-729-1297, or caroltimmj@gmail.com, or tell us in person. Please sign up by Sunday, Feb 18.

**Milwaukee 53206 will be shown at Mosaic Community Church 123 S 51st St,** Philadelphia, PA 19139, at 7 p.m. on **Saturday March 10th.** An offering will be taken and all donations above costs will benefit Redemption Housing.

**WPMF Tour of Detention Center, Tuesday, March 13, from 11 am - 12:30pm** led by chaplain Ron Muse of Christ Centered Church and East Coast Mennonite Central Committee. There are 9 spots available. Sign up by emailing Dorianna, wpmf@wpmf.org. We will car pool to the Detention center which is located on State Road: [.phila.gov/prisons/Facilities/Pages/DetentionCenter.aspx](http://phila.gov/prisons/Facilities/Pages/DetentionCenter.aspx)

**Holy Surprises! An evening of laughter to benefit Kairos School of Spiritual Formation, March 18, 4:00 - 7:00pm.** St. Thomas Church, 301 St. Thomas Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601. Entertainment by Ted & Co. [www.tedandcompany.com](http://www.tedandcompany.com)

**Sat. April 14th @ 7 pm, WPMF and Germantown Mennonite are co-sponsoring "Discovery: A Comic Lament"** starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, at Germantown Mennonite Church (21 Washington Lane, 19144). This play is about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It offers both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settler oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. A show about love and loss of land, Discovery nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity. More info: [tedandcompany.com/shows/discovery-comic-lament/](http://tedandcompany.com/shows/discovery-comic-lament/). And stay tuned for ways you can help in co-hosting.

**Save the date for this year's church retreat** at Tel Hai retreat center in Honeybrook, PA, April 20-22, 2018.

**Thank you, from Mennonite Mission Network, for giving \$1,750 in 2017! Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together, we were able to share a message of hope in a broken world.**

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**Weekly Giving Report**

2018 Weekly Budget:	\$3,719
February 11 Giving:	\$2,087
2018 YTD Budget:	\$20,722
2018 Actual:	\$19,206

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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

Usher: Jim  
Greeter: Alex  
Nursery: Dorianna L, Sarah W, Erin, Sadie  
Snack: Brooke Blough

### Sunday, February 25

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder  
Song Leader: Tim Schellenberg  
Children's Storyteller: Marla Burkholder  
Musician: Jeff Knightly  
Preacher: Lynn Wetherbee  
Usher: Sylvia  
Greeter: Bryan  
Nursery: Carol B, Christine W, Eden, Julian  
Snack: Alex & Amanda Esh Bouwman

### Sunday, March 4

Worship Leader: Brenda Rich  
Song Leader: Peter Horst  
Children's Storyteller: Laurie Callan  
Musician: Tim Martin Johnson  
Preacher: Pastor Lorie Hershey

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### February

**21:** 7:15 Deacon Meeting  
Pastoral Team Meeting  
**24:** Youth talent show planning meeting  
**15:** Affirmation meeting after worship

#### March

**3:** Guess who's coming to dinner

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

#### Lorie

Tuesday: noon – 4pm  
Wednesday: 2:30pm – 5pm  
Thursday: 2:30pm – 5pm  
Friday: 11am – 1pm

#### Dorianna

Tuesday: TBD-1:30pm  
Wednesday: 8am-1pm  
Thursday: 8:15am-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 - 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

**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:  
brenrich53@gmail.com

### Men's Monthly Breakfast

Matt MacNeill: mrmacneill@gmail.com

### Togethering

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:  
eghamilton1@verizon.net

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Carol B, Cynthia C, Laurie C, Carol MJ



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We enter Lent to enter our own earth,  
to make a pilgrimage into our own terrain...  
to look at the layers that inhabit us...  
to notice what in our life feels fallow or empty,  
where there is growth and greenness,  
what sources of sustenance lie within us,  
where we find our inner earth crumbling  
to reveal something new.  
Lent opens our own terrain to us,  
that we might meet anew the God  
who lives in every layer of our life.

~ Jan Richardson