

**West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship**  
**Sunday, February 25, 2018 9:30 AM**

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder  
Song Leader: Tim Schellenberg  
Children's Storyteller: Marla Burkholder  
Musician: Jeff Knightly  
Preacher: Lynn Wetherbee

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**SINGING**

*Sing the Journey #3 "Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him"*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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**SINGING**

"Jesus Guides Me on My Pilgrim Journey"  
*[see insert]*

**CONFESSION**

*[see insert]*

**SINGING**

Hymnal #162 "The God of Abraham Praise"

**SHARING & PRAYER**

**SINGING/OFFERING**

Hymnal #582 "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Genesis 17:1-7

**SERMON**

**SINGING**

Hymnal #327 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SINGING**

*Sing the Journey #2 "Hamba Nathi"*

**BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**We will be meeting for Worship at Wharton-Wesley United Methodist Church at 5341 Catherine Street at 9:30 am until further notice.**

We will have Snack/Fellowship time at 11:00 am and all Sunday school classes at 11:15 am.

**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 Sunday school today.**

**Kol Tzedek has invited us to the following events:**

1. For the last two Fridays we have gathered in solidarity with Masjid Al-Jamia at 43rd and Walnut. It is going to be an ongoing gathering from 12-1:30 to offer prayerful presence in response to Islamophobic presence from Matthew 24. Folks can just show up with signs. For more info, visit: [facebook.com/events/207083993365010/](https://facebook.com/events/207083993365010/)

2. The KT Purim Party is a big fundraiser to end cash bail. All are welcome. Next Sat 2/24 7-midnight. There will be political theatre, good drinks, klezmer, and a dj. It should be a really fun time at the Episcopal Cathedral, 23 S. 38th. For more info, visit: [facebook.com/events/1305715146240614/](https://facebook.com/events/1305715146240614/)

**Guess who's coming to dinner: Saturday, March 3 & Friday, March 16**  
Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. on both dates.

**Spring Sunday school quarter is here. We will need teachers** for the Pre School or Primary class and the Jr. High class. God has entrusted us with some very special children. S.S. is one place where we care for and nurture our children. If you are able to help out, let Linda Esh know.

**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

**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 3 spots available. Sign up by March 2nd by emailing Dorianna, [wpmf@wpmf.org](mailto:wpmf@wpmf.org). We will car pool to the Detention center which is located on State Road: [phila.gov/prisons/Facilities/Pages/DetentionCenter.aspx](https://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)

**Heading God's Call to End Gun Violence: Demand the Ban, March 21, 2018**

We are demanding a nationwide ban on rapid firing, and semi-automatic assault weapons. For more info, visit [facebook.com/events/185823415498703](https://facebook.com/events/185823415498703)

**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/](https://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.

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**Weekly Giving Report**

2018 Weekly Budget:	\$3,719
February 18 Giving:	\$3,145
2018 YTD Budget:	\$24,442
2018 Actual:	\$22,351

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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: Sylvia  
Greeter: Bryan  
Nursery: Carol B, Christine W, Eden, Julian  
Snack: Alex & Amanda Esh Bouwman  
Coffee/tea: Cynthia Boyd

### Sunday, March 4

Worship Leader: Brenda Rich  
Song Leader: Peter Horst  
Children's Storyteller: Laurie Callan  
Musician: Tim Martin Johnson  
Preacher: Pastor Lorie Hershey  
Usher: Matt  
Greeter: Elizabeth  
Nursery: Mel Esh, Kathie Sauder, Toby, Mary  
Snack: Kathie Sauder  
Coffee/Tea: Kathie Sauder

### Sunday, March 11

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough  
Song Leader: Drick Boyd  
Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders  
Musician: Anne Yoder  
Preacher: Nick Lordi

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### March

3: Guess who's coming to dinner

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

#### Lorie

Monday: Retreat day  
Tuesday: 9am-1pm  
Wednesday: 9am-1pm  
Thursday: noon-4pm  
Friday: Day off

#### Dorianna

Monday: 8:15am-11:45am  
Tuesday: 8am-1:30pm  
Wednesday: 8am-1pm  
Friday: 8:15am-11:15am

## 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

<b>Adult Education</b>	Sherri Michalovic & Anne Yoder
<b>C. Council Chair</b>	Tim Martin Johnson
<b>Church Retreat</b>	Laurie Callan
<b>Fellowship Meal</b>	Daniel Vader & Jeff Knightly
<b>FMC Lay Delegate</b>	Drick Boyd
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Kurtz
<b>Nursery</b>	Carol Buhrman
<b>Small groups</b>	Joe Syzdek
<b>Snack</b>	Carol Buhrman
<b>Sunday School</b>	Linda Esh & Sarah Rody
<b>Sr. Youth SS</b>	Thomas Leischner
<b>Worship Committee</b>	Tim Martin Johnson
<b>Youth Sponsor</b>	Sarah, Ken, Rosa, & Nathan
<b>Mentor Coordinators</b>	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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### 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

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### Exploring Retirement Group

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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