

**Deacons (and others) are in the process of searching for a new space for our next long-term home.** Jeff Knightly compiled a list of **75!!!** Possible buildings in the area bounded by Market Street to Woodland Avenue, and 40<sup>th</sup> Street to 56<sup>th</sup> Street. (Thank you Jeff!) We are excited about all of these possibilities, and are looking for help contacting them and touring potential locations. This is work you can do without attending a meeting! Do you think it would be cool to tour old churches and other buildings in the area? If so, please let Rebecca Weber know.

**New Attenders Small Group, Friday, April 6th, 6 pm** at Rebecca Weber's home. RSVP to Pastor Lorie, [lorie@wpmf.org](mailto:lorie@wpmf.org)

**Annual Gathering for Eastern District and Franconia Mennonite Conference Women**, April 14, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Towamencin Mennonite Church. Come and reflect on the Biblical story of Naomi and Ruth, and hear speakers Marilyn Bender and Rose Bender Cook share about their own journeys of grief and renewed hope. The cost is \$15/person, and scholarships are available – register online at [franconiaconference.org/womens-gathering/april/](http://franconiaconference.org/womens-gathering/april/)

**May 5, 6th Annual Sojourner Truth Walk, 9:30 am -1:30 pm, beginning at Clark Park. Benefit for Camp Sojourner.** Form a team or join a team and walk in honor of a girl or woman you admire! Camp Sojourner provides leadership opportunities for Philadelphia girls ages 8-17. During a time when many enrichment programs have been eliminated from schools, they offer year-round leadership workshops, service projects, and arts programming along with an annual week-long overnight summer camp — all on a low-cost, sliding scale for families, so that all girls can participate. If you are not able to join on May 5th, you can donate to an existing team, or share this event in your social media outlets. For more details, [wizathon.com/sojourner-truth-walk/?id=2883](http://wizathon.com/sojourner-truth-walk/?id=2883)

**Easter Sunday, April 1**

**Worship Leader:** Anne Yoder

**Song Leader:** Tim Martin Johnson

**Children's Storyteller:** Drick Boyd,

**Musician:** Peter Horst

**Preacher:** Pastor Lorie Hershey

**Greeter:** Elizabeth, **Usher:** Jim

**Nursery:** Mark Michalovic, Carey Davis, Toby, Victor

Lorie will be working Tuesday through Friday next week.

Dorianna will be working Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

## West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship Announcements, March 25, 2018

**Today, we are moving out of Wharton Wesley UMC, and would appreciate your help** moving chairs and tables back where they belong and hymnals and kitchen things back to Calvary. If you are willing to offer your car to move items back to Calvary, please let Tim Martin Johnson know.

**Sunday, Easter Sunday April 1, we will be back at Calvary with the usual schedule – 9:00 worship, 10:30 snack** (please bring Easter breads to share), there will be NO Sunday school on Easter, but it will resume the following Sunday.

**Council decided last week that our return to Calvary will be TEMPORARY.** This is a decision that we do not take lightly as we have been meeting at Calvary since 2000. But the continued problems with building maintenance seem intractable. Our goal is to have a new long-term home by the fall of 2018.

**Join POWER's "I Am A Human One Day Fast," April 4:** In a time where profit has taken precedent over people, it is critical for us to support workers as they unite to assert their human rights and dignity. On this date when Martin Luther King died 50 years ago, fighting for the rights of garbage truck workers, we want to honor King's legacy by joining hospitality workers with a one-day fast by abstaining from food, buying, and working. We also ask you to wear all black in solidarity with workers. Actions for the day are as follows:

**8:00 AM - Joint Muslim and Jewish prayer service** with fasters Mishkan Shalom Synagogue (Lower Level | 4101 Freeland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19128)

**12:00 PM – Bible study and prayer with Reverend Alyn Waller** of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church (Arch St. United Methodist Church 55 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19107)

**5:00 PM – Mass prayer vigil with all faith, community, and labor supporters** | Thomas Paine Plaza (1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19102)

**6:01 PM – Broadcast of Martin Luther King Jr. speech**

**7:00 PM – Break the fast at Arch St. United Methodist Church** (55 N Broad St, [powerinterfaith.org/calendar/#!/event/2018/4/4/i-am-human-campaign-kickoff](http://powerinterfaith.org/calendar/#!/event/2018/4/4/i-am-human-campaign-kickoff))

## 2017 Holy Week Observances continued

### **Maundy Thursday, March 29th**

6:30 pm, at Tim and Carol Martin Johnson's home.

The service includes scripture, singing, hand/foot washing, communion, and a simple meal. Please bring finger foods to share.

### **Good Friday, March 30th**

4:30 pm, Interfaith Stations Walk in West & SW Philadelphia  
Begin at Holy Apostles & the Mediator, Episcopal Church, 51<sup>st</sup> & Spruce Sts., Philadelphia 19139

Come Join Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence, as we meet in prayer and song to honor 265 Philadelphians killed with illegal guns in 2017. Walk to West/SW Philadelphia gun murder site prayer circles. Lift up gun murder victims by carrying tee shirts in their honor and Advocate and pray together for life-saving change.

[facebook.com/Heeding.Gods.Call](https://www.facebook.com/Heeding.Gods.Call)

### **Easter Sunday, April 1st**

7:00 am: Sunrise Service at Cedar Park with Calvary United Methodist

9:00 am: WPMF Easter worship service at Calvary CCC

10:30 am: Annual Easter Brunch after our worship service.

Please bring fun breads or fruit to share. Hard boiled eggs and juice will be provided.

No Sunday school scheduled for Easter Sunday.

## 2017 Holy Week Observances

As we move from Palm Sunday towards the cross and then into resurrection, here are some opportunities to follow in Jesus' footsteps of both prayer and action during his last week before his death. In some traditions Lent ends on Thursday night of Holy week, and a three day continuous prayer begins, called the Easter Triduum. During this time we journey with Christ as he enters his suffering and death on Thursday through Saturday evening. We journey with him into the grave, awaiting his and our resurrection on Easter Sunday.

### **Tuesday, March 27th**

2 pm, Day of Mourning

Action and Prayer for Climate Justice with POWER

PECO Headquarters, 2301 Market St., 19103

Knowing that communities of color are bearing the brunt of climate disaster and a lack of investment, we will mourn the lives lost to pollution and global warming brought on by the fossil fuel industry, and the economic injustices in our neighborhoods, brought on by lack of good jobs.

### **Wednesday, March 28th**

3:30pm, Day of Vision.

Action and Prayer for Climate Justice with POWER

PECO Headquarters, 2301 Market St., 19103

Holding up the vision for the world as we want it to be, achieving 20% local solar by 2025, and choosing a path of clean energy that provides jobs, healthy air, and lower energy bills for those in need.