

## West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Sunday, March 11, 2018 9:30 AM

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough

Song Leader: Drick Boyd

Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders

Musicians: Anne Yoder

Preacher: Nick Lordi

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### Gathering Song :

Supplement #91 - Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

### Singing

Supplement #57 - Beauty for Brokenness

Insert - If Not Now

### Announcements

### Sharing

### Prayer

### Offering

Supplement #52 - You are my All in All

### Scripture

John 3:14-21

### Children's Time

### Sermon: "Snakes on a Plain", Numbers 21:4-9

### Song of Response

Hymnal #372 - O Healing River

### Communion

Supplement #68 Here is the Bread

Supplement #5 - Bind Us Together

### Closing Song

Hymnal 579- Lift Every Voice and Sing

### 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.

#### Sunday school adult class:

**March 11** Exploring our call to compassion/action while not taking on everything. Led by powerlinks

**March 18** Bible Study with Ron Muse (video) and discussion

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to a reception for the immigration exhibit "**Opportunity & Conscience**" on Sunday, March 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Enjoy coffee and refreshments in their new seating/coffee area. No reservations needed. For more info about the exhibit, go to [www.mhep.org](http://www.mhep.org).

#### 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. Join Kol Tzedek every Friday from 12-1:30 pm, to gather in solidarity with Masjid Al- Jamia at 43rd and Walnut. This is an ongoing gathering 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)

*Dear White Christians* book study will begin this **Thursday, March 15th at 7 pm**. We will meet at Sherri Michalovic's house this week. We will be discussing the first chapter so read the first chapter before if possible. Everyone is welcome to join. The book study will meet Thursdays at 7 for the next 6 weeks. Please contact **Amanda Esh Bouwman** ([amandaeb26@gmail.com](mailto:amandaeb26@gmail.com)) if you would like to come and if you want a book ordered for you.

**Holy Surprises! An evening of laughter to benefit** Kairos School of Spiritual Formation, **March 18, 4:00 - 7:00 pm**. 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)

**Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence** asks you to SAVE THE DATE for Heeding's Annual Good Friday Interfaith Stations Walk in West & SW Philadelphia.

**Good Friday, March 30 at 4:30 pm at Holy Apostles & The Mediator**, Episcopal Church, 51<sup>st</sup> & Spruce, Philadelphia, 19139. Come join us 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.

People and bodies of faith are critical to ending the scourge of illegal gun violence. Come raise your voice! Questions? Contact: [contactheeding@gmail.com](mailto:contactheeding@gmail.com) or 251 238-8550

**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. You may stay both nights, one night, or just come up for the day. Different lodging options are available, including cabins and camping. Activities include boating, volleyball, gaga ball, fun meal times and conversation with our church community.

#### The church Facebook group is a place for people who currently attend to connect during the week on Facebook.

This group is private, you can request to join by searching for WPMF-West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship.

**Jeff Knightly was affirmed as deacon** at our congregational meeting on February 25, 2018. Jeff will complete Lenny Thompson's term.

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#### Weekly Giving Report

2018 Weekly Budget:	\$3,719
March 4 Giving:	\$3,503
2018 YTD Budget:	\$31,880
2018 Actual:	\$27,503

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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

Greeter: Linda  
Usher: Mel  
Nursery: Mark Michalovic, Ken Beidler, Edwin, Toby  
Coffee: Jim Kurtz  
Snack: Linford Martin

### Sunday, March 18

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan  
Song Leader: Mark & Sherri Michalovic  
Children's Storyteller: Brenda Rich  
Musician: Amy Hochstetler  
Preacher: Pastor Lorie Hershey  
Greeter: Dorianna  
Usher: Linford  
Nursery: Carey Davis, Shelley Crognale, Maya, Micah  
Coffee: Tim & Carol Martin Johnson  
Snack: Elaine & Ken

### Palm Sunday, March 25

Worship Leader: Pastor Lorie Hershey  
Song Leader: Sarah Rody  
Children's Storyteller: Linda Esh  
Musician: Jeff Knightly

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### March

14: 7pm – Church Council  
16: 6pm -Guess who's coming to dinner  
20: POWERLinks meeting

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

#### Pastor Lorie

Lorie will be working Tuesday-Friday

#### Dorianna

Monday: 8:15am-1:30pm  
Wednesday: 8:15am-1pm  
Thursday: 8:15am-1:30pm  
Friday: 8:15am-1pm

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Preschool

(ages 3 – 4)  
Where: Preschool room  
Teacher: Brenda Rich

### Primary Class

(Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
Teacher: Amanda Esh Bouwman

### Middler Class

(grades 3-5)  
Where: large classroom of gym  
Teacher: Sylvia Horst

### Junior Youth Class

(grades 6-8)  
Where: Samaritan rm. above CUMC office  
Teachers: Sarah Rody

### 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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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