

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, March 18, 2018 9:30 AM

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan
Song Leader: Mark & Sherri Michalovic
Children's Storyteller: Brenda Rich
Musician: Amy Hochstetler
Sharing: Detention center visit

Call to Worship

Singing

Hymnal #114: In Thee Is Gladness
Supplement #8: Create in Me a Clean Heart
Hymnal #439: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51

Passing the Peace of Christ/Welcome of Visitors

Offering with Song

Supplement #22: By the Waters of Babylon

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Announcements about life of congregation

Children's Time

Singing

Hymnal #136: From the Depths of Sin
Hymnal #372: O Healing River
Hymnal #145: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon

Song of Response

Hymnal #530: What Wondrous Love is This

Congregational Response

Sending Song

Insert: Goin' to Sit Down on the Banks of the River

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday, 03/25, we will have a joint worship service with Wharton-Wesley UMC, upstairs in the main sanctuary at 10:30 am. Sunday school will begin at 9:30 am.

Today's Sunday school adult class: Bible Study with Ron Muse (video) and discussion

Maundy Thursday Service, March 29, 6:30 pm. Service includes scripture, singing, hand/foot washing, communion, & a simple meal. Stay tuned for the location.

Methacton Mennonite Church is hosting a drop in event during Holy Week, called "Praying the Life and Death of Jesus".

Interactive prayer stations for all ages, personalities, and prayer languages will be available throughout the church building on **March 27 – March 31, 4 to 8 pm.**

Dear White Christians book study, Thursdays at 7pm for the next 5 weeks. Everyone is welcome to join. Contact Amanda Esh Bouwman with questions at amandaeb26@gmail.com

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

Demand for a nationwide ban on rapid firing, and semi-automatic assault weapons. For more info, visit facebook.com/events/185823415498703

Action and Prayer for Climate Justice.

Join POWER and EQAT to call PECO to invest in solar power and the green jobs that come with it into the hands of communities of color and areas with high unemployment.

March 27 at 2pm, Day of Mourning. March 28 at 3:30pm, Day of Vision. More info or to RSVP, visit eqat.org

On Easter Sunday, April 1 we will have our traditional Easter brunch after worship. Please bring fun breads or fruit to share. Juice and hard boiled eggs will be provided.

Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence

Annual Good Friday Interfaith Stations Walk **Good Friday, March 30 at 4:30 pm at Holy Apostles & The Mediator**, Episcopal Church, 51st & 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 or 251 238-8550

Join POWER's "I Am A Human One Day Fast,"

April 4: 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

12:00 PM – Bible study and prayer with Reverend Alyn Waller of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church at Arch St. United Methodist Church

5:00 PM – Mass prayer vigil with all faith, community, and labor supporters | Thomas Paine Plaza

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

7:00 PM – Break the fast at Arch St. United Methodist Church

powerinterfaith.org/calendar/

Community Mimouna, April 7, 6-9 pm at

Calvary Center. Mimouna is a Moroccan interfaith tradition by which Muslim and Jewish neighbors break the fast of Passover together. Kol Tzedek has invited WPMF and Calvary UMC to participate in this. More details to come.

The EDC/FMC Sistering Committee invites you to "Darkness Unfolding as

Light" – the Annual Gathering for Eastern District and Franconia Mennonite Conference Women on April 14, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Towamencin Mennonite Church. The cost is \$15/person, and scholarships are available – register online: women.franconiaconference.org/womens-gathering/april/

Sat. April 14th, 7 pm, WPMF&

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. More info: tedandcompany.com/shows/discovery-comic-lament/. And stay tuned for ways you can help in co-hosting.

This year's church retreat, Tel Hai retreat center in Honeybrook, PA, **April 20-22.**

This year's speaker is Dr. Chris Kimmenez, a local pastor and the Philadelphia Chapter Director of Healing Communities.

The fifteenth annual Philadelphia Interfaith Walk for Peace and

Reconciliation, April 29, 2-5 pm. Begins at Arch Street Friends Meeting House, stops at Society Hill Synagogue and ends at Al Aqsa Islamic Center Mosque. Focus is on dialogue, learning and prayer and is intentionally non-political. Political signs and slogans are not permitted during the walk. See: interfaithpeacewalk.org/2018-peace-walk

Weekly Giving Report

2018 Weekly Budget: \$3,719
March 11 Giving: \$4,280
2018 YTD Budget: \$35,034
2018 Actual: \$31,815

We welcome all people

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



Today

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
Preacher: Rev. David Brown
Greeter: Alex
Usher: Sheldon
Nursery: Brendon Gawel, Sylvia Horst, Mary, Ezra
Coffee: Cynthia Boyd
Snack: Tim & Carol Martin Johnson

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

March

20: POWERLinks meeting
21: Worship Committee meeting
29: Maundy Thursday meal

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Pastor Lorie

Lorie will be working Tuesday-Friday.

Dorianna

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool

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

Primary Class

(Kindergarten - 2nd 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: 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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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