

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, April 8, 2018 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan
Song Leader: Amy Hochstetler
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Tim Schellenberg
Preacher: Mercy Oyana

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs:

Hymnal #482 Mothering God, you gave me birth
Hymnal #568 As Spring the Winter doth succeed
Hymnal #89 For the Beauty of the Earth

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: A Reading from Psalms

Passing the Peace of Christ/Welcoming of Visitors

Offering with song:

Hymnal #389 Take my Life

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Announcements about the life of the church

Children's Time

Singing:

Hymnal #305 Where charity and love prevail

Scripture Reading: John 20:24-29

Sermon

Song of Response:

Hymnal #556 Lord, thou hast searched me

Communion

Hymnal #474 I hunger and thirst
Hymnal #471 Eat this bread
Hymnal #463 Let all mortal flesh keep silent

Sending Song: Hymnal #557 O God, in restless living

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Adults and children at WPMF are invited to help design covers for our bulletins at [4708 Kingsessing Avenue](http://4708KingsessingAvenue.com). Begin with pizza at 12:00 and time to work from 12:30 - 1:30ish. Carol will have all the supplies you might need and will also provide lots of ideas and themes, so you don't need to have an idea beforehand. Questions? Contact Carol Martin Johnson [267-608-5354](tel:267-608-5354).

TODAY: Everyone is invited to join JoAnn and Joseph at Just Make it Sew for their Open House and Business Dedication from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The dedication will begin around 2:30 p.m. with a short program and Lorie will be leading the dedication. Come and see what we have been working on these last weeks and months and celebrate with us. Light refreshments will be provided.

Exploring Membership Class, April 15 – May 20. This class is for anyone who would like to know more about membership at WPMF. The time is used to learn more about the Anabaptist/Mennonite story, WPMF's story, and explore your own faith story. As the name implies, the class is a space to explore and discern whether membership at WPMF is a commitment you feel called toward. Contact Pastor Lorie if you are interested.

April 8-May 6, Adult Sunday school, "Biblical Call for Antiracism:" Based on Jesus' life and teachings and Biblical themes and that call us and ground us in the work of racial justice. On April 29, John W. Coleman Jr., Director of Communications for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church, will be with us. There will **not** be Sunday school on April 22, due to Church Retreat.

All WPMF members are encouraged to complete an Elder Nomination Form and return it to HRC. Forms must be returned by April 22 and will be available every Sunday until then.

Update from Church Council: WPMF is a member congregation of Franconia Conference. In light of conversations with conference leaders over that last several months, Church Council has decided to begin exploring the possibility of affiliating with another conference. Please speak with Tim Martin Johnson (Council Chair) or Pastor Lorie if you have input, questions or concerns.

Ted and Company will be performing at Germantown Mennonite NEXT SATURDAY, April 14, at 7 PM. Discovery: A Comic Lament, starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. WPMF will share the cost with Germantown, and a free will offering will be taken the night of the event instead of charging admission. If you would consider supporting the show in advance to make this possible, we are inviting donations to be made out to WPMF with Ted and Company in the memo line. Please come to the show for an evening of thoughtful fun!

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, 9am to 3pm at Towamencin Mennonite Church. Cost is \$15/person, scholarships are available: franconiaconference.org/womens-gathering/april/

This year's church retreat at Tel Hai retreat center in Honeybrook, PA, April 20-22, 2018. The retreat speaker is Dr. Chris Kimmenez, a local pastor and the Philadelphia Chapter Director of Healing Communities. Healing Communities provides support and technical assistance to faith communities by offering seminars in restorative justice, family reintegration, and family support. They challenge congregations to become Stations of Hope for those persons affected by the criminal justice system.

Because there is a worship service at retreat, there will not be one at Calvary on April 22.

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.

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

Save the date, Kingdom Builders Pentecost Service, Saturday May 19th. More details to come.

Do you love to write? Are you passionate about providing support for our neighborhood's returning citizens? If you answered "yes" to these questions, you should consider joining [Redemption Housing's](http://RedemptionHousing.org) volunteer team! Redemption Housing is currently seeking 1-2 committed volunteers to help write and/or coordinate it's monthly newsletter. The time commitment will be between 1-4 hours per month and could involve interviewing, writing, formatting, and/or editing, depending upon your skill set. Please contact Nick for more details at nick@redemptionhousing.org.

Weekly Giving Report

2018 Weekly Budget:	\$3,719
April 1 Giving:	\$2,810
2018 YTD Budget:	\$45,128
2018 Actual:	\$39,430

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: Christine W, Mel E, Julian, Isaiah
Coffee: Jim Kurtz
Snack: Nancy Geryk

Sunday, April 15

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough
Song Leader: Brenda Rich
Children's Storyteller: Marla Burkholder
Musician: Elaine Shenk
Preacher: Pastor Lorie Hershey
Greeter: Angelina
Usher: Matt
Snack: Sherri Michalovic

Retreat Sunday, April 22

Worship Leader: Sheldon Rich
Song Leader: Mark & Sherri Michalovic
Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders
Nursery: Shelley C., Alex E. B., Victor, Maya

Sunday, April 29

Worship Leader: Brent Hershey
Song Leader: Tim Schellenberg
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Amy Hochstetler
Preacher: John W. Coleman Jr.

CHURCH CALENDAR

April

8: Bulletin Making
11: Pastoral Team Meeting
14: Discovery: A Comic Lament
17: Deacon Meeting

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Pastor Lorie

Lorie will be working Tuesday-Friday

Dorianna

Tuesday: TBD-1:30pm
Wednesday: 8:15am-1pm
Thursday: 8:15am-12:30pm
Friday: TBD

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

Sheldon Rich: shri33ch54@gmail.com

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The God Who Calls

You are the God who calls.

You are hiding in the pauses of the winter wind
whipping around the corners of my house.

You are present in the space between the opening petals
of the first spring crocus.

You are there in the silence behind the crickets chirping
on the hot summer evening.

You are in the autumn aching for what's been lost when all is fallen.

You call to us from the other side of Eden,
your voice emanating from deserts,
dreams,
whirlwinds and burning bushes.

And always on the mountaintop we find you;
in wide vistas and clear air,
whispering to us as we look down on all we know.

I want you to be the God who calls me.

Here hear my late night late life lament.

I've missed the train for glory too many times to count,
a no-show in the parade of saints,
absent without cause in the angel army.

I'm here today to say, "I want to hear,
help my unhearing."

Let the words of my mouth
speak out the meditations of your heart,
truly, clearly, faithfully,
today and always.