

**West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship**  
**Sunday, August 26, 2018, 9:00 AM**

Worship Leader: Sheldon Rich  
Song Leader: Brenda Rich  
Children's Time: Christine Waanders  
Musicians: Tim Schellenberg  
Meditation: Nick Lordi

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**Gathering Song**

Sing the Journey #3 Jesus calls us here to meet him

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing the Journey #14 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey  
Sing the Journey #27 God of the Bible (stand and stay standing)

**PASSING THE PEACE / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Song Supplement #100 Sithi Bonga  
Song Supplement #106 You are Holy

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**OFFERING**

Song Supplement #91 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

**SHARING & PRAYER:**

Sing the Journey #47 O Lord have mercy

**BLESSING & SENDING:** Thomas and Emily

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 5

**MEDITATION:** Jesus: the Great Physician?

**SONG OF RESPONSE:**

Hymnal #377 Healer of our every ill

**CLOSING HYMN:** Sing the Journey #73 The Lord Lift you up

**BENEDICTION:**

**Announcements**

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**TODAY: The People's Movement: Voter Engagement Launch for POWER, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ** (60 N Hanover St. Pottstown, PA 19464). Now is the time, more than ever, for people of faith and good conscience to have a say in our Democracy. We're preparing to send a powerful message to agents of injustice that we won't sit back and allow fear, racism, and terror to destroy our communities. To join this movement, we invite you to attend our Voter Engagement Program Launch for our upcoming non-partisan voter engagement program, bringing together state-wide branches of POWER. For more information see one of powerlinks members, Drick, Sherri, Ethan, Katie, Bryan, or Pastor Lorie. Or email WPMF's lead organizer, Nicolas O'Rourke [norourke@powerinterfaith.org](mailto:norourke@powerinterfaith.org)

**Sabbath Solidarity: Spiritual Enrichment for Organizers & Activists of Color, Wednesday, September 5, 7:00-9:00 pm, Arch Street UMC 55 N Broad St, 19107.**

Sabbath Solidarity is a spiritually inclusive, interfaith space designed for organizers of color to rest, regenerate, and revitalize in order to sustain their inner life and commitment to activism in Philadelphia and beyond. Faith leaders, organizers, activists, and artists of color are invited to attend our launch event on September 5. The design of our gatherings is based on the Judeo-Christian tradition of Sabbath and will include dinner, grounding reflection, testimony, and celebration. This is a project supported by Arch Street United Methodist Church with planning partners from POWER and Circle of Hope. For more information and to RSVP to Rev. Nicolas O'Rourke: [norourke@powerinterfaith.org](mailto:norourke@powerinterfaith.org) Or Belle Alvarez: [dance@bellealvarez.com](mailto:dance@bellealvarez.com)

**Come to Ubuntu Philadelphia, a unique restorative justice event, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 6:00 pm, at the Cardinal Foley Center at Saint Joseph's University.**

This is a gathering on justice, violence, and healing, organized by the friends and families of homicide victims and "juvenile lifers" who recently returned home after decades of incarceration. It is open to the public. Focused on healing and restoring the community the gathering will feature two collaborative art projects, a panel discussion about the impact of homicides and life sentences, and a small group activity on "re-imaging justice" which was created by residents at Graterford state prison. The event is open to the public.

**WPMF is supporting Ubuntu Philadelphia financially.** You can give cash or check earmarked "Ubuntu Philadelphia" via mail or offering through Sept 9<sup>th</sup> This will then be forwarded to Ubuntu Philadelphia to help cover costs.

**Save the dates for upcoming retreats:**

Men's Retreat, October 12-14 at Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA.  
Women's Retreat, October 26-28 at Tel Hai Camp & Retreat Center in Honeybrook, PA.

**Could you survive "life on the outside?"**

Redemption Housing invites you to their second-annual Day One Challenge on **September 22nd, 2018.** This three-hour immersion experience will place you "in the shoes" of Philadelphia's returning citizens. Experience a glimpse of the first days and weeks that follow their release. Register and find more info visit [dayonechallenge.org](http://dayonechallenge.org).

**Sunday school and snack time will begin Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** after our worship service at 10:45 a.m. The first monthly fellowship meal will begin Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m.

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**We welcome all people**

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



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**Today**

Greeter: Sylvia

Usher: Bryan

Nursery: Sylvia Horst, Elaine Shenk, Isaiah

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**Sunday, September 2**

Worship Leader: Lorie Hershey

Song Leader: Amy Hochstetler

Children's Storyteller: Linda Esh

Musician: Tim Martin Johnson

Nursery: Dave Lapp, Reuben Wetherbee, Owen

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**Sunday, September 9**

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough

Song Leader: Tim Martin Johnson

Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody

Musicians: Jeff Knightly

Preacher: Lorie Hershey

Nursery: Kathie Sauder, Chris Esh, Perry

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**CHURCH CALENDAR****August**

28: Pastoral team meeting

**September**

4: 7pm powerlinks meeting

12: Church Council meeting

20: ARC meeting

27: Deacon meeting

**October**

11: Worship Committee

12-13: Men's retreat

26-28: Women's retreat

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**Weekly Giving Report**

2018 Weekly Budget: \$3,719

August 19th Giving: \$3,554

2018 YTD Budget: \$113,261

2018 Actual: \$99,836

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**NURSERY CARE**

Nursery care is provided for children (infants - 3 yrs/48 mo) 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 restroom.

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**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

Lorie will be working:

Tuesday through Friday

Dorianna will be working:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30-1:30pm

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Bulletin cover by Hannah Esh Bouwman

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