

**West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship**  
**Sunday, September 23, 2018 9:00 AM**

Worship Leader: Julie Prey  
Song Leader: Tim Schellenberg  
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody  
Musicians: Elaine Shenk; Lynn Wetherbee  
Preacher: Anne Yoder

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**SINGING**

Sing the Journey #31: "He came down"  
Sing the Journey #36: "Long before my journey's start"  
Sing the Journey #56: "Make me a channel of your peace"

**PASSING THE PEACE & WELCOME VISITORS**

**SHARING & PRAYER**

**OFFERING / SINGING**

Sing the Journey #77: "The peace of the earth be with you"  
Hymnal #371: "Let there be light, Lord God"

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 40 [excerpts]; I Corinthians 15:58; I Corinthians 16:13-14; Ephesians 6:13-15

**SERMON "Standing Firm"**

**SINGING**

Hymnal #343: "My hope is built on nothing less"

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SINGING**

Sing the Journey: #74: "Now go in peace"

**BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Today is Peace Sunday and during Sunday school Anne Yoder will share stories from conscientious objectors during World War I and their motivations for going against the norm:** In Mennonite circles, people often hear only the experiences of conscientious objectors (C.O.s) who were from the Historic Peace Churches, and they are usually filtered through the perspective of an historian. By focusing on the personal writings of the C.O.s themselves, a fresh picture of the plethora of men and the complexities of their varying encounters and decisions may be reached. By broadening the scope to include others outside our own tradition, we may gain a deeper understanding of the important legacy of conscience passed down to us a century ago. **Adult Sunday school will extend until 11:45 am today.**

**Sunday school and snack time has begun!** Snack will immediately follow the service and will be held downstairs in the gym. Sunday school will begin at 10:45 am for those in preschool through adult. Our monthly fellowship meal will begin on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am.

**Fall Adult Sunday School Schedule:**

Sept 23: WW1 Conscientious Objectors  
Sept 30: Child Protection workshop  
Oct 7: The Journey Forward (led by Pastor Lorie)  
Oct 14: The Journey Forward  
Oct 21: The Journey forward  
Oct 28: The Journey Forward

**Next Sunday, September 30 during the education hour we will have our annual Child Protection Workshop.** We will review the main points our WPMF Child Protection Policy and have discussion of various issues involved. All adults are encouraged to attend.

**Do you enjoy singing worship songs? Nate and I are hosting a song fest on Sunday, September 30th,** at 6:30 p.m. at our house in Drexel Hill, for the pleasure of singing from the WPMF Song Supplement. Many of those songs are no longer in fashion with us and rarely, if ever, get sung, but we still love them. And there are still some that are completely new to us that we would enjoy learning. We expect that this is true for some of you as well and hope that you will be able to join us for an hour or so of singing. Bring your instruments if you wish to accompany any of the songs. -- Anne M. Yoder

**October Worship and Adult Sunday school: Mennonite Church USA's Journey Forward.** During the month of October, we will be exploring themes from the Renewed Commitments, a draft for congregations to consider and give feedback as we move into the future for our denomination. The commitments state: "On this journey together, we commit to...Follow Jesus...Witness to God's peace...Experience Transformation." The Journey Forward process grows out of the Future Church Summit in Orlando 2017. It opens the conversation of where God is calling MC USA in the 21st century. Congregations and groups across MC USA are invited to engage in studying Scripture, singing, praying, storytelling, exploring Anabaptist history and values, and discussing how they see God working in their contexts and across the denomination. For more information on MC USA's Journey Forward: [mennoniteusa.org/journey-forward](http://mennoniteusa.org/journey-forward)

**It is time to update our church directory!** Email Dorianna at [wpmf@wpmf.org](mailto:wpmf@wpmf.org) with any updates to your contact info or listing.

**Save the date:** Women's Retreat, Oct. 26-28.

**Everence Financial Credit Union invites you to one of their Philly intro events on Thursday, October 4!** A new office in North Philadelphia will open in the Spring and employees have already started working. This is something that Anabaptist leaders have desired for a long time. Hosted by Leonard Dow, Stewardship Development Specialist; Natalie A. Martinez, Stewardship Consultant; Bryant M. Keal, Community Development Officer; and Randy Nyce, Stewardship Consultant.

**Morning event: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.** (Breakfast will be served) at Tierra Colombiana Restaurant, 4535 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> St. (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) Hear how Everence will be helping local businesses and nonprofits access trusted financial services and resources.

**Evening event: 6 – 8 p.m.** (Dinner will be served) at The City School, 910 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Hear how Everence will be providing valuable resources to pastors and members of local churches.

RSVP by Oct.1:  
[Natalie.martinez@everence.com](mailto:Natalie.martinez@everence.com)

**Join us for our 3rd Annual Men's Retreat Oct. 12-14.** Any men and teens over 12 years old are invited to a time of fellowship, sharing and fun together at Black Rock Retreat Center. Registration costs (\$95 for adults, \$75 for youth) includes meals, two nights lodging and access to camp recreational facilities. (Assistance is available if participants are not able to pay the full registration costs.). Gerry Davis will be our retreat leader for this year's event. Please plan to join us for this time of building community. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask members of the planning committee--Nathan Yoder, Matt MacNeill or Ken Beidler ([kenbeidler@yahoo.com](mailto:kenbeidler@yahoo.com)).

## 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: Linda  
Usher: Mel  
Nursery: Heather Davis Jones, Dorianna, Shakia  
Snack: Sarah & Dan  
Coffee: Ariel Ressler MacNeill

### Sunday, September 30

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder  
Song Leader: Ariel Ressler MacNeill  
Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders  
Musicians: Amy Hochstetler  
Preacher: Lorie Hershey  
Greeter: Nancy  
Usher: Bryan  
Nursery: Lynn Wetherbee, Brendon Gawel, Toby  
Snack: Tim & Carol Martin Johnson  
Coffee: Elizabeth Hamilton

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### September

20: ARC meeting  
27: Deacon meeting

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### Weekly Giving Report

2018 Weekly Budget: \$3,719  
September 16 Giving: \$23,375  
2018 YTD Budget: \$126,955  
2018 Actual: \$113,046

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Dorianna will be in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday this week until 1:00pm.

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Pastor Lorie will be in the office Tuesday - Friday this week.

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**The entrance to the elevator is located outside and requires a passcode.** Let our usher or greeter know if you would like to use it.

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### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Preschool & Primary Class

(ages 3 - 4, kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
Where: Preschool room  
Teachers: Brenda Hess Rich, Kathie Sauder, Linda Esh

#### Middler Class

(grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Where: large classroom off gym  
Teachers: Marcy Zimmerman, Jim Kurtz, Sylvia Horst

#### Junior Youth Class

(grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Where: Samaritan rm. above CUMC office  
Teachers: Ken Beidler, Sarah Rody, Bryan Geib

#### Senior Youth Class

(grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Where: 2<sup>nd</sup> FL above WPMF office  
Teachers: Alex Esh Bouwman

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### 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.

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### MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Adult Education	Sherri Michalovic
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	Lynn Wetherbee
Small groups	Ariel Ressler MacNeill
Snack	Marcy Zimmerman
Sunday School	Linda Esh & Sarah Rody
Sr. Youth SS	Alex Esh Bouwman
Worship Committee	Tim Martin Johnson
Youth Sponsor	Sarah, Rosa, & Nathan
Mentor Coordinator	Marcy Zimmerman

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**Our Child Protection Policy can be found on our website and our library.**

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### SMALL GROUPS

#### Dream Group

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#### Lectio Divina

Sheri Magness & Brenda Rich:  
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#### Small Group Coordinator

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