

**West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, December 02, 2018 9:00 AM**

Worship Leader: Pastor Lorie Hershey
Song Leader: Amy Hochstetler
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Tim Schellenberg
Preacher: Lynn Wetherbee

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching. Opening our eyes and hearts to notice God drawing near.

People: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for more of your justice and peace. How long must we wait?

Leader: Pay attention. Be still. Know that God's reign is growing. The signs are all around us.

People: Fill us with the hope of what is yet to be. Strengthen our hearts as we join with you in your Kin-dom ways.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

SINGING: Hymnal #12 - Come, let us all unite to sing
Hymnal #584 - They that wait upon the Lord

WELCOME

SINGING: Bulletin insert - Poor of the Earth

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLE: Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

OFFERING: Song Supplement #72 Hope is a candle

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 25:1-5, Luke 21:29-31 and
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

SERMON

SONG OF RESPONSE: Song Supplement #90 - Peace before us

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

SHARING AND PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG: Song Supplement #81 - Magnificat

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, after Sunday school is our monthly fellowship meal. Bring a potluck dish to share and your own place setting, if able.

A report summarizing the congregational meeting on November 18 is available today from Tim Martin Johnson. Church Council will be following up on the feedback received from the meeting. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Join two POWER congregations for an interfaith Chanukah and Advent teaching and celebration! Friday evening, December 7, 2018 join First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG), Tikkun Olam Chavurah, and the families in sanctuary at FUMCOG for a potluck dinner, candle lighting, and teaching. This Chanukah and Advent we shine a light on Antisemitism and its links to the other groups that White Supremacy is targeting. Chanukah is not just about military victory, but about the miracle of light we all share. Advent is a time when Christians prepare for the incarnation of God's love that comes into the world as Light. Let's learn about the miracles, the light, the challenges, and the effects of and responses to Antisemitism today. Candle lighting and Potluck dinner at 6:30 (Bring a veggie dish to share; Drinks and dessert provided) Teaching by Pastor Bob Coombe and Rabbi Linda Holtzman and discussion at 7:30 at FUMCOG, 6001 Germantown Avenue, Phila., PA 19144

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Join POWER on Tuesday, Dec. 11th from 12:00 PM to 2:15 PM (Doors 11:30 AM) for the Second Racial Justice Lecture and Conversation with invited speaker, Rev. Deth Im, Director of Formation with Faith in Action. During this luncheon talk Rev. Im will discuss strategies for tackling the dimensions of racism in our organizing work and campaigns. This event will take place at Congregation Rodeph Shalom located at 615 North Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19123. Please RSVP through the event page at powerinterfaith.org/calendar. If you have any dietary restrictions or other questions, please contact Rev. Yvette Davis at ydavis@powerinterfaith.org.

Join POWER on Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 4:30pm for the "Decolonizing Wealth Book Discussion". Edgar Villanueva, Vice President of Programs and Advocacy at the Schott Foundation for Public Education and author of *Decolonizing Wealth*, will deliver the keynote address for the Racial Justice Lecture and Conversation. RSVP through the event page at powerinterfaith.org/calendar. You may also watch the Facebook live stream at [Facebook.com/powerinterfaith](https://www.facebook.com/powerinterfaith).

Age 55+ group Christmas party Sat December 15th from 3-8pm at our home. 309 Enlow Place, Pennsville, NJ, 08070. We will provide Chili Soup and toppings; Cream of Mushroom Soup, coffee, tea, and hot spiced apple cider. Please bring a salad OR relish / veggie tray, OR dessert; AND a white elephant wrapped gift per person for the gift exchange. Come enjoy a fun relaxing evening on the Delaware River. Please RSVP to Jan-Gerrit & Wanda Bouwman - jgb30@comcast.net

We are invited to attend A Christmas Celebration at The Common Place (5736 Chester Ave. 19143), Sunday, Dec. 16th @ 5 pm. Join the Common Place community for music, a holiday feast, and a toy giveaway. The event is open to all.

Show Up for Shabbat Services: You are invited to attend and encouraged to wear "POWER" buttons to the services for identification purposes given the larger number of guests showing up these weeks and the increased alertness to security.

Congregation Kol Tzedek: Service on Friday evenings December 14th at 6:30 PM or Saturday morning December 15th at 10:00 AM at Calvary Center (801 S. 48th St., West Philadelphia; accessible by lift). Rabbi Ari Lev Fornari. For more information contact info@kol-tzedek.org.

Homeless Memorial Day Vigil, Thursday, December 20th, 5-6pm Thomas Paine Plaza (in front of the Municipal Services Building across from City Hall), 1401 John F Kennedy Blvd. As we approach the first official day of winter, hundreds of Philadelphians will gather to remember those homeless and formerly homeless Philadelphians who died in 2018 and to call for an end to homelessness. We must continue to speak out about the struggles of people who experience homelessness, poverty, and addiction. We must all work together – including elected officials – to expand effective solutions and build a truly just society for all persons. Please join us as we honor the lives of our friends and neighbors, and as we call on all Philadelphians and all Americans to recommit ourselves to ending homelessness. For more info see Project Home: projecthome.org/memorial

Weekly Giving Report

2018 Weekly Budget: \$3,719
November 25 Giving: \$2,645
2018 YTD Budget: \$161,173
2018 Actual: \$157,991

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: Christina Correnti, Christine Waanders, Owen
Snack: Wanda Bouwman
Coffee/Tea: Ken Beidler

Sunday, December 9

Worship Leader: Sheldon Rich
Song Leader: Brenda Rich
Children's Storyteller: Drick Boyd
Musician: Drick Boyd
Greeter: Linda
Usher: Mel
Nursery: Shelley Crognale, Mark Michalovic, Perry
Snack: Lynn and Reuben
Coffee/Tea: Katie Tan

Sunday, December 16

Worship Leader: Andy Gahagan
Song Leader: Brenda Rich
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Amy Hochstetler
Greeter: Sylvia
Usher: Bryan
Nursery: Dave Lapp, Elaine Shenk, Toby
Snack: Shelley Crognale
Coffee/Tea: Christina & David

CHURCH CALENDAR

December

10: Worship Committee Meeting
15: Youth Christmas Party
16: Open House and Carol sing at Anne Yoder's home
18: Pastoral Team meeting

Dorianna will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday this week.

Pastor Lorie will be in the office Tuesday through Friday this week,

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool & Primary Class

(ages 3 – 4, kindergarten – 2nd grade)
Where: Preschool room
Teachers: Brenda Hess Rich, Kathie Sauder, Linda Esh

Middler Class

(grades 4th – 6th)
Where: large classroom off gym
Teachers: Marcy Zimmerman, Jim Kurtz, Sylvia Horst

Junior Youth Class

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

Senior Youth Class

(grades 9th – 12th)
Where: 2nd FL above WPMF office
Teachers: Alex Esh Bouwman

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

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| Adult Education | Sherrri Michalovic |
| C. Council Chair | Tim Martin Johnson |
| Church Retreat Fellowship Meal | Carol Martin Johnson 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, Kathie, & Nathan |
| Mentor Coordinator | Marcy Zimmerman |

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

SMALL GROUPS

Dream Group

Sheldon Rich: shrich54@gmail.com

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