

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, December 09, 2018 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Sheldon Rich
Song Leader: Brenda Rich
Children's Storyteller: Drick Boyd
Musician: Drick Boyd
Sermon: Pastor Lorie Hershey

OPENING SONG

CALL TO WORSHIP

SINGING

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE:

- **Special Music – Jeff Knightly**

PASSING THE PEACE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING

CHILDREN'S TIME:

OFFERING

SHARING & PRAYER:

SCRIPTURE READING: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79

SERMON:

SONG OF RESPONSE:

COMMUNION:

- **Special Music – Jeff Knightly**

CLOSING HYMN:

BENEDICTION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The nursery is meeting in the primary/preschool classroom until our nursery room is ready for us to return.

This year's Advent candle lighters are current Mentor and Mentee pairs.

Opportunity to give during Advent: Dec 9 and 16th we will be taking a special offering for Crossroads Community Center in North Philadelphia: crossroadsp Philly.org. They are part of Kingdom Builders Network, and Pastor Juan Marrero is the Executive Director. This time of year, is often tight financially, and this year in particular with different expenses in their facility. You can make checks out to WPMF with "Crossroads" in the memo.

We are looking for a WPMF representative for the new Advisory board of the Calvary building. Ideally, someone who values community, has interest in the care of the building, and can represent our congregation's ideas and needs. Meetings will be 1x/month with the Calvary Trustees, with additional times for projects and break-out meetings. For more information, see Pastor Lorie or one of the Deacons.

Join POWER on Tues, Dec. 11th, noon 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 yddavis@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).

Five Easy Ways to Boost your Year-end Giving" webinar: Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30pm. Everence is offering a live 30 minute webinar to help you make the most of your year-end giving. With the new tax law, there are some easy and tax-smart ways to boost your giving. Email souderton@everence.com or call 215-703-0111 to register and to receive the link to join the webinar.

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), Dec. 16th, 5 pm. Join TCP 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 (front of 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. 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

Anyone who plays an instrument is invited to bring it on Sunday, December 23 to participate in an instrumental ensemble. We will accompany the congregation for several Christmas carols. Let Tim Martin Johnson know of your interest.

Join in our neighborhood Christmas Eve service with Calvary United Methodist, Dec. 24th @ 7 pm. This is an evening of light, lessons, and carols. Children are welcome. If you would like to participate by reading Scripture, or building the nativity scene, contact Pastor Lorie.

Weekly Giving Report
2018 Weekly Budget: \$3,719
December 02 Giving: \$7,115
2018 YTD Budget: \$164,612
2018 Actual: \$165,105

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: 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

Sunday, December 23

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough
Song Leader: Tim Martin Johnson
Children's Storyteller: Laurie Callan
Musician: Jeff Knightly
Greeter: Angelina
Usher: Linford
Nursery: Sylvia H, Reuben Wetherbee, Edwin
Coffee/Tea: Ariel Ressler MacNeill

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

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

This week, Pastor Lorie will be in the office Monday through Friday.

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

Adult Education	Sherrri Michalovic
C. Council Chair	Tim Martin Johnson
Church Retreat	Carol Martin Johnson
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, 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

Lectio Divina

Brenda Rich: brenrich53@gmail.com

Men's Monthly Breakfast

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Exploring Retirement Group

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