

**West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship**  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018 9:00 AM**

**Worship Leader:** Andy Gahagan  
**Song Leader:** Brenda Rich  
**Children's Storyteller:** Sarah Rody  
**Musician:** Peter Horst  
**Preacher:** Pastor Lorie Hershey

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**Opening Song:** Hymnal #34 When the Morning Stars

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, for God is in our midst!

**People: Renewing us with love,**

Leader: Gathering us in,

**People: Restoring our dignity,**

Leader: Rejoicing over us with gladness.

**All: *Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring  
wholeness and new life to the world.***

**Singing:** Hymnal #172 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Sing the Journey #31 He Came Down

Hymnal #203 Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light

**Lighting of Advent Candle**

**Passing the Peace/Announcements**

**Singing:** Sing the Journey #13 My Soul is Filled with Joy

**Children's Time**

**Offering with Choir**

**Sharing & Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:** Zephaniah 3: 14-20

**Sermon**

**Song of Response:** Sing the Journey #86 Taste and See

**Time to write our Joys**

**Closing Hymn:** Hymnal #209 O How Joyfully

**Benediction**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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:**

Today, we will be taking a special offering for Crossroads Community Center in North Philadelphia: [crossroadshilly.org](http://crossroadshilly.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 invited to attend A Christmas Celebration at The Common Place (5736 Chester Ave. 19143), Today at 5 pm.** Join TCP community for music, a holiday feast, and a toy giveaway. The event is open to all.

**Big Push 10th Annual Holiday Benefit Concert, Today at 7 PM, Calvary Center**

Enjoy great music for a great cause, featuring a 14-piece big band, strings and special musical guests from the Calvary community! All proceeds this year to benefit repairs and maintenance of the Calvary building, home to so many different community organizations and groups. Suggested donation at the door: Adults \$20, Children under 12 free, but no one will be turned away. Donations beyond \$20 are encouraged for those who are able!

**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](http://projecthome.org/memorial)

**Dorianna will be out of the office Friday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.** Please send all bulletin announcements or information to Dorianna by Thursday, December 20 at noon.

**For snack time on Sundays December 23 and 30** everyone is invited to bring cookies or other Christmas treats to share. There will be no Sunday School on December 23 and 30.

**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 if you are interested.

**Join in our neighborhood Christmas Eve service with Calvary United Methodist, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

**Dear Church family**

We wanted to invite you to our home (4818 Beaumont Ave) after the Christmas Eve service for light refreshments and a time of fellowship. You are welcome to bring cookies or a snack to share, but not necessary. Hope to see you!

- Kathie and Tony Sauder

**HRC is seeking an Adult Sunday School Coordinator**, for the remainder of this year, January through May. Please speak with a member of HRC to express interest or to get more information about the role.

**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.

**Alumni trip, "Service, Learning, and Civil Rights," Mississippi, Mar. 9-16, 2019. Open to alumni from Mennonite Voluntary Service, Service Adventure, and SOOP.** Together, we'll learn more about the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and serve alongside current Service Adventure and SOOP participants. For more information, contact [alumnitrip@mennonitemission.net](mailto:alumnitrip@mennonitemission.net).

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**Weekly Giving Report**

2018 Weekly Budget: \$3,719

December 09 Giving: \$1,875

2018 YTD Budget: \$167,972

2018 Actual: \$168,156

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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: 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

### December 30

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder  
Song Leader: Tim Schellenberg  
Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders  
Musicians: Amy Hochstetler  
Greeter: Nancy  
Usher: Jim  
Nursery: Kathie Sauder, Chris Esh, Eden  
Coffee/Tea: Elizabeth Hamilton

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### December

16: Open House and Carol sing at Anne Yoder's home  
18: Pastoral Team meeting

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This week, Dorianna will be in the office Monday through Thursday.

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This week, Pastor Lorie's office hours are TBD.

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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

<b>Adult Education</b>	Sherrri Michalovic
<b>C. Council Chair</b>	Tim Martin Johnson
<b>Church Retreat Fellowship Meal</b>	Carol Martin Johnson Daniel Vader & Jeff Knightly
<b>FMC Lay Delegate</b>	Drick Boyd
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Kurtz
<b>Nursery</b>	Lynn Wetherbee
<b>Small groups</b>	Ariel Ressler MacNeill
<b>Snack</b>	Marcy Zimmerman
<b>Sunday School</b>	Linda Esh & Sarah Rody
<b>Sr. Youth SS</b>	Alex Esh Bouwman
<b>Worship Committee</b>	Tim Martin Johnson
<b>Youth Sponsor</b>	Sarah, Rosa, Kathie, & Nathan
<b>Mentor Coordinator</b>	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

Sheldon Rich: shrich54@gmail.com

#### Lectio Divina

Brenda Rich: brenrich53@gmail.com

#### Men's Monthly Breakfast

Matt MacNeill: mrmacneill@gmail.com

#### Togetherring

Alex & Amanda Esh Bouwman:  
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#### New Attenders Small Group

Lorie Hershey: lorie@wpmf.org

#### Supper, Sharing, and Study group

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#### Exploring Retirement Group

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#### Small Group Coordinator

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