

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

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough
Song Leader: Tim Martin Johnson
Children's Storyteller: Laurie Callan
Musician: Jeff Knightly

Welcome

Psalms Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7

Opening Song: Hymnal #189 To us a child of hope is born

Call to Worship

Announcements

Passing the Peace

Micah Scripture: Micah 5:2-5

Singing: Hymnal #190 The Huron carol
Hymnal #197 Angels we have heard on high

Lighting the Advent Candle

Special Music

Angel Gabriel Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Singing: Hymnal #206 Infant holy, infant lowly
Hymnal #210 Good Christian friends, rejoice!

Sharing and Prayer

Offering: Hymnal #193 Silent night
Supplement #88 Beautiful star of Bethlehem

Children's Time

Elizabeth and Mary Scripture: Luke 1:39-45

Singing: Hymnal #195 It came upon a midnight clear
Hymnal #212 O come, all ye faithful

Magnificat Scripture: Luke 1:46-56

Singing: Supplement #70 Holy child within the manger
Supplement #67 Helpless and Hungry/Hymnal 215 What child is this?

Congregational Sharing

Jesus' Birth Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Closing Song: Hymnal #201 Hark! The herald angels sing

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.

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

Join in our neighborhood Christmas Eve service with Calvary UMC, at 7pm tomorrow for 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.

Kathie and Tony Sauder invite you to their 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.

Job-hunting is a confusing, miserable process, and we Elders think that we should be confused and miserable — together.

We're looking to kickstart a group for job-hunters early next year, probably late January or early February, where we can share resources and information and supports. The goal would be for our church to be more intentional in supporting folks looking for jobs. Sheldon Rich has kindly volunteered his expertise as a professional recruiter to lead the first meeting.

If you're interested in attending, if you're aware of opportunities, openings at your workplace and you'd like to share that lead with the group, or if you'd like to participate in some other way, please contact Ethan Tan!

Matt and Ariel welcomed their new son, Rowan. If you would like to bring them a meal, please sign up here: TakeThemAMeal.com/MKEN3573

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.

SALT applications are now open! Serve the world and change your life! Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through MCC's SALT program, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peacebuilding and more! To learn more and apply for SALT, visit mcc.org/SALT.

Watch Night for Racial Justice Concert: On Sunday, December 30th, the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral will host its second annual New Year's event Watch Night for Racial Justice – An Evening of Jazz at the Cathedral. At this family-friendly benefit concert for POWER, music starts at 3:00 PM at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral. The line-up of jazz, gospel, and spiritual artists will include the Intermezzo Choir under director Carrie Lessene, the Philadelphia Community Mass Choir directed by Jay Fluellen, solo vocalists Ruth Naomi Floyd, DeVonne Gardner, and Carrie Lessene, and the Dr. J Trio with pianist Jay Fluellen, Cedric Babb on bass, and drummer Kimpedro Rodriguez. For more info: facebook.com/events/2163983250517578/

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.

A Year of Civil Conversations: Live Event Series: Inspired by and in cooperation with Tippett's Civil Conversations Project, Interfaith Philadelphia has launched A Year of Civil Conversations, a region-wide effort to foster conversations and relationships that bridge the differences of our time. We are excited to announce our Live Event Series which will include four public conversations that model the skills needed to navigate complex topics and deepen trusted relationships.

Race and Faith | January 17, 2019, 6:30pm in partnership with NewCORE (New Conversation on Race & Ethnicity) and WHYY

Navigating Identity and Belonging | February 6, 2019, 6:30 pm in partnership with University of Pennsylvania Spiritual & Religious Life Center and Graduate School of Education

Challenges to Religious Freedom | March 27, 2019, 6:30 pm in partnership with National Constitution Center

Religion and the Media | April 8, 2019, 6:30 pm in partnership with Temple University

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

We welcome all people

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



Today

Greeter: Angelina
Usher: Linford
Nursery: Sylvia H, Reuben Wetherbee, Edwin
Coffee/Tea: Ariel Ressler MacNeill

Sunday, 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 Hershberger-Esh, Eden
Coffee/Tea: Elizabeth Hamilton

Sunday, January 6

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough
Song Leader: Amy Hochstetler
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Lynn Wetherbee
Nursery: Heather Davis Jones, Dorianna, Victor
Coffee/Tea: Ken Beidler

CHURCH CALENDAR

January

8: Church Council meeting
20: Congregational Budget meeting
23: Deacon meeting

This week, Dorianna will be in the office Thursday and Friday. Dorianna is off December 25th-26th.

This week, Pastor Lorie's office hours are Friday. Lorie is off December 25th-27th

Weekly Giving Report

2018 Weekly Budget: \$3,719
December 16 Giving: \$4,260
2018 YTD Budget: \$171,331
2018 Actual: \$172,416

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	Sherrí 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

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