

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, February 24, 2019 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough
Song Leader: Tim Martin Johnson
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Lynn Wetherbee
Preacher: Sarah Ruden

Opening Song

Hymnal #36 God of our strength

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Singing

Hymnal #483 O God, who gives us life

Call to Worship

Singing

STJ 10 Spirit working in creation
STJ #48 Our Father, which art in heaven

Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Hymnal #368 O God of love, O Power of peace

Scripture

Matthew 6:9-13

Children's Time

Sermon

Silence

Song of Response

STJ #67 Let there be light, Lord God

Congregational Response

Closing Song

STJ #57 Mayenzi we

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship and Sunday school series on Prayer, Feb 3 – Feb 24: What is prayer and how do we experience it? Where are the places of connection and the places of doubt? In its most basic form, prayer is anything we do that connects us with God. It is intentional and helps us take notice of God's presence, yet it does not need to include words, bowing our heads, and folding our hands. During this series we will explore different prayer practices and share our experiences of prayer; whether struggle, life-giving, or somewhere in between.

Feb 24th: The Lord's Prayer with guest speaker, Sarah Ruden

Today we welcome Sarah Ruden, poet, translator of Ancient Greek and Roman classics, essayist, popularizer of Biblical linguistics, and former attendee of WPMF. During the past decade, Sarah has turned her attention to Biblical literature, giving insight into translation from her knowledge of the ancient Roman and Greek culture and language. She is a Quaker by "convincement" and is doing a series of lectures at Pendle Hill this spring. She is currently working on a new translation of the Gospels, seeking to express more authentically in English the idioms, images, emotions, and ideas of the original text.

March 6th, joint Ash Wednesday service with Calvary UMC @ 7 pm in the chapel. This service offers time for reflection in words, silence, singing, and the rite of ashes as we are reminded of our humanity, both the fragility and the wonder.

Mennonite March Madness: A Journey with Scripture, coming soon to WPMF! But first we need your top 10 Scripture verses or stories. Those that have shaped you, continue to inspire you, or express your core values. Go to goo.gl/forms/QvRB9k4Me4TCLCoc2 by Feb 28th and help launch our Mennonite March Madness!

Heeding God's Call: Special Showing of 26 Pebbles, Panel Talk-Back, and Souls Shot Exhibit.

March 10th at 2 pm, Allens Lane Theater, 601 West Allens Lane, 19119. The deaths of innocents at Sandy Hook Elementary School, like pebbles thrown into a pond, created ripples and vibrations felt far and wide. *26 Pebbles* is the story of those vibrations. Ultimately delivering a message of hope and healing, this powerful docu-drama crafted from interviews with members of the Newtown community challenges us to rethink our perceptions of mental illness, gun control, and public safety. The showing of *26 Pebbles* will be followed by a panel discussion with gun safety activist Movita Johnson-Harrell; Scott P. Charles, Trauma Outreach Coordinator at Temple University Hospital and Diamond Santiago, a teen-age survivor of gun violence. Also on view at the Allens Lane Theater will be selections from *Souls Shot 2019*, moving portraits of lives lost and tragically altered due to gun violence. Purchase tickets through Allens Lane Theater: (215) 248-0546 or online at allenslane.org \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Other performance dates are available, without panel discussion following.

Heeding God's Call Fundraiser: Showing of the award-winning documentary *Quest*, Sunday, March 31 from 5 to 8 pm. Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church, 8855 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia. More info: heedinggodscall.org.

Our next Exploring Membership Class will begin March 17th: contact Pastor Lorie if interested. This class is for anyone who would like to know more about membership at WPMF. The time is used to learn more about the Anabaptist/Mennonite story, WPMF's story, and explore your own faith story. As the name implies, the class is a space to explore and discern whether membership at WPMF is a commitment you feel called toward.

On April 23 and 24, 2019, join MCC East Coast on a Native American Learning Tour to learn about the history of social and economic exploitation of Indigenous people beginning with the 1626 \$24 purchase of Manhattan. It will begin with a walking tour of historical sites including two 1643 massacre sites. Then it will trace the unfolding of the history of European settlement in the Americas that is rooted in the Doctrine of Discovery, a history of European exceptionalism which resulted in loss of Native land, slavery and economic exploitation of both Natives and slaves alike. This day and a half tour will connect the dots illustrating the interwoven link between land, race, finance and theology. Please note that participants must be able to walk 2 city miles comfortably. We will be using public transportation between sites. Spots are limited! To register by April 1, visit mcc.org/native-american-nyc or contact Curtis Book, MCC East Coast peace & justice coordinator, at CurtisBook@mcc.org for more information.

Save the date for our annual church retreat, May 10-12, 2019

We welcome all people

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



Today

Nursery: Alex, Shelley, Owen
Usher: Sheldon
Greeter: Sylvia
Coffee/Tea: Ariel Ressler MacNeill

Sunday, March 3

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder
Song Leader: Peter Horst
Children's Storyteller: Marla Burkholder
Musician: Jeff Knightly
Greeter: Alex
Usher: Bryan
Nursery: Reuben W, Christine W, Edwin
Coffee/Tea: Ken Beidler

Sunday, March 10

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan
Song Leader: Sarah Rody
Children's Storyteller: Linda Esh
Musician: Pastor Lorie Hershey
Preacher: Dave Mishler, Allegheny Mennonite Conference
Greeter: Elizabeth
Usher: Linford
Nursery: Dave Lapp, Kathie Sauder, Eden
Coffee/Tea: Katie Tan

CHURCH CALENDAR

February

28: 1pm PCRC meeting

This week, Dorianna will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

This week, Pastor Lorie will be in the office Wednesday, Thursday morning, and Friday

Weekly Giving Report

2019 Weekly Budget: \$3,891
February 17 Giving: \$2,875
2019 YTD Budget: \$25,018
2019 Actual: \$22,602

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

Eliana Neufeld Basinger

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 Sponsors

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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