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West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, March 10, 2019 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Laurie Callan

Song Leader: Sarah Rody

Children's Storyteller: Marla Burkholder

Musician: Pastor Lorie Hershey

Preacher: Dave Mishler, Allegheny Mennonite Conference

Call to Worship: (Based on Psalms 63 and 91)

Gathering Songs:

Sing the Journey (STJ) #1 We sing to you, O God

Song Supplement (SS) #91 Praise the One who
breaks the darkness

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Passing the Peace of Christ/Welcoming Visitors

Offering with song:

Hymnal (H) #391 God whose form is all creation

STJ #72 One is the body

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns/
Announcements about the congregation and beyond**

Children's Time

Singing:

H #527 Lord, Jesus, think on me

H #596 And I will raise you up

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: Holy Vulnerability

Song of Response:

SS #56 Be the Center

Time of Confession and Reconciliation: (Romans 10:11-13)

Sending Song:

H #430 God, Be with you

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent 2019, Wilderness and God's Care:

Lent invites us into the wilderness; into a place that evokes an array of feelings: adventure, fear, isolation, or awe. A place of stark contrasts and unknowns. A place we don't control or tame. Yet the wilderness can also be a place of transformation, where distractions are stripped away, and the essentials remain. We don't walk alone through the places we can't tame or control. God is with us; providing so that we can be sustained and transformed. This Lenten season we are invited into the wilderness to explore our values and priorities, to let go of distractions, to discover what is essential and turn more towards God.

You may notice more confessional language in the litanies during Lent.

Language that states who God is and names our commitment to seek God despite the barriers or wilderness we experience. Some Sundays that language may not feel authentic to your present journey. If that happens, pause and name that internally. Then also notice what you may need at this time. Invite God to hold the dissonance and the need with you.

During Lent we will not have communion but live into the anticipation of celebrating it on Easter Sunday.

Prayer gatherings for Lent: These small group times will include a simple meal and space to continue some of the prayer practices from our Prayer series in February or experience new ones. They are opportunities to let go of distractions and turn more towards God during this season of Lent. Please RSVP to the host so they can plan the meal accordingly. More times will be scheduled as we move through Lent:

* **Sunday, March 24, 6:00 p.m. at Heather Swanson's home.** RSVP to Heather june27gv@gmail.com by 3/22.

Mennonite March Madness is HERE! This process is an opportunity for us to reflect on our identity--values, core, vision--as we continue to discern God's leading for conference affiliation and future church location. Join in a small group process that begins the discerning of WPMF's guiding Scriptures.

- Wed, March 13 at 7pm, Nancy and Scott Geryk's home
- Sat, April 6th at 7pm, Sheldon and Brenda Rich's home

March 17th, during adult Sunday school class, 10:45am-12:15pm. *Note that this group will last longer than normal Sunday school time.*

These groups will go through a process of collectively deciding the 12 Scriptures they feel represent WPMF. This will be based around questions of how the particular scriptures form us, are important to our context, inspire and direct vision, support and express our core values. The lists from each small group will then go back to the planning committee and be brought to our Church Retreat, May 10-12, where we will make the final discernment of WPMF's 12 Scriptures.

So, let your voice be heard and sign up to participate in the initial discerning! Limit for each small group is 10 participants, contact Dorianna wpmf@wpmf.org to sign up. Small groups for junior high and senior high youth will be during Sunday school. Youth are also welcome to participate in the listed small groups. More groups may be scheduled as the need arises.

Be a part of discovering the Scriptures that center us on what is essential for our context and mission, what we want to pass on to future generations, and guide us into God's vision.

Interfaith Freedom Seder + 50, April 7, 2019, 5pm dinner, 7pm Seder, at POWER congregation, Masjidullah, 7401 Limekiln Pike, Phila. 19138. More info: theshalomcenter.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.

Philadelphia Contemplatives' Centering Prayer Gatherings:

Germantown, March 19th 1:30-2:30p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Church, 109 E. Price Street Phil. 19144. Bernadette Cronin-Geller facilitator: bclgeller@comcast.net.
House of Grace, March 18th, 7:00 p.m. 6220 N. Fairhill St. Phila. 19126. Donna Duffey (host), Johanna Berrigan and Mary Beth Appel, facilitators: 215/ 582-5369 (Donna), jberrigancw@yahoo.com (Johanna) and einiegal@yahoo.com (Mary Beth).

Heeding God's Call: Special Showing of 26 Pebbles, Panel Talk-Back, and Souls Shot Exhibit. Today at 2 pm, Allens Lane Theater, 601 West Allens Lane, 19119. The showing 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 Purchase tickets through Allens Lane Theater, \$30 at the door. More info: heedinggodscall.org

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

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

Greeter: Elizabeth
Usher: Linford
Nursery: Dave Lapp, Kathie Sauder, Eden
Coffee/Tea: Katie Tan

Sunday, March 17

Worship Leader: Sheldon Rich
Song Leader: Brenda Rich
Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders
Musician: Tim Schellenberg
Preacher: Pastor Lorie Hershey
Greeter: Linda
Usher: Mel
Nursery: Heather DJ, Marla Burkholder, Isaiah

Sunday, March 24

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder
Song Leader: Mark & Sherri Michalovic
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Elaine Shenk
Greeter: Merv Stolfus, Atlantic Coast Mennonite Conference
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Usher: Jim

CHURCH CALENDAR

March

13: March Madness 12 Scriptures – 7pm
17: Ad Hoc Building Committee meeting – 11:30am
18: ARC meeting – 7pm
19: POWERlinks meeting – 7pm
21: Deacons' meeting – 7pm

This week, Dorianna will be in the office the mornings of Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

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Weekly Giving Report

2019 Weekly Budget: \$3,891
March 03 Giving: \$4,020
2019 YTD Budget: \$32,640
2019 Actual: \$29,602

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

Lectio Divina

Brenda Rich: brenrich53@gmail.com

Men's Monthly Breakfast

Matt MacNeill: mrmacneill@gmail.com

Togetherring

Alex & Amanda Esh Bouwman:

aaeshbouwman@yahoo.com

New Attenders Small Group

Lorie Hershey: lorie@wpmf.org

Supper, Sharing, and Study group

Angelina: angelina.rose.horst@gmail.com

Exploring Retirement Group

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Small Group Coordinator

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Elaine Shenk

Matt MacNeill



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You are invited!

When: This Lenten Season

What: To let go of your distractions.

To notice what is essential.

To repent (literally, to turn).

Turn more towards God.