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West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Sheldon Rich
Song Leader: Brenda Rich
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Tim Schellenberg
Preacher: Pastor Lorie Hershey

OPENING SONG

Sing the Journey #112 I Owe the Lord a Morning Song

CALL TO WORSHIP

SINGING

Hymnal #36 God of Our Strength
Hymnal #568 As Spring the Winter Doth Succeed

PASSING THE PEACE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING & PRAYER:

SINGING

Hymnal #553 I am weak and need thy strength
Hymnal #506 I sought the Lord

CHILDREN'S TIME:

OFFERING

Red Supplement #67 Helpless and Hungry

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 27, Luke 13:31-35

SERMON: "Of Foxes and Fears."

CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION:

SONG OF RESPONSE:

Sing the Journey #97 The Lord is my Light

CLOSING HYMN:

Sing the Journey #14 Lord Jesus,
You shall be my song as you journey

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.

The stained-glass window is being re-installed and **access on the main floor is blocked by the scaffolding.** It is possible to access the basement via elevator.

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:

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

***Thursday, April 11, 6:30 pm at Ethan and Katie Tan's home:** Taize and Centering Prayer led by Kimberly Strange and Chris Peterson. RSVP by 4/9 to Katie tan.katieanne@gmail.com

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. 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.

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

Sat, April 6th at 7pm, Sheldon and Brenda Rich's home

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. 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.

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POWER, as part of The M.L.K. Dare Coalition, invites you to The People's Forum: a nonpartisan City Council Voter Forum, on **Sunday, March 24th, 3 PM-5 PM**, at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 615 N Broad St, Philadelphia PA 19123. The People's Platform for a Just Philadelphia will be presented, which represents a grassroots vision for investing in the services and public institutions all Philadelphians need while divesting from the broken systems that hurt us all. City Council candidates will be asked to clarify their positions on issues of racial, social, and economic justice, so that we, the voters, can be informed and hold them accountable.

Next Sunday, March 24, Merv Stoltzfus, JoAnne Dietzel, John Denlinger, Conference Ministers from Atlantic coast conference will be visiting and will be in attendance at our worship service. They will bring greetings from their conference and will also preach the sermon.

10:45-12:00 During the Education Hour, and a bit beyond, we will have a time of interaction with the visitors, in order to learn more about their conference and what it would be like for us to be part of that conference. There will be time for a presentation, as well as time for discussion and questions. All adults are encouraged to participate in this time of learning and discernment.

11:30-12:00 After the children are dismissed from Sunday School there will be supervised activities for children. Please contact the church office (wpmf@wpmf.org) to sign your children up so that we can plan appropriately.

Good Reading in the Library:

God Made All of Me: A Book to Help Children Protect Their Bodies

by Justin & Lindsey Holcomb

The Great Reckoning: Surviving a Christianity That Looks Nothing Like Christ

by Stephen Mattson

POWER invites you to attend the UnDoing Racism Lecture and Conversation, Thu March 26th, 6-8:30 pm with the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond at Janes Memorial United Methodist Church, 47 East Haines St, Phil. 19144. Doors open at 5:30pm. A \$20 donation is suggested. Refreshments will be available. Free parking on street and in the parking lot. For more info, contact Rev. Yvette Davis at yddavis@powerinterfaith.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: Linda
Usher: Mel
Nursery: Heather DJ, Marla Burkholder, Isaiah
Coffee/Tea: Katie Tan

Sunday, March 24

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder
Song Leader: Mark & Sherri Michalovic
Children's Storyteller: Christine Waanders
Musician: Elaine Shenk
Preacher: Merv Stolzhus, Atlantic Coast Mennonite Conference
Greeter: Nancy
Usher: Jim
Nursery: Chris Esh, Lynn Wetherbee, Victor
Coffee/Tea: Shelley Crognale

Sunday, March 31

Worship Leader: Pastor Lorie Hershey
Song Leader: Drick Boyd
Children's Storyteller: Marla Burkholder
Musician: Amy Hochstetler
Preacher: Emily Ralph Servant, Franconia Mennonite Conference

CHURCH CALENDAR

March

17: Ad Hoc Building Committee meeting - 11:30am
18: ARC meeting - 7pm
19: POWERlinks meeting - 7pm

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

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Weekly Giving Report

2019 Weekly Budget: \$3,891
March 17 Giving: \$1,410
2019 YTD Budget: \$36,155
2019 Actual: \$31,012

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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Brenda Rich: brenrich53@gmail.com

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