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West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Joe Syzdek
Song Leader: Amy Hochstetler
Children's Storyteller: Sarah Rody
Musician: Jeff Knightly
Preacher: Danny Aramouni

Prelude

Gathering Song

Hymnal #651 I owe the Lord a morning song

Welcome & Call to Worship

Singing

Hymnal #106 All hail the power of Jesus' name
Hymnal #238 Hosanna, loud Hosanna
Hymnal #230 Blessed are the persecuted

Scripture Reading: Psalms 31: 9-16

Children's Time

Offering

Hymnal #307 Will you let me be Your servant?

Scripture Reading: Phil 2: 5-11

Meditation: "Swimming in Holy Water"

Confession

Song of Response

Hymnal #342 At the name of Jesus

Blessing for El Camino pilgrims

Sharing & Prayer

Announcements

Closing Song

Hymnal #233 Joyful is the dark

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.

Church Council is presenting a proposal today that WPMF seek membership in Allegheny Mennonite Conference. A congregation meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 28 to consider the proposal.

Check your email for a survey where you can provide feedback on today's visit.

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. Notice what you may need at this time. Invite God to hold the dissonance with you.

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

Dorianna will be out of the office on Friday, April 19th. Please have all announcements to Dorianna by noon on Thursday.

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Retreat registration is here!!

Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of this wonderful annual event. For the next 4 weeks you can register for retreat during snack time. Church retreat is a fun and relaxing time of being together as a church community in a retreat center setting. It is a great opportunity to learn to know each other better, sharing recreation, meals and meaningful times of interaction together.

Building Search Update: Based on the feedback we received at the congregational meeting in January, three options for worship time and space are still in consideration. The three options are to stay at Calvary, move to The Common Place, or have services in the evening somewhere else still to be determined. In order to continue thinking about options and building consensus, Church Council would like to try out worshipping at The Common Place and in the evening. In addition to meeting at The Common Place today for worship, snack, and Sunday school, **we will meet on May 19 at Wharton Wesley UMC (54th & Catherine Sts) in the evening from 5 PM to 7:30 PM.** Sometime after these services, we will have a congregational meeting to reflect together. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Philadelphia Contemplatives Gatherings:
Germantown Centering Prayer Gathering: Tuesday April 16th 1:30-2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Church, 109 E. Price Street Philadelphia, PA 19144. Bernadette Cronin - Geller facilitator: bclgeller@comcast.net
New - University City Centering Prayer Gathering: Weekly on Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., St. Agatha and St. James Church basement 38th and Chestnut Philadelphia, PA 19104. Tom Connolly facilitator, tomcat1411@gmail.com

White Fragility in America Discussion, Wed, April 17, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Race Street Meetinghouse, 1510 Race Street, 19102. Friends Select School will bring renowned author Robin DiAngelo to discuss her *New York Times*-bestselling book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*. DiAngelo will be joined by Jack Hill, a diversity consultant, educator, and author, for an in-depth discussion about white fragility and racial inequality. This event is free and open to the public, but RSVP is required, contact Pastor Lorie for link.

Pendle Hill Retreat Center invites you to "Three Great Themes of the Bible: Compassion, Peace/Nonviolence, and Justice," a series of three evening lectures by Sarah Ruden, a poet, translator, essayist, popularizer of Biblical linguistics, and former attender of WPMF. Join us for the second and third lectures on: **Apr 22, 2019, Peace/Nonviolence:** The Hebrew word shalom is often translated as "peace," but the concept is much broader...the sincerity and balance necessary for general goodwill, tolerance, and service, as well as for resolving on nonviolence and sticking to the resolution. **Jun 24, 2019, Justice:** The entire Bible sees justice in dramatic terms and stresses God's vindication of relatively powerless people (women, foreigners, the poor, the disabled, the dependent) when they have been wronged and abused. But in the Bible, justice is a moving target: power, no matter how justly acquired, is hard for humans to handle, making a self-critical attitude toward wrongdoing necessary. Each lecture is from 7:30pm - 9:00pm and is free and open to the public! Registration is required -- you can sign-up for one, two, or all three lectures: pendlehill.org

Our coins count update: Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for MCC's work around the world. WPMF recently collected \$370.37

We welcome all people

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



Today

Nursery: Heather D J, Sarah W, Shakia
Coffee/Tea: Katie Tan
Snack: Alex and Amanda

Easter Sunday, April 21

Worship Leader: Brooke Blough
Song Leader: Tim Martin Johnson
Children's Storyteller: Drick Boyd
Musician: Lynn Wetherbee & Owen Wetherbee
Preacher: Pastor Lorie Hershey
Coffee/Tea: Shelley Crognale

Sunday, April 28

Worship Leader: Anne Yoder
Song Leader: Tim Schellenberg
Children's Storyteller: Laurie Callan
Musician: Peter Horst
Preacher: Sarah Ruden
Nursery: Dave Lapp, Shelley Crognale, Maya
Coffee/Tea: Ariel Ressler MacNeill
Snack: Elaine and Ken

CHURCH CALENDAR

April

16 POWERlinks meeting – 7pm
22: ARC meeting – 7pm
24: Worship Committee meeting – 7:30pm

OFFICE HOURS

Dorianna's schedule: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday

Lorie's schedule: Tuesday morning, Thursday, and Friday

Weekly Giving Report

2019 Weekly Budget: \$3,891
April 07 Giving: \$3,242
2019 YTD Budget: \$50,332
2019 Actual: \$45,249

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

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