

This Weekends Events:

WPMF's Fast for Family Values - May 2-3. We are joining with other POWER congregations in participating in a fast focusing on influencing the State Legislature to provide full and fair funding for public education in the Pennsylvania state budget. Congregation members are invited to fast from Saturday into Sunday and we will break the fast with the church Fellowship Meal on Sunday, May 3. People may fast for a meal or for a day as part of this effort. During worship on May 3 there will be an opportunity to sign a letter-petition to state Rep. James Roebuck, urging him to be a leader in the fight for a full, fair funding formula for public education. Please join us in this fast for justice in the spirit of Isaiah 58! For more information see Drick Boyd.

Sunday:

Rabbi Lauren of Kol Tzedek Synagogue, a partner congregation in POWER, will be preaching this Sunday. A graduate from The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Rabbi Lauren worked with a small group to start Kol Tzedek in 2005 and has served as the rabbi in the congregation since. She is passionately committed to building a community that reaches out to the margins, seeking to bring in new voices to shape the Jewish future. She has been involved in advocacy and activism around education, racial and economic justice, LGBTQ rights, and climate change. Rabbi Lauren lives in the neighborhood with her husband, Jonathan, and children, Aviel and Nadiv. In July, she will leave Kol Tzedek to take a new Rabbinic position at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism in New York City- the birthplace of Reconstructionist Judaism.

Adult Sunday school 5/3/15:

Biblical women and nonviolent resistance (facilitated by Anne Y.)

Sunday, May 3, after Sunday school we will have our monthly Fellowship Meal together. Please bring **food** to share, along with your own **plates/cups** to continue making progress towards producing less trash. A dishwashing station will be available to all who wish to use it.

Want to know why POWER is calling for a \$15/hr minimum wage in Philadelphia? And how that will impact businesses? **Come to the Teach-in on Economic Justice on Sunday, May 3rd, from 3-5 pm**, at New Vision UMC, 3259 Westmoreland St; corner of N. Broad and Westmoreland Streets. You're

invited to come with questions as we learn from experts from business, union, and worker sectors. Contact Pastor Lorie for more details.

Here is the link to rsvp:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oFhPIRT_ggUssSwx_gZPImHW0bVpG_kSgL2HRMRTA4/viewform

This week:

Nursery: Scott or Jen, Nick, Eliza

Greeter: Sylvia

Usher: Sheldon

Next week:

Nursery: Elaine, Brendon, Toby

Greeter: Elizabeth

Usher: Mark

WPMF Events and Announcements:

You can find this Sunday's bulletin, weekly announcements, schedules, sermons, and church calendar online at www.wpmf.org

Baby Dedications next Sunday: We will be welcoming and blessing Anderson Gornto King, Camilo Hershberger-Esh, and Kieran Fernandez; and committing ourselves to nurturing the parents and children in our midst.

At the invitation of Pastoral Team, The Bryson Institute will be with us on May 17th for worship, Sunday school, and lunch. The Bryson Institute is the education arm of the Attic Youth Center, which supports and nurtures LGBTQ youth and works to educate youth and adults about issues of respect and diversity. During our worship, we will hear the faith journey of two youth. After Sunday school, lunch will be provided as we host a panel discussion with four youth from noon-1:30 pm. All are welcome! **Pastoral Team would like to provide childcare, so if you are willing to be a childcare provider during the panel discussion, contact Pastor Lorie.**

Sabbatical Grant Proposal for 2016: See Pastor Lorie if you would like to read her proposal. It outlines the sabbatical theme, "Relationships at the Crossroads of Culture," purpose, and proposed activities for both the

congregation and Lorie. In August we will find out if the proposal has been selected to be funded by the Lily Foundation.

Communion will be shifted from our normal 2nd Sunday, May 10th, and be celebrated on May 24th, Pentecost Sunday.

Church Council thanks you for your participation in our recent Visioning Café where we discussed our hopes for the future. There was energy, dreaming, great discussion, and listening as the Spirit moved. You can find the minutes from this meeting on our website under "Resources" and "Meeting Minutes." Last Sunday Church Council met for an afternoon of discernment and reflection. At this time we have identified three steps for moving forward: analyze our organizational structure to better coordinate resources and organize around our congregational goals, explore the possibility of a series of intergenerational community projects, and work at setting up a youth formation coordination group. Preliminary information will be shared at the next council meeting in May, followed by a more formal announcement to the congregation on a Sunday morning. Stay tuned!

The elevator project at Calvary is still happening, but it is obviously behind schedule. According to one of their trustees, they are still in the paperwork phase.

Togethering will be at Chris & Heidi's House on Thursday May 7th.

Child Protective Service seminars, Wednesday, May 13, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon, or Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 - 9:30 pm at Towamencin Mennonite Church, Kulpsville, PA. Franconia and Eastern District Conferences are joining with Bucks County NOVA to offer a crucial training for churches on the new PA child protection legislation. The seminar will also include child abuse prevention training and conversation with other churches regarding best practices to care for our children. **We would like to send a team from WPMF, so if you're interested contact Pastor Lorie.**

Tim Martin Johnson will be our delegate at MC USA convention in Kansas City this summer. I will be going as one of Franconia Conference delegates. As information becomes available for delegate sessions, we will keep you informed. Feel free to also talk with us about the convention, and keep us in prayer as we prepare. ~ Pastor Lorie

Volleyball is starting up again in June. We play once a week at the Ukie Club near 7th and Fairmount. The cost is anticipated to be close to \$20 per person. Contact Bryan Geib (bryan.geib@gmail.com) to join the fun!

Our youth group will be selling coffee downstairs during snack time on Sundays. Each bag costs \$12 and you can get ground or whole bean. Of that \$12/bag, \$5 will come back to our youth group to go toward convention, \$1 will go to either Mennonite Mission Network or Mennonite Central Committee and the remaining \$6 will go toward the cost of the coffee, packaging and distribution. If you have any questions, contact Brooke Blough.

DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR TO HELP PROMOTE WPMF TO OUR NEIGHBORS?

There will be a WPMF table at the Clark Park May Fair on May 9th, and we need you to give an hour or two of your time to it. In the past, we've had peace literature to pick up, including a coloring book; we've asked passersby to write their prayers on paper to hang on a tree (and we promised to pray for them); we've printed text onto t-shirts for children; we've made peace dove cookies for children to decorate; and other activities. *What ideas do you have?* Will you sit at the WPMF table for an hour or two and talk to those who stop by? WE CAN ONLY PURSUE THIS OPPORTUNITY IF ENOUGH PEOPLE SIGN UP! To do so, contact Sherri Michalovic (sgastman@hotmail.com).

Join in the fun of "Guess who's coming to dinner!" This is a great social event which helps us all get to know each other better. You decide if you would like to be a "Host" or a "Guest". The host knows how many people are coming, but doesn't know who they are. The guests find out on the day of the event where they are to go, and they surprise their hosts. Then everyone enjoys an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

There are two dates to choose from: **Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 30.** You may choose one or both dates. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. on both dates.

If you choose to be a host, you need to tell us how many people you can host. If you are a guest, you need to tell us how many adults and how many children, and if there are any dietary restrictions your host needs to be aware of.

Contact Tim or Carol Martin Johnson to register your interest: 215-729-1297, or caroltimmj@gmail.com, or tell us in person. Please sign up by Friday, May 8.

Worship Committee invites you to take the online worship participation survey to let worship planners know what gifts and interests

are out there. You can find the survey here: <http://www.wpmf.org/worship-participation/>

If you have filled this out in past years, go to the Resources tab on our website and click "Worship Participation Survey & Results." Then check to see if your participation needs updated. Email Dorianna with any changes.

Events from our Community and Networks:

This July, let the world come to you! Mennonite World Conference's global Assembly (July 21-26 in Harrisburg, PA) will feature the Global Church Village with displays of life and culture from Anabaptist communities around the world. Come for a day or a week and soak in music, dance, drama, storytelling, and so much more! More info at mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.

What will the next Mayor do to end homelessness and poverty? Real Solutions for Hunger and Homelessness Mayoral Candidates Forum. Hosted by the nonpartisan Vote for Homes! Coalition

Thursday, May 7th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Broad Street Ministry at 315 S. Broad Street

Photo Exhibit sponsored by Bethesda Project & Witnesses to Hunger and light dessert served at 6:30 pm. Candidates Forum starts at 6:45 pm.

Location is wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpretation will be provided.

For more information: www.voteforhomes.org or call Jennine or Heather at 215-232-7272. RSVP Here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mGdkNbZncqb8OpjKaUnMNJo8LyWESdspSgMUiF4mbds/viewform>

Announcements and Classified Ads:

Seeking apartment - I'm moving back to Philadelphia, and looking for a one-bedroom apartment in West Philly. Ideally, I'd like a long-term lease which I can sublet out when I'm abroad for work. If you know of anything, please contact Julian at 215-713-4616 or julian.d.bender@gmail.com. Thanks!

Sherri Michalovic wants to give away a clay strawberry planter, the kind with several openings in it. Please let her know if you're interested. (sgastman@hotmail.com)

Needed: Host family for 14 year old Afghani boy who will be attending Friends Select in the Fall on full scholarship. Family does not have resources to reimburse for food and shelter. This young man, Matin, is the brother of the Haskins' host daughter Mursal. If you are interested please speak with the Haskins. You can reach Cynthia at 828-772-6618 or cynthia.e.haskin@gmail.com .

Recycle to support CityLights (the org. Carey Davis runs). CityLights receives money for any of the donated items listed below, including damaged items. So clear out your used up toner, old cell phones and broken Mp3 players to help us raise money for our work in Southwest Philadelphia! Accepted items include: Any used Laser/InkJet printer cartridge, used cell phones, GPS receivers, Digital cameras, Mp3 players and laptops. Drop these off at our office over the next few weeks.