

This Weekends Events:

GOOD FRIDAY:

Walking Stations of the Cross will be from 12:00-3:00 p.m. beginning at the Calvary Center and ending at Cedar Park . This walking meditation proceeds through the neighborhood, at your own pace, praying in various locations associated with the traditional Stations of the Cross. Handouts for the walk will be in the chapel and are available online.

An accompanying liturgy will in the chapel from 12:00-12:30 for anyone interested in a group prayer in preparation for the Stations. The chapel will also be open from 12:30 - 3:00pm for anyone interested in individual meditation or silence before or after their walking meditation. Resources will be available.

Heeding God's Call Multi-faith vigil and procession

Friday, April 3rd at **4:00pm** at 68th & Lansdowne Ave, Philadelphia. Gather at Morris Park; march to murder site vigil.

For more information visit: www.heedinggodscall.org

HOLY SATURDAY:

Prayer walk at 9:30am and 10:45am on Saturday, there will be two opportunities to go on a prayer walk. You'll be given a map of your route and prompts and will go out in pairs on one of four 1.5 mile loops. You'll be encouraged to contemplate God's creation, to pray for God to intercede in our community, to listen with open senses to God's leading or to pay attention to where God is present or absent in our neighborhood. We'll meet at the church entrance and you're welcome to come to either or both time slots. Rain or shine. For more info contact Brooke Blough.

March to End Poverty, Sat, April 4, 1 pm: POWER and other members of the MLK D.A.R.E. coalition are calling for the city to enact a \$15/hr minimum wage and the right to unionize without fear or intimidation. Join the rally and march this Saturday, the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's assassination. Meet at New Vision UMC, 3259 Westmoreland St; corner of N. Broad and Westmoreland Streets. The march will end at Broad and Erie.

In celebration of the culmination of 25 years of school and Michael Turk's PhD, Katie will be hosting a party this Saturday, April 4, from 1pm - 6pm. There will be light food, dessert, and possibly games. We would love for all of you (children included) to stop by for as much or little time as you are able.

Please consider this both a celebration and a thank you for the support we have received from the congregation over the last three years.

If you're able, RSVPs are appreciated. Please don't feel like you can't come because you forgot to RSVP, though!

Our address is 4606 Springfield Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19143.

EASTER SUNDAY:

7:00 am: Sunrise Service at Cedar Park with Calvary United Methodist

8:00 am: Breakfast at Calvary center with Calvary United Methodist - Bring a dish to share

9:00 am: WPMF Easter worship service

10:30 am: Easter breads celebration: After our worship service on Easter morning we will have our annual Easter Brunch. You are invited to bring festive Easter breads or fruit. **There will be no Sunday school.** Hard boiled eggs and juice will be provided.

Sunday Worship Roles:

Nursery: Dorianna, Mark, Erin
Greeter: Sylvia
Usher: Bryan
Snack: Mel & Linda Esh

Next week:

Nursery: Kathie, Shelley, Maggie
Greeter: Amy
Usher: Jim

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES ON RESPONDING TO EVIL

- 4/05 Easter -- no S.S.
- 4/12 Individual evil/wickedness (facilitated by Amy W.)
- 4/19 Corporate evil/wickedness (facilitated by Sherri M.)
- 4/26 Church Retreat -- no S.S.
- 5/03 Biblical women and nonviolent resistance (facilitated by Anne Y.)
- 5/10 Training/leading our children (facilitated by Amy W.)
- 5/17 Biblical men and nonviolent resistance (facilitated by Sherri M.)
- 5/24 Anabaptists and nonviolent resistance (facilitated by Anne Y. & Sherri M.)

WPMF Events and Announcements:

The WPMF youth group is partnering with Goshen College for a fundraiser for MCUSA Convention in Kansas City this summer. Goshen is working with a coffee roaster/distributor in Peru, Chanchamayo Highland Coffee, to purchase direct-trade coffee. The beans are purchased green from Peru and shipped to Indiana for roasting and packaging. 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. Connect with any of the junior or senior high youth group members to place your order. Money is needed at the time of the order and checks can be made payable to WPMF. We'll be making regular bulk orders and you'll be able to pick up your coffee in the office after church. This fundraiser will be ongoing up to June. If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Blough.

There will not be a fellowship meal in April. Our next monthly meal will be Sunday, May 3, after Sunday School. 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. Silverware will be provided. Come spend time with others and share in a meal together.

Save the date for this year's Church Retreat: April 24-26, 2015 at Tel Hai Camp. There's always lots of laughter, time for games, sports or quiet walks, and reconnecting to God and one another. Jane Hooper Peifer will be our speaker on Saturday morning sharing on the theme of faith formation through the seasons of life.

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).

Events from our Community and Networks:

The Human Rights Campaign is fighting back hard against legislation in Indiana, Arkansas and 26 other states, which discriminates against the LGBTQ community. They need our help! Follow link below to sign petition to Indiana Gov. Pence saying the recently passed law is unacceptable:
https://secure3.convio.net/hrc/site/SPageNavigator/2015_RFRA_Infographic_d_ashb.html

Support the Dare to Understand campaign, calling for the embracing of diverse voices but not divisive rhetoric, such as the anti-Muslim ad mandated to run on SEPTA transit. This coalition of community partners is uniting to effect positive change and stand in solidarity with those who are alienated.
#DareToUnderstand <http://daretounderstand.causevox.com/>

CUA 9 Prevention team presents: Philly Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 11 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Myers Recreation Center, 5800 Chester Avenue. As we stated in our recent discussion at the Visioning Cafe, working with others in our community is one of our priorities for the coming years.
Trash bags, Gloves, and other materials provided. Light refreshments served. All groups and individuals welcomed. Questions? Contact Lily Lugo 215-292-3219 or llugo@TP4C.org

THE DONATION DOUBLE-DIP SHOW!

featuring Patrick Ressler, Ariel Ressler MacNeill, and Justin Yoder

Saturday, April 18, 7pm

The Thut Witmer home, 441 S 43rd Street, West Philly

Last fall, a small group of Germantown Mennonite Church investors bought a house concert offered by Patrick and friends at the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale. The relief sale happened right at the same time as MCC's dismissal of Wendi O'Neal over issues concerning her identity as a queer person, leaving many in our community hurt and conflicted.

The investor group decided to turn Patrick's house concert into an opportunity to do a DONATION DOUBLE-DIP!

Reserve your spot at the concert now for \$25. The event is limited to 30 spots! In addition to the music, drinks and snacks will be included with your donation!

All proceeds will benefit the Brethren Mennonite Council for Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Interests (www.bmclgbt.org)

This will be an adults-only evening.

Reserve your spot by contacting Douglas or Rebecca at: thutwitmer@gmail.com

Monday, April 13 at 7:00pm - 8:30pm at Calvary United Methodist church
Join Calvary Church and author/activist Daniel Hunter for the release of this new organizing guide, a complementary guide to the best-seller The New Jim Crow.

Connect with others working on this issue. It will be a stimulating evening, reflecting on how each of us can do our part to end the New Jim Crow.

MCC Action for Pastor Max and the 2,000 + individuals caught in a in a series of ICE raids dubbed "Operation Cross Check" the week of March 2. Join people across the country to call the Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson's office at (202) 282-8203 to confront them about deporting Pastor Max and others. Though ICE has said they are deporting the "worst of the worst" criminals, in fact, nearly half of those picked up had only misdemeanor convictions. <http://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/alert/continue-support-pastor-max-others>

POWER is organizing a Fast for Family Values, calling our State Legislature to provide fair and full funding for public education in the state budget. Pennsylvania must not keep funding corporations off the backs of our children. Sign up to fast for one or more days:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-WPxfitnaJ86Xa458yIzCJcrE9mF72n08EIuGAy9yp4/viewform>

And watch for details later in April for a congregational day of fasting. We will be seeking to influence Rep. James Roebuck to become a champion of a bill for a Full and Fair Funding Formula. So as we fast, let us also be praying and

working for Rep Roebuck to take the lead on this initiative in the State Legislature

Early PA Settlers and their Relationships with Native Americans will be the theme for the **2015 Librarians & Friends' Workshop** on **Saturday, April 11** at the **Mennonite Heritage Center**. Featured speakers will be Ervin Stutzman and John Ruth. Cost is \$15 for a luncheon and the workshops, and registration begins at 8:00 am. For more information or to register, contact buxmontchurchlibrarians@gmail.com or Mary Grieser at 215-872-2585.

The Bible through Anabaptist Eyes: Christ at the Center" - a seminar on biblical interpretation - will be held Saturday, **April 18**, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Penn View Christian School. Laura Brennehan, Terry Brensinger and Dennis Edwards will interact with participants through presentations and discussion. Pre-registration is required at franconiaconference.org/rsvp. The event is free but donations for lunch will be accepted. Sponsored by the Ministerial Committee of Franconia Conference.

A conversation on interreligious dialogue: "New Steps in the Cosmic Dance of Dialogue" Friday, **April 24**, 2015; 6-9 pm @ Temple University. Conversation with [Sr. Joan Chittister](#), [Paul Knitter](#), [Leonard Swidler](#) and others. Bring your questions and join other interfaith activists. The program will also include a light fare reception and book signing. Hosted by the Dialogue Institute.

Italian Buffet to benefit Heeding God's Call: Saturday, April 18, 6:00-8:00pm at Tabernacle United Church, 3700 Chestnut St. Tickets are \$25 or \$30 at the door, to RSVP contact Gail Golden at gailheeing@gmail.com

1st Annual Family fun run & walk, Sunday, May 31, 10:00am, Sewell, NJ Come out and join for our 1st annual "YOU MATTER" family fun run and walk. The course runs through Washington Lake Park, a beautiful 410+ acre park complex in Washington Township, New Jersey. This is a family event that includes a 3K family walk and a 5K run. For more details visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Sewell/YoumatterJoeDeRose>

Penn's School of Social Policy & Practice to address racial tensions, host two-part discussion on post-Ferguson society
In the wake of heightened racial tension, civil unrest and the events that unfolded in Ferguson, MI, Penn's School of Social Policy & Practice (SP2) Dean John L. Jackson, Jr. was faced with the question, "How does SP2 respond?"

The short answer is **"Discussions on Prejudice, Privilege, and Policing in a Post-Ferguson America,"** a two-part series of panel discussions concerning the shooting of Michael Brown, the role of law enforcement and the aftermath in communities across the nation.

The second series installment will take place on Friday, April 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. and will focus on race and violence as presented and perpetuated by mainstream media.

Both events will take place on Penn's campus in Stiteler Hall, located at 208 S. 37th Street, Phila., PA and are free and open to the public.

For more information, please send an email to Jessica Bautista at bajess@sp2.upenn.edu or call 215-573-8408.

Announcements and Classified Ads:

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 .

21st CCLC Summer Camp Coordinator

Last day to apply: Friday, April 17, 2015

Based in the Oxford Circle neighborhood of Philadelphia, PA, the Oxford Circle Christian Community Development Association (OCCDA) is seeking a 21st CCLC Summer Camp Coordinator. The mission of OCCDA is "to extend healing and hope in the Oxford Circle community, believing that God's purpose of reconciling all people to Jesus leads us to minister on spiritual, physical, social & economic levels." The 21st CCLC Summer Camp Coordinator is responsible for creating and implementing the daily activities for 60-70 students in grades K-8, including supervision of staff/volunteers. Camp will run Mondays–Thursdays, 8:30-3:00pm for six weeks, June 29--August 6, 2015. Position is full time and pay is based on experience.

Two of us (and a dog) are looking for 2 more folks to share the house with us, rooms available April or May.

I (Nancy Wygant) also organize a big collectively-run garden, about 15 minutes bike

ride from our house - so we're looking for housemates who are also interested in being an active part of the garden group, which is currently 7 households. We're not growing for market, but we do produce enough that none of us buy

vegetables much.

The house is no smoking, no drugs. Looking for folks who enjoy hanging out, working together, share cooking sometimes (including big batches of tomato sauce, pickles, etc, in season). There's a shared space for arts & crafts. We're on a small & sociable block of South St Bernard , close to the 34 trolley and the Calvary Center. Respond to nwygant@gmail.com (Nancy Wygant)

We're Moving! Responsible, employed couple Thomas and Emily Leischner are looking to move into a 1-2 bedroom apartment in West Philly this summer. If you know of any places opening up in the next few months, please let us know.

The agency Turning points for children (that Ariel and Brenda work for) is recruiting foster parents (now referred to as Resource Parents), specifically in the SW part of the city.

For further information, contact Andrea Sosnitskiy, Resource Home Coordinator for Turning Points for Children, 267-858-0523.

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.