

PIES NEEDED: Every Thursday evening an Ephrata Church prepares and serves a meal to elderly and lower income residents in the Ephrata area. We, Akron Mennonite Church, will be responsible for the meal on February 8th, we will need donations of 18 pies. If you are willing to donate a pie or are willing to help with prep, serving and/or clean up contact Jean Buchen.

IF Lancaster Mennonite School, Conestoga Valley School District, or Ephrata Area School District are closed or delayed due to weather on a Tuesday, Lectio Divina will be cancelled for that day.

IF YOU are trying to dial Rachel Nolt's cell number (574-538-7138) from a land line, you must include a "1" before the number.

NEW SECOND HOUR FORMATION CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 28: On January 28, a new second-hour formation class will begin, based on the book The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires our Trust more than our "Correct" Beliefs by Peter Enns. Terry Wible will facilitate this class. He writes, "Peter Enns, evangelical Bible scholar and author of *The Bible Tells Me So* explains how Christians mistake "certainty" and "correct belief" for faith when what God really desires is trust and intimacy.

Enns offers a model of vibrant faith that views skepticism not as a loss of belief, but as an opportunity to deepen religious conviction with courage and confidence. This is not just an intellectual conviction, he contends, but a more profound kind of knowing that only true faith can provide.

Combining Enns' reflections of his own spiritual journey with an examination of Scripture, *The Sin of Certainty* models an acceptance of mystery and paradox that all believers can follow and why God prefers this path because it is only this way by which we can become mature disciples who truly trust God. It gives Christians who have known only the demand for certainty permission to view faith on their own flawed, uncertain, yet heartfelt, terms.

We will explore the difference between right believing, certainty and a lived out faith. Bring your questions, fears, and thoughts as we discuss with each other the contrast between head knowledge and a lived out experience of God."

If you would like to purchase this book, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church office, or email Rebecca directly. Cost is \$ 13.00 per book. The order will be placed on Friday, Jan. 19.

Please see insert for additional announcements

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 6,038	\$ 6,038
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 9,800
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	162	

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
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AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH

January 14, 2018

9:00 am

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music Diane Gehman

Call to worship
Choral call to worship Men's Choir
I love you, Lord

HWB 71 (blue) *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*
HWB 600 (blue) *O bless, the Lord, my soul*

Offering and offertory Seraphina Thorpe
Offertory prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HWB 20 (blue) *Come and see*
Children's time Sandra Richard Wood
Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Jim Shenk & Donna Shenk

Scripture John 1:35-51

Sermon *I Spy* Karyn Nancarvis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

STS 39 (purple) *Will you come and follow me*
Prayers of the people John Hoffman & Randall Justice

LIVING AS COMMUNITY

Introduction of guests and announcements

STS 40 (purple) *Som'landela (We will follow)*
Benediction

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Musicians Diane Gehman, Leon Myers, and Seraphina Thorpe
Song Leader Patricia Martin
Worship Leader John Hoffman & Randall Justice
Scripture readers Jessie Buckwalter, Corin Dundore, Lizzie Hoffman, Claire Magill, Hibist Siyoum, Seraphina Thorpe

Scripture next week: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Gerald Brunk, guest preacher

PLEASE JOIN US (10:15 – 10:40)

Everyone is welcome to participate in coffee/tea fellowship following the worship service. Guests, please sign the guest book in the foyer next to the Welcome Desk.

SECOND HOUR FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (10:40 – 11:40)

Adults

Safe Church Presentation: Bethany Smith from Samaritan Safe Church will present the core elements of Safe Church, including volunteer screening and training; education on keeping children safe in church and the community; sharing the journey with known offenders; and utilizing the wisdom of adult survivors of abuse. We will also view a segment of the DVD “Hear their Cries: Religious Responses to Child Abuse.” Class meets in the sanctuary. All adults are encouraged to attend.

Koinonia Class: This class is studying Richard Rohr’s book Immortal Diamond. Don and Lin Good, facilitators. Meets in Room 222.

Children and Youth

Child care today is graciously provided by DSECC teachers for nursery through 8th grade. See below for locations.

Nursery age - - - - -	Rooms 16/18
Ages 2 -4 - - - - -	Rooms 16/18
Kindergarten-8th Grade - - - - -	Rooms 131, 132, 133 (lower level)
MYF (High School Youth) - - - - -	MYF Room

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Steve & Jane Hartzler, Ann Zimmerman

Nursery Worship: as needed

Coffee Servers: Linda & Don Good

Ushers: Don Good (Head usher), Tim Langeman, David Frey, Linda Frey

Sound/AV Operator: Bryan Beyer

Nursery DH: as needed

Mug Washers: Jerry & Ethel Shank

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 14 **today** Men’s Choir rehearsal @ 8:00 am, sing for 9:00 am service
- January 14 **today** Sunday Soup @ AMC
- January 16 Women’s Brown Bag Luncheon 11 am – 1 pm @ Dottie Nolt’s
- January 20 MYF Spaghetti Dinner 5 – 8 pm
- January 21 Adult choir rehearsal @ 8:00 am; sing for 9:00 am service
- January 21 Discernment Sunday @ AMC during second hour
- January 28 F.L.I.P. roller skating at Mt. Gretna 2 – 4 pm

Lectio Divina meets each Tuesday at 7:30 am, and the Congregational Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 pm. Both meetings are in Rachel’s office.

Save these Dates:

- March 18, 2018 Campus Chorale from LMHS in afternoon concert @ AMC
- March 24, 2018 MYF Auction

Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF - Grades 9-12):

- January 14 **today** Supper club at Karen & Kevin King’s @ 5:00 pm
- January 19 Set-up for Spaghetti dinner 6-9 pm
- January 20 Spaghetti Dinner 5-8 pm

PRAYERS

Alta Mellinger is home following hospitalization due to a bronchial infection. She continues to recuperate and regain strength and would welcome cards and prayers.

Flo Harnish, Irma Bowman and Nancy Drescher are receiving rehab treatment after hospitalizations. Let’s hold them in our prayers.

John Martin was scheduled for neck surgery on Friday. Let’s hold him in our prayers.

Linda Helmus’ knee replacement surgery on Monday was successful. Let’s pray for good recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US for Sunday Soup today following second hour.

THANK YOU to the DSECC staff who are graciously providing childcare coverage (nursery age through grade 8) for our AMC children today during second hour (10:15-11:45). This creates the opportunity for you to attend the Safe Church training session that is being offered for all teachers and people who interact with children. The training is being presented by Samaritan Safe Church who is working closely with AMC’s Safe Church Ministry Team to finalize our Safe Church policy.

AMC WOMEN’S BROWN BAG LUNCH is this coming Tuesday, January 16th. Join other AMC women at the home of Dottie Nolt (Directions to her place are in the mailboxes today). Come between 11 am and 1 pm. Dottie will provide coffee and tea and water and hospitality. We bring our own food.

ON JANUARY 28, you are invited to view the 70-minute movie “Pleasure Unwoven: An Explanation of the Brain Disease of Addiction” beginning at noon in the Assembly Room. Dr. Kevin McCauley uses the spectacular landscape of Utah’s State and National Parks to describe the brain areas involved in addiction. Sign up on the bulletin board indicating either that you will bring your own lunch or that you would to be included in a pizza order. –Marilyn Langeman

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES: In February, we will send care packages to AMC’s college students. Parents, please send an updated mailing address for your student to the church office (amc@akronmench.org). Thanks!