

FELLOWSHIP MEAL on February 4 following second hour. All are welcome. Please bring a generous portion of your favorite main dish or salad for our potluck meal. Desserts will be provided by the MYF as a fundraiser.

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES: In February, we will send care packages to AMC's college students. **Please sign up** to provide goodies on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Parents, please send an updated mailing address for your student to the church office (amc@akronmench.org). Thanks!

PIES STILL NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY MEAL: Pies are still needed for the February 8 community meal that will be served by AMC in Ephrata. Help is also needed for prep, serving, and clean-up. If you can provide a pie or help with the meal, contact Jean Buchen (jbuchen@kthighland.com or 717-396-0025)

PRINTED COPIES of the December Council meeting minutes and associated reports are available on the literature table in the foyer.

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.

TODAY: VIDEO PREMIER INVITATION: Everence and the family of Lila and Daryl Garber invite you to the introductory showing of a short video presentation exploring the importance of end of life planning. Please join us **this afternoon** at 3:00 PM in the Westview Community Room at Landis Homes. This new presentation, based on the journey of Daryl Garber, a former AMC member and resident of the Akron community, reflects the value of making one's wishes known about one's final days. Everyone is welcome.

AKRON LIONS SPAGHETTI DINNER in the Akron Fire Hall on Sunday, January 28 from 11:00am until sold out. This is your opportunity to interact with our Akron neighbors. Ages 12 and up \$10.00, ages 6-12 \$5.00 and under 6 free. AMC members of Lions are Dale Herr, Marvin Nolt, Don Good, Hans Peter Neufeld, Renny Magill, Chris Hoffman and Phil Rutt.

Please see insert for additional announcements

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 8,834	\$ 18,327
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 19,600
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	168	

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

January 21, 2018

9:00 am

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music Patricia Martin

Call to worship (screen)

HWB 407 (blue) *We are people of God's peace*

Offering and offertory *True evangelical faith* adult choir
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 Donna Shenk, Dot Hershey, & Lydia Nolt

Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 Rachel Nolt

HWB 311 (blue) *The church's one foundation*
Dramatic Presentation *My Road to Decision* Gerald Brunk

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HWB 546 (blue) *Guide my feet*

Commissioning of New Council Member – Ruth Detweiler
Thank-you to Council Chair – Chris Martin

Prayers of the people Rachel Nolt

LIVING AS COMMUNITY

Introduction of guests & Announcements

STJ 74 (green) *Now go in peace*
Benediction

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Musicians Patricia Martin & Leon Myers
Song Leader David Martin
Worship Leader Rachel Nolt

Scripture next week: John 2:1-12; Rachel Nolt, preacher

We welcome Gerald and Shirley Brunk to AMC today. Gerald Brunk is Professor Emeritus of History at Eastern Mennonite University, where he taught generations of students and a wide variety of history courses for 36 years. He and Shirley have six wonderful grandchildren.

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

Today you have the chance to be involved in the thrilling process of approving the church budget. Every vote counts. Ken Langeman, our church treasurer, will answer ALL of your questions. In addition Nick Buckwalter will introduce an exciting new solar project proposal for the AMC roof. Over its lifetime this project could save the environment from 52.7 railcars of coal being burned. Plus it could be very cost efficient and save money. AMC wants to use our gifts efficiently, effectively and honestly. Come and see.... This gathering meets in the Sanctuary.

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

Children and Youth

Taught by members of the church who graciously volunteer their time. See below for locations.

Nursery age - - - - -	Nursery
Ages 2 -4 - - - - -	Rooms 16/18
Kindergarten-5th Grade - - - - -	Rooms 131, 132, 133 (lower level)
Jr. MYF (6-8 th Grade Youth) - - - - -	Room 122/124 (lower level)
MYF (High School Youth) - - - - -	MYF Room

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Steve & Jane Hartzler, Anne Weaver **Sound/AV Operator:** Delmar Zimmerman
Nursery Worship: as needed **Nursery DH:** as needed
Coffee Servers: Linda & Don Good **Mug Washers:** Nelson & Susan Blessing
Ushers: Daryl Mack (Head usher), Sarah Eby, Bernice Valverde, Norm Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 21 **Today** Adult choir rehearsal @ 8:00 am; sing for 9:00 am service
 January 21 **Today** Discernment Sunday @ AMC during second hour
 January 21 **Today** End of life video premier @ 3 pm, Westview Community Rm., Landis Homes
 January 28 F.L.I.P. roller skating at Mt. Gretna 2 – 4:30 pm
 February 1 Men’s Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7 am; Rachel Nolt, presenter

February 4 Fellowship Meal following second hour; MYF dessert fundraiser
 February 6 Lunch Bunch @ Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
 February 8 AMC Council Retreat 6-9 pm in Assembly Room
 February 11 55+ meets @ 12:00 noon in Assembly Room
 February 15 Landis Homes residents’ lunch gathering; 11:30 am in Rose Room

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 Campus Chorale from LMHS in afternoon concert @ AMC
 March 24 MYF Auction
 April 7 AMC Women’s Retreat
 October 26-27 ACC Fall Assembly @ AMC; details to be announced

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

- February 4 Dessert fundraiser following Fellowship Meal
- February 9-11 Weekend at Kings’ Cabin

PRAYERS

John Martin is recuperating at home after a successful surgery. Please keep him in your prayers. He welcomes visitors, but please call ahead.

Alta Mellinger is recuperating from pneumonia at home. She appreciates our prayers and cards.

Irma Bowman was delighted to move back home this week.

Nancy Drescher expects to be home this weekend. She appreciates prayers for continued healing after knee replacement surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS World Fellowship Sunday celebrated by Mennonite World Conference congregations around the world. Today is an opportunity to remind our communities of faith that we are all part of one body made up of many tribes, nations and languages (Rev 7:9). It is an invitation to visibly proclaim that now there is no discrimination among us on the basis of race, social status or gender (Gal. 3:28). It is a special day on which to show that we are living a new life in a new society where we mutually support one another, carry those who suffer, serve the world and interdependently learn from one another what it means to follow Jesus. On this day we celebrate that, in Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the cultural and national boundaries that separate us have been overcome through Jesus. -- Cesar Garcia, General Secretary, Mennonite World Conference

NEXT SUNDAY (Jan. 28) the movie “Pleasure Unwoven: An Explanation of the Brain Disease of Addiction” will be shown in the Assembly Room starting about noon. Filmed in Utah, the landscape is spectacular. Dr. Kevin McCauley describes the brain areas involved in addiction. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. You can bring your own lunch or have pizza that will be ordered. –Marilyn Langeman