

A LATE SPRING YOGA SERIES begins at AMC on May 8 and runs through June 12. See registration forms on the AMC bulletin board for more information.

ACC SPRING ASSEMBLY is April 28, 9:00-3:30 at Hope Community Church in Fleetwood. Dennis Ernest and Lynne Beth are AMC delegates. All are invited to participate and to register no later than April 25.

PLEASE CHECK the Lost & Found table for any items you may have mislaid in the past few months. The table will remain up for several weeks. Unclaimed items will then be donated to the Ephrata ReUzit Store.

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE'S Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies presents "World War I and Lancaster Peace Churches," a talk by Steve Nolt, on Thurs., April 26, 7:00 p.m., in Hoover 110. Nolt is senior scholar at the Young Center. For more information, call 717-361-1470 or visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events.

BEYOND OURSELVES BENEFIT CONCERT: Join the Beyond Ourselves chamber ensemble and the Music for Everyone Community Chorus for an afternoon of music at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, at Neffsville Mennonite Church. Proceeds from the concert will go to support hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico and Haiti through Mennonite Disaster Service and Mennonite Central Committee.

YOU ARE INVITED to the Franconia-Lancaster Choral Singers' concert next Sunday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m. at Lititz Church of the Brethren. The music featured is Haynd's *Seven Last Words of Christ* and Forrest's *In Paradisum*. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. See Tim Langeman, Patricia Martin, or Cheryl Zook Justice if you would like tickets.

DISCOVERY: A COMIC LAMENT will be performed at Forest Hills Mennonite Church (100 Quarry Rd, Leola, PA) at 6:00 PM on April 21 by Ted and Company. The play is about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It finds unexpected humor at the crossroads of justice and land use, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settler oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. A show about love, loss, and land, *Discovery* nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity. A freewill offering will be taken following the play's conclusion and a short panel discussion will conclude the evening.

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 4,783	\$ 112,334
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 137,300
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	156	

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
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AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH
April 15, 2018
Resurrection Spaces

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music Mataya Chap

Welcome
Introduction of guests & Announcements

Musical Meditation
Lighting of the peace lamp
Call to worship screen

HWB 280 (blue) *Christ the Lord is risen today*
HWB 272 (blue) *Christ is Risen! Shout hosanna*

Offering and offertory Mataya Chap
Offertory prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

STJ 17 (green) *Halle, halle, hallelujah*
Children's time Sandra Richard Wood
Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Nelson Weber, Jean Buchen, and Lydia Nolt

Scripture Acts 9:1-19a
Ken Long
Sermon *Sittin' by the Window prayin'*
Ron Guenther, soloist
Risky Roads
Rachel Nolt

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

STJ 5 (green) *Come and be light for our eyes*
Prayers of the people Chris Martin

HWB 322 (blue) *For we are strangers no more*
Benediction
Sending song *In Christ we live*
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Musicians Patricia Martin & Leon Myers
Song Leader David Martin
Worship Leader Chris Martin

Scripture next week: Acts 16:16-34; Karyn Nancarvis, 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

Today is the final session of Terry Wible’s class based on the book The Sin of Certainty by Peter Enns. This class explores the difference between right believing, certainty and a lived out faith. Bring your questions, fears, and thoughts as participants discuss with each other the contrast between head knowledge and a lived out experience of God. Class meets in the Assembly Room.

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)	- - - - -	MYF Room (temporarily)
MYF (High School Youth)	- - - - -	MYF Room

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Linda & Gerry Horst, Anne Weaver **Sound/AV Operator:** Delmar Zimmerman
Nursery Worship: as needed **Nursery DH:** as needed
Coffee Servers: Marilyn & Ken Langeman **Mug Washers:** Richard & Ruth Weaver
Ushers: Daryl Mack (Head usher), Sarah Eby, Bernice Valverde, Norm Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17	AMC Women’s Brown Bag Luncheon 11:00 – 1:00 @ Agnes Hacker’s home
April 18	Landis Homes residents’ gathering; 10- 11:30 am; Hybrid #1 Comm. Room
April 18	DSECC Friendship Concert @ AMC @ 6:45 pm
April 22	Men’s Choir rehearsal @ 8:00; sing for 9:00 am service
April 22	55+ meets at noon; Rolando Santiago, presenter
April 28	Bangladesh fund-raising dinner c/o Richard Sarker

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:

May 5	Final Safe Church training for those who work with children and youth 8:15 am – 12:30 pm @ AMC
October 26-27	ACC Fall Assembly @ AMC; details to be announced

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

- April 15 Supper Club @ John & Lizzie Hoffman’s 5 – 8 pm
- April 20-21 MYF Lock-in @ AMC
- June 10 Senior Recognition Sunday
- June 17-23 DOOR service project in Denver, CO

PRAYERS

Ruth and Lowell Detweiler want to thank you for your care and concern during this time of challenging health issues. We welcome and appreciate your ongoing support as Ruth adjusts to a foot cast in an effort to control pain. Lowell is scheduled for back surgery on April 20. Your prayers and support will help carry us through these difficult times. --Ruth and Lowell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to all who helped with mulching on April 5. AMC’s grounds look great as a result.

AMC WOMEN’S BROWN BAG LUNCH is this coming Tuesday, April 17th. Join other AMC women at the home of Agnes Hacker. Directions to her house are in the mailboxes today. We meet between 11 am and 1 pm. Agnes will provide coffee and tea and water and hospitality. We bring our own lunches.

55+ MEETING NEXT SUNDAY at 12:00 noon: Sign up for pizza **today** on the list posted on the bulletin board. Bring finger foods to share (veggies, fruit, desserts). Beverages will be provided. The speaker is Dr. Rolando Santiago. Rolando was born, grew up, and married in Puerto Rico. As a Puerto Rican Mennonite, he has explored over his lifetime how faith interacts with culture to produce institutions that promote the well-being of entire populations. He will provide a short history of Mennonites in Puerto Rico, and report on post-hurricane recovery there.

YOU ARE INVITED to DSECC’s annual Friendship Concert this Wednesday, April 18 at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary. This is an evening for parents, family members, and friends to gather to listen to the joyous voices of DSECC children raised in song. The children have been practicing for weeks! New this year, as part of the event, DSECC will also host a silent auction and book fair. You are welcome to bring a picnic supper and come any time after 5:30 pm to eat and browse the book fair and auction. You do not need to be present to win the silent auction.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CHURCH is a new 2nd hour formation class beginning next Sunday, April 22 and running through May 20. This is an adult’s class on the subject of church and why we do it (or don’t do it). We will examine questions like “How hospitable are we?”; “Why choose this as my community?”; “Do we have good news for young adults and families?”; “What about all the people who don’t do church? Would we miss church if it wasn’t there?”; and “Is this a good way to spend our money?” Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Cluster. Facilitated by John Stoner, Rachel Nolt, and Nancy Chapman. Class meets in the Assembly Room

YOUR INVITATION for the upcoming Fund Raising Dinner for Bangladesh project sponsored by Richard and Mary Ann Sarker and the Bangladesh Mission Committee on Saturday April 28 is in your mail box today. Please sign up for this special event and presentation by Richard about the present status and future plans for this project. Last date to make reservation is Wed., April 25.