

status and future plans for this project. Last date to make reservation is Wed., April 25.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL ON MAY 6: Plan to join us for food & fellowship on May 6 immediately following second hour. The menu is salads and desserts. Bring a large dish of your favorite salad. MYF will provide desserts as a fundraiser for their summer service project in Denver, CO, through the DOOR program.

IT IS TIME to renew AMC's group subscription to The Mennonite. Please fill out the form in your mailbox if you would like to join the group subscription, renew your current subscription, or cancel your subscription. Completed forms and payment are due in the church office May 13.

PRINTED COPIES of AMC council notes from their February retreat, minutes from their March and April meetings, and associated staff and treasurer reports are available on the literature table. Note that the April minutes are pending approval by council at their next meeting.

YOU ARE INVITED to express opposition to the militarized drone command center at the Horsham (Pa.) Air Guard Station on Saturday, April 28. Lancaster County participants in this "witness amid endless war" will leave the Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Contact H.A. Penner at penner@dejazzd.com or 717-859-3529 so sufficient transportation can be arranged.

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.

PLEASE CHECK the Lost & Found table for any items you may have mislaid in the past few months. The table will remain up through **April 29**. Unclaimed items will then be donated to the Ephrata ReUzit Store.

A SAFE CHURCH TRAINING SESSION for anyone who currently works with children or has clearances to work with children will be held Saturday, May 5 at Akron Mennonite Church. It will begin at 8:15am with refreshments, 8:30-12:30 for the meeting. Come prepared to be equipped to work with children and youth in today's day and age, and review AMC's current Safe Church policy that our ministry team has been working hard on all year. Other churches in our Safe Church cluster will be joining this valuable session led by the Safe Church consultant Deb Helt and others. Please let the church office know if you can attend.

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,832	\$ 122,166
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 147,100
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	174	

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

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AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH

April 22, 2018

Resurrection Spaces

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music

Diane Gehman

Welcome

Introduction of guests & Announcements

Musical Meditation

Diane Gehman

Lighting of the peace lamp

Call to worship

STJ 19 (green)

HWB 282 (blue)

*I will call upon the Lord
Proclaim the tidings near and far*

Offering and offertory

Leon Myers

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 Jim Shenk, Cyndy Zook, and Janessa Zimmerman

Scripture

Acts 9:16-34

Joanne Ranck Dirks

Sermon

Unstoppable

Karyn Nancarvis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

STJ 61 (green)

How can we be silent

Chorale call to prayer

Have a little talk with Jesus

Men's Choir

Prayers of the people

Karyn Nancarvis

HWB 150 (blue)

Wonderful grace of Jesus

Benediction

Sending song

In Christ we live

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Musicians

Diane Gehman & Leon Myers

Song Leader

Herman Bontrager

Worship Leader

Rachel Nolt

Scripture next week: Acts 17:16-31; Rachel Nolt, 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

Conversations About Church is a 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.

Koinonia class: This class will now be back together (after the break for The Sin of Certainty). Please plan to meet in Room 222, as we plan to catch up with each other, share any final thoughts on Terry Wible's class, and finish the last chapter in our study on Richard Rohr's Immortal Diamond. We will also discuss our next plans. Facilitated by Lin & Don Good.

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, Helena Dueck	Sound/AV Operator: Marv Horst
Nursery Worship: as needed	Nursery DH: as needed
Coffee Servers: Daryl Mack	Mug Washers: Dave & Linda Frey
Ushers: Dale Herr (Head usher), Amy Herr, Lloyd Chapman, Nancy Chapman, Eileen Byler	

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22	Today	55+ meets at noon; Rolando Santiago, presenter
April 22	Today	F.L.I.P. hike at Money Rocks County Park; meet @ AMC to carpool 3:30 pm
April 28		Bangladesh fund-raising dinner c/o Richard Sarker
April 28		ACC Spring Assembly at Hope Community Church, Fleetwood
May 1		Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am @ Oregon Dairy
May 2		Library Committee meets @ 6:00 pm
May 3		AMC Men's Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7 am; Nick Buckwalter, presenter
May 5		AMC hosts Safe Church training; 8:15 am – 12:30 pm

May 6	Fellowship Meal following 2 nd Hour classes
May 6	Share-A-Life hike in Lititz Linear Park following Fellowship Meal
May 9	Landis Homes residents' gathering 10 – 11:30 am; Kirkview Lounge
May 9	Connect! meal, flag football game, & ice cream social 6:00 – 7:30 pm
May 10	Garden Spot Village residents' gathering 11:30 – 2:00; Concord Room
May 15	AMC women's brown bag luncheon 11 am – 1 pm
May 16	Landis Homes residents' gathering 10-11:30 am; Hybrid #1 Comm. Rm.
May 20	Adult choir and tone chimes rehearsal @ 8:00 am; share in 9:00 am service
May 28	F.L.I.P. end of year celebration at Refreshing Mtn. Camp 9 am – 12 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:

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):

- June 10 Senior Recognition Sunday
- June 17-23 DOOR service project in Denver, CO

PRAYERS

Lester Graybill was admitted to Wellspan Ephrata Hospital on Tuesday where he is undergoing testing for heart-related issues. He and Eileen appreciate your prayers.

Please remember Lowell and Ruth Detweiler in your prayers. Lowell was scheduled to have back surgery on April 20.

Pray for DSECC – leadership, board, teachers, and children – as they experience staffing transitions this summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

55+ MEETING TODAY at 12:00 noon: Pizza and beverages provided; bring finger foods to share. 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.

RIDE TO ACC SPRING ASSEMBLY: If you would like a ride to the ACC Spring Assembly at Hope Community Church, Fleetwood, on April 28, please contact Lynne Beth (717-669-4149 or clb229@ptd.net) Remember to register by April 25.

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. Please sign up for this special event and presentation by Richard about the present