

**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.

**TODAY WE BEGIN** a series of committee reports focusing on "God at work in the congregation." We, as a congregation, support each other in our calling to be fully engaged in God's mission. Much of our engagement in God's mission as a congregation is led through the work of the individuals who serve on various committees. Throughout this series we will be introduced to our congregational committees, their members and the work they do.

**WORSHIP COUNCIL:** Rachel Nolt is gathering a small group of people to serve with her on behalf of the congregation to think about larger worship questions such as: How often do we serve communion? Are children included in communion? What is our worship style? Are we a multi-voice congregation? She would also like input into the preaching diet of our congregation. If you would like to share your gifts by serving on the council, please contact Rachel Nolt ([rnolt@akronmench.org](mailto:rnolt@akronmench.org) or 717-859-1488), J.W. Sprunger ([jwsprunger@gmail.com](mailto:jwsprunger@gmail.com) or 724-309-2731 ), or Charity Shenk ([charity.shenk@gmail.com](mailto:charity.shenk@gmail.com) or 717-201-8748) by May 13.

**REJOICE:** If you would like to subscribe to the daily devotional book *Rejoice*, please let Rebecca know. Cost is \$29.50 per year. It is distributed quarterly. Make your check payable to AMC and note that it is for Rejoice.

**AMC COUNCIL** will meet on Thursday, May 10. The agenda is posted on the AMC bulletin board.

**SUMMER VBS:** AMC will participate with Akron Church of the Brethren in the Vacation Bible School program "Shipwrecked" June 24 – 28 from 6:00 to 8:15 pm. VBS is for children age 4 through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Check the May newsletter or AMC bulletin board for more information. Info on volunteer opportunities will be provided soon. Register by May 15 and get a free T-shirt.

*Please see insert for additional announcements*

GIVING & BUDGET		
Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 4,822	\$ 132,448
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 166,700
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	132	

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm  
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**AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**May 6, 2018**  
**Resurrection Spaces**

**GATHERING/PRAISING**

Prelude music

Amy & Ellie Burkholder

Welcome

Introduction of guests & Announcements

Musical meditation

Carter Burkholder

Lighting of the peace lamp

Call to worship

HWB 266 (blue)

*They crucified my Savior  
In the bulb there is a flower*

HWB 614 (blue)

Offering and offertory

*Reverie*

tone chimes

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, Lynette Meck, and Esther Nolt

Scripture

Philippians 1:1-18a

Sara Wiegner

Sermon

*Worship as Resurrection*

Nathan Grieser

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

HWB 369 (blue)

*Lord, whose love in humble service*

God at work in the congregation – Hospitality Committee

Marilyn Langeman

Prayers of the people

Rachel Nolt

HWB 346 (blue)

*Dona nobis pacem*

Benediction

Sending song

*In Christ we live*

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Musicians

Diane Gehman & Leon Myers

Song Leader

Patricia Martin

Worship Leader

Rachel Nolt

**Scripture next week:** Philippians 2:1-13; 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). This week Nathan Grieser will lead a conversation about sung worship. How does our singing reflect who we are? How does our singing create community? How does it welcome others into the community? This is one session of a larger conversation in which we 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 Nancy Chapman and Rachel Nolt. **This Sunday the class meets in the sanctuary.**

SEVEN STORIES: How to Study and Teach the Nonviolent Bible, a book by Anthony and Linda Bartlett, provides a comprehensive overview of seven main storylines of the Bible, and helps us turn the Bible from a weapon (as it is too often used) into a pathway to justice, reconciliation, compassion, and peace. Taught by John Stoner and all who join the class. **This Sunday, the class will meet in the Assembly Room.**

These two classes may be offered again at a future time.

**Koinonia** class: This Sunday, class will focus on Appendix F (Twelve Ways to Practice Resurrection Now) in Richard Rohr's Immortal Diamond. Meets in Rm. 222. 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth)	-----	MYF Room (temporarily)
MYF (High School Youth)	-----	MYF Room

**AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY**

**Greeters:** Mary Martin & Bernice Valverde, Marilyn Langeman **Sound/AV Operator:** Dale Hershey  
**Nursery Worship:** as needed **Nursery DH:** as needed  
**Coffee Servers:** Linda & Dave Frey **Mug Washers:** Don & Elaine Brubaker  
**Ushers:** Steve Hartzler (Head usher), Marvin Nolt, Helena Dueck, Jane Hartzler, Clyde Martin

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 6 **Today** Fellowship Meal following 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour classes; MYF dessert fundraiser
- May 6 **Today** Share-A-Life hike in Lititz Linear Park following Fellowship Meal
- May 8 Connect! meal, flag football game, & ice cream social 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- May 9 Coffee & Conversations @ Landis Homes 10 – 11:30 am; Kirkview Lounge
- May 10 Garden Spot Village residents' gathering 11:30 – 2:00; Concord Room
- May 10 AMC Council meets at 7:00 pm
- May 15 AMC women's brown bag luncheon at Dottie Nolt's 11 am – 1 pm
- May 16 Coffee & Conversations 10-11:30 am; Hybrid #1 Comm. Room
- May 20 Adult choir and tone chimes rehearsal @ 8:00 am; share in 9:00 am service
- May 20 Intergenerational picnic following church on AMC grounds
- 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:**

- June 24-28 VBS with Akron Church of the Brethren
- 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**

Eileen Graybill and family continue to mourn the death of Lester Graybill and celebrate his life lived in service to God, his family and the church. Hold Eileen in the strength of Christ as she learns to live, one day at a time, without Lester.

Remember in prayer Ray and Brenda Martin Hurst as they grieve the death of their son, Matthew. Matthew was in a fatal car accident on April 30. Brenda is an Atlantic Coast Conference pastor who recently completed a pastorate at Frazer Mennonite Church and is currently working with Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

Dear AMC friends, the last several months of hospitalizations and surgeries I have relied on the caring visits, cards, flowers, and prayers from all of you for daily encouragement. Thank you all very much. You have shown me the value of being part of AMC. I hope to return for regular attendance in a few weeks. –Irma Bowman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY:** Everyone is welcome to join in the fellowship meal today following second hour. Cinco de Mayo-themed desserts are provided by the MYF as a fundraiser for their summer service project in Denver, CO, through the DOOR program.

**CONNECT! DATE CHANGE:** Please note that Connect! will meet this Tuesday, May 8 instead of Wednesday, May 9, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.