

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 **today**, 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.

WOMEN'S BROWN BAG LUNCHEON: The AMC Women's Brown Bag Luncheon will be held this Tuesday, May 15 at the home of Dottie Nolt (directions are in mail boxes). Come between the hours of 11 am and 1 pm. Bring your lunch, and Dottie will provide coffee, tea, water, and hospitality.

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 or 717-859-1488), J.W. Sprunger (jwsprunger@gmail.com or 724-309-2731), or Charity Shenk (charity.shenk@gmail.com or 717-201-8748) by May 13.

AMC COUNCIL did not meet as scheduled on May 10 due to unavailability of a quorum. Next meeting date to be announced.

WORLD NIGHT MARKET 2018: MEDA is sponsoring World Night Market 2018, featuring 17 food vendors serving delicious eats from all around the world. The event will be held May 18 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at Binn's Park in Lancaster.

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 4,455	\$ 136,903
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 176,500
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	170	

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
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AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH
May 13, 2018
Resurrection Spaces

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music Cora, Kerry, Sue, & William Broaddus

Welcome
Introduction of guests & Announcements

Musical Meditation Cora, Kerry, Sue, & William Broaddus

Lighting of the peace lamp
Call to worship

STS 92 (purple) *Sing with all the saints in glory*
HWB 277 (blue) *I know that my Redeemer lives*

Offering and offertory Cora, Kerry, Sue, & William Broaddus
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 Linda Good, Nelson Weber, and Lydia Nolt

Scripture Philippians 2:1-13 Amy Herr
Choral anthem *Beloved God's chosen* Men's Choir
Sermon *God at work in you* Rachel Nolt

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

STS 95 (purple) *Jesus has done so much for me* Cora & Will Broaddus, soloists

God at work in the congregation – Gifts Discernment Committee Janet Weber
HWB 304 (blue) *There are many gifts*

Prayers of the people Karyn Nancarvis
Benediction
Sending song *In Christ we live*
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Musicians Diane Gehman & Leon Myers
Song Leader Jon Clemens
Worship Leader Karyn Nancarvis

Scripture next week: Acts 2:1-21; 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

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?" This week we will continue our conversation based on the article *Hospitality of Strangers*. Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Cluster. Facilitated by Nancy Chapman and Rachel Nolt. Class meets in the Assembly Room.

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. Class meets in the sanctuary.

The above two classes may be offered again at a future time.

Koinonia class: The focus this week will be on the appendices of Richard Rohr's book 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 th Grade Youth)	MYF Room (temporarily)
MYF (High School Youth)	MYF Room

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Mary Martin & Bernice Valverde, Ann Zimmerman	Sound/AV Operator: Bryan Beyer
Nursery Worship: as needed	Nursery DH: as needed
Coffee Servers: Linda & Dave Frey	Mug Washers: John Weber
Ushers: Don Good (Head usher), Tim Langeman, David Frey, Linda Frey	

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15	AMC women's brown bag luncheon at Dottie Nolt's 11 am – 1 pm
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

Thank you for the transportation, visits, prayers, cards, and meals during Lester's illness and death. I couldn't have made it without you. I thank God for AMC. --Eileen Graybill

Let's hold Susan Blessing and her family in our prayers following Nelson's death. The memorial service will be at AMC on Wednesday, May 16. Friends may visit the family from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and the service will be at 7:00 pm.

Let's hold Nancy Long in our prayers as she recuperates from hip replacement surgery last Monday. She is now in the rehab facility at Garden Spot.

Let's celebrate with Daryl Mack and Kanha Phoeuk and hold them in our prayers as they begin their life together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS at Landis Homes will not meet this Wednesday, May 16, but will resume in June.

PICNIC: AMC's young families invite you to an intergenerational picnic after church next Sunday, May 20. Chips, beverages, and cookies will be provided – bring your own sandwich/salad/main dish from home, along with folding chairs if you have them. Contact Carolyn Beyer with questions (717-859-1028 or cembc2b2@gmail.com)

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 7th 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.