

LECTIO DIVINA will meet for two more weeks (May 22 and 29), then take a hiatus for the months of June, July, and August. It will resume in September.

BLESSING JESSIE: Three Sundays remain on the “Blessing Jessie” sign-up sheet to teach crafts during second hour to KG – 5th graders. They are June 3, June 10, and June 24. Please consider signing up for one or more of these Sundays while Jessie takes a few months off to care for their new baby. The sign-up sheet is on the AMC bulletin board.

OBSERVE Memorial Day weekend by joining others in a public demonstration against the militarized drone base at the Horsham (Pa.) Air Guard Station on Saturday, May 26. 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.

SUBMISSIONS for the June newsletter should be sent to Rebecca by May 23.

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.

PHILADELPHIA GAY MEN’S CHORUS IN CONCERT: Sunday, June 3, 4 PM at Otterbein United Methodist Church, 20 E Clay St, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602 (Corner of N Queen and Clay). A concert by the acclaimed, 75-member Philadelphia Gay Men’s Chorus, www.pgmc.org. Concert underwritten by the Welcoming Dialogue Group and co-sponsored by Otterbein UMC. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken to offset expenses. Off-street parking is available behind the church off Christian Street, and at the Lancaster County Council of Churches parking lot at 812 N. Queen Street, Lancaster.

YOU ARE INVITED to Ridgeview Mennonite Church **today** at 2:00 pm to hear stories of service from John Hostetler and Omar Lapp. John and Omar served in post-WWII Europe in MCC and PAX. The event will be moderated by Ken Sensenig, MCC East Coast Assistant Executive Director.

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 12,677	\$ 149,580
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 186,300
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	147	

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
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AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH
May 20, 2018
Pentecost

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music Patricia Martin

Welcome
Introduction of guests & Announcements

Musical Meditation Theo Zook
Lighting of the peace lamp
Call to worship

HWB 290 (blue) *Spirit, come, dispel our sadness*
HWB 301 (blue) *Joys are flowing like a river*

Offering and offertory Gavin Shenk
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 Donna Shenk, Jim Shenk, and Hibist Siyoum

Scripture Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7 Dave & Linda Helmus, Janessa Zimmerman
Sermon *That Sounds Like God* Karyn Nancarvis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

insert *Twelve disciples in the temple*

God at work in the congregation – Stewardship Committee Ed Miller
HWB 298 (blue) *Veni Sancte Spiritus* Merle Gingerich, soloist
Prayers of the people Randall Justice

HWB 300 (blue) *O Holy Spirit, making whole*
Benediction
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Musicians Cheryl Braun, Sue Broaddus, & Patricia Martin
Adult choir, elementary children

Song Leader Richard Crockett
Worship Leader Randall Justice

Next week: Rachel Nolt, preacher; communion

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.

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). Today's class will be talking about where and how we experience God outside of church. A panel with church members and a guest speaker, Penn Ketchum (of Penn Cinema and Spirituality of Running) will share their "God moments". Join us for this interactive time of sharing and reflection.

The Seven Stories class will join with the Conversations About Church class today in order to hear Penn Ketchum. On June 27 the class will begin discussion of Story 1, "Oppression to Justice."

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

Koinonia class: We will be returning for some additional thoughts on chapter 4 of Richard Rohr's book Immortal Diamond and having further discussion on plans for the class in fall of 2018. 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: Ed & Twila Miller, Anne Weaver	Sound/AV Operator: Delmar Zimmerman
Nursery Worship: as needed	Nursery DH: as needed
Coffee Servers: Dot & Dale Hershey	Mug Washers: Don & Alta Mellinger
Ushers: Daryl Mack (Head usher), Sarah Eby, Bernice Valverde, Norm Wood	

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20	Today	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
June 5		Lunch Bunch meets at Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
June 7		Men's Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7 am; John Stoner, presenter

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 14	AMC serves community meal at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata
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

My family and I have been blessed by the many kind ways you have shared with us during the unexpected passing of Nelson. Prayers, cards, pies, visits and friendship have helped to make this loss a bit more bearable. Thank you. We have felt God's love. –Susan Blessing

Let's continue to hold Nancy Long in our prayers as she recuperates following hip surgery.

Bob Peifer spent several days in Lancaster General Hospital this week. Please keep him in your prayers.

Barb Herr, sister to Ira Nolt and Naomi Wyble, aunt of Steve Nolt, has recently received diagnosis of cancer in her lung and stomach. Please remember her, Larry (her husband) and family in your prayers as they adjust to this reality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICNIC: AMC's young families invite you to an intergenerational picnic **today** after church. Chips, beverages, and cookies will be provided – bring your own sandwich/salad/main dish from home, along with folding chairs if you have them. –Carolyn Beyer

RESULT OF VOTE ON STAFFING RECOMMENDATION: Here are the results of the staffing vote taken last Sunday. A total of 154 people voted. Of these, 87% (134 ballots) voted in favor of forming a search committee to find an associate pastor. There were 3% (5 ballots) abstaining or signing without casting a vote. There were 10% (15 ballots) casting "no" votes.

As a result, Council will now proceed with naming a search committee to begin the process of identifying an associate pastor candidate. Council and the search committee will continue providing regular updates on this search. Thanks to all for the thoughtful and caring ways you have approached this discernment process. --Nancy Chapman

NEXT SUNDAY, we will be celebrating communion as part of Holy Trinity Sunday, focusing on our relationships with God and each other.