

BLESSING JESSIE: Only one Sunday (June 24) remains on the “Blessing Jessie” sign-up sheet to teach crafts during second hour to KG – 5th graders. Please consider signing up while Jessie takes a few months off to care for baby Lily. The sign-up sheet is on the AMC bulletin board.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED for VBS 2018! Sunday, June 24 through Thursday June 28. Consider volunteering in these positions: Kitchen, Games, Pre-K through K teacher; 3rd and 4th grade teaching assistant; Decorating (any day or night); Cut-out (can be done at home). Sign up on the bulletin board, or connect with Karyn Nancarvis.

JOIN US in Harrisburg, PA for a season of moral resistance as part of the Poor Peoples Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. The third week's theme is The War Economy: Militarism and the Proliferation of Gun Violence. Register [here](#). Schedule for Tuesday, May 29: 9:00am Breakfast, 10:30 am Pre-action Training and light lunch, and 2:00 pm Rally (Capitol Rotunda - 501 N 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA 17120). We (H.A. Penner and John Stoner) will leave from the church 9:30 am to beat the pre-action training. Call John for details 717 859-3388.

SPACES ARE AVAILABLE in Diamond Street's Pre-K Counts class, which starts in the fall. Pre-K Counts is a full day, state funded class for 3 and 4 year olds that runs five days a week from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pre-K Counts follows the school year calendar and helps prepare children for Kindergarten. Entrance into this class is based on family income and other risk factors. Families do not need to live within the Ephrata Area School District to apply. Please spread the word to families who may benefit from this service! Call the office at 717-859-4272 for an application.

Highlights of this program include:

- No tuition for families in the Pre-K Counts program
- Lunch and afternoon snack provided
- Before and after school care available for a fee
- Certified lead teacher with a low teacher to student ratio (1:9)
- Researched based, play-based curriculum, The Creative Curriculum©
- Lesson plans and activities to address the development of the whole child
- Weekly Music and Bible enrichment classes

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,479	\$ 159,059
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 196,200

2018 Income Budget: \$ 510,000

Attendance Last Sunday: 205

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

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AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH

May 27, 2018

Holy Trinity

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music Diane Gehman & Patricia Martin

Welcome
Introduction of guests & Announcements

Musical Meditation Diane Gehman & Patricia Martin

Lighting of the peace lamp
Call to worship

HWB 89 (blue) *For the beauty of the earth*
HWB 124 (blue) *O worship the Lord*
HWB 95 (blue) *Praise God, the Source of life*

Offering and offertory Diane Gehman & Patricia Martin
Offertory prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

STJ 17 (green) *Halle, halle, hallelujah!*
Children's time Rachel Nolt
Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Jerry Shank, Angela Zimmerman, and Anna Nancarvis

Scripture Esther Nolt & Hibist Siyoum
Sermon *The Holy What?*
Rachel Nolt

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

insert *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

Communion
STS 34 (purple) *You are holy*
HWB 75 (blue) *Heilig, heilig, heilig (Holy, holy, holy)*
HWB 41 (blue) *Come, thou almighty King*
HWB 118 (blue) *Praise God from whom*

Prayers of the people Esther Nolt & Hibist Siyoum

STS 54 (purple) *What does the Lord require of you?*
Benediction

Musicians
Song Leader
Worship Leaders

Diane Gehman & Leon Myers
David Martin
Esther Nolt & Hibist Siyoum

June 14
June 17-23
June 20
June 24-28

AMC serves community meal at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata
MYF in Denver, CO with DOOR service project
Coffee & Conversation @ Landis Homes; 10 – 11:30 am; Hybrid Comm. Rm.
VBS with Akron Church of the Brethren

Scripture next week: Mark 2:23-3:6; 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.

SECOND HOUR FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (10:40 – 11:40)

Adults

SEVEN STORIES: How to Study and Teach the Nonviolent Bible provides a comprehensive overview of seven main storylines of the Bible. Today we take up the First Story, “Violence to Forgiveness,” Prehistories and Patriarchs. This book 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.

Conversations About Church will not meet today but will resume next Sunday.

Koinonia: May 20 was the last scheduled meeting before taking a break for the summer. This class will reconvene in September.

Children and Youth

Classes will not meet today but will resume next Sunday.

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Ed & Twila Miller, Helena Dueck

Nursery Worship: as needed

Coffee Servers: Don & Linda Good

Ushers: Dale Herr (Head usher), Amy Herr, Lloyd Chapman, Nancy Chapman, Eileen Byler

Flowers: The sanctuary flowers today are provided by Lloyd and Nancy Chapman in memory of Peter.

Sound/AV Operator: Marv Horst

Nursery DH: as needed

Mug Washers: Jerry & Ethel Shank

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28 AMC office is closed for Memorial Day holiday
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 6 Library Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
June 6 Preparedness Committee meeting @ 6:30 pm
June 7 Men’s Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7 am; John Stoner, presenter
June 13 Coffee & Conversation @ Landis Homes; 10 – 11:30 am; Kirkview Lounge
June 13 Luther Acres residents’ gathering; 12:00 noon at The Round
June 14 AMC Council meets @ 7 pm

Lectio Divina will meet this Tuesday at 7:30 am. The Congregational Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 pm. Both meetings are in Rachel’s office.

Save these Dates:

August 18 Benefit cabaret for March for our Lives at AMC (see June newsletter for info)
October 26-27 ACC Annual Assembly at AMC

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 meals, visits, and prayers. –Hans-Peter Neufeld

We are very happy to announce the arrival of our baby girl! Lily Mae Buckwalter was born on May 22, weighing 7lb 2oz. All are doing well, and big sister Abby is thrilled! ~Nick and Jessie Buckwalter

Pray for DSECC – leadership, board, teachers, and children – as they navigate staffing transitions, wind down the school year, and prepare for summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ROSE at the front of the sanctuary is in celebration of the birth of Lily Mae Buckwalter.

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

COMMUNITY MEAL: Please contact Jean Buchen at 717-371-9152 or jbuchen@kthighland.com if you are willing to bake a cake or help with set-up, serving and/or clean-up for the Community Meal on Thursday evening, June 14th at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 167 East Main Street, Ephrata.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC) ANNUAL ASSEMBLY is coming to AMC on October 26 & 27. This year, for the first time, the event will be co-hosted by Pilgrims and Akron Mennonite Churches at AMC. It’s great to have each other’s help for the many logistics.

What’s happening (in abbreviated form)...

Friday, October 26, is Leadership Resource Day. The topic is Healthy Boundaries 101. In the evening there are a Mennonite Women’s Banquet and a Mennonite Men’s Dinner.

Saturday, October 27, is Annual Assembly Celebration. This is a fun, informative, and interactive day. Last year 145 people attended at Conestoga Mennonite Church. This year 150 to 175 are expected. More information is coming.....