

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.

THE JULY NEWSLETTER will be printed next Friday, June 22 because I will be on vacation the following week. Please send your submissions to me (Rebecca) by Thursday, June 21. Thanks.

CELEBRATING PETE SEEGER: On Friday July 6, at 7:00 p.m., join us at Akron Mennonite Church (1311 Diamond St, Akron, PA) for a potluck picnic hootenanny to celebrate the legendary folk singer and activist, Pete Seeger. Pete was an American with courage to speak truth in hard times, and composed many songs to make his points. Bring a dish to share or your meat to BBQ on our grills, and a chair. Most important, bring your voice and instrument to enjoy the song swap and hoot. Rain or shine, we'll move inside if necessary. Robert V Peters, a close friend of Pete for over 37 years will share stories, and his son Pierre will sing a few songs and lead the song swap and hootenanny. Sponsored by supportive people, this is a fun inter-generational event and all are welcome. A voluntary offering will be taken to support the peace and justice ministries of Akron Mennonite church. For more information, contact John Stoner at jstoner42@windstream.net or 717 859 3388.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, July 15, 2018, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Stay Woke! - Interactive workshop on organizing to build communities that resist oppression and embody peace and justice; led by Sarah Thompson, former Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, a 2018 Generations Fellow at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Sponsored by Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness & 1040 for Peace. For more information contact Sue Heilman: heilmangirl@gmail.com Phone 717 951-0731 (Note: Sarah will preach at AMC during the July 15 morning worship service).

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 19,116	\$ 188,036
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 225,600
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	154	

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
Church Office: (717) 859-1488 || 1311 Diamond Street || Akron, PA 17501

AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH
June 17, 2018
What have you to do with us, Jesus?
The Good News according to Mark

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music Patricia Martin

Song of praise
HWB 71 (blue) *Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

Welcome, Introduction of guests, and Announcements

Call to worship
Lighting of the peace lamp
Prayer

HWB 226 (blue) *You are salt for the earth*

Offering and offertory Patricia Martin
Offertory prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

(screen) *Follow, follow Jesus*
Children's time Sandra Richard Wood
Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Jim Shenk & Donna Shenk

Scripture Mark 4:26-34

Sermon *Seeds, Trees, and Birds* Rachel Nolt

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HWB 96 (blue) *We plow the fields and scatter*

Testimony – reception of new member Roger Martin

God at work in the congregation – Preparedness Committee Nancy Chapman

HWB 638 (blue) *God is working his purpose out*

Prayers of the people

Screen *Seeds*

Benediction

Musicians
Song Leader
Worship Leader

Patricia Martin
Ron Guenther
Steve Nolt

Next week: MYF sharing on DOOR service project

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

Mennonites and the First World War: Stories of Conscience. We will consider the ways Mennonites responded to the crisis of war one hundred years ago. On this centennial of World War I, Steve Nolt will share stories, including some with ties to AMC members, of Mennonites responding to conscription, lobbying elected officials, and negotiating pressures on the home front. Today is Part 2 of this two-part series. Class meets in the sanctuary.

Seven Stories: How to Study and Teach the Nonviolent Bible provides a comprehensive overview of seven main storylines of the Bible. 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 Rm. 222.

Stories that Heal and Shape Us: Each week, a different AMC sister will share from her life journey, focusing on themes of joy or loss, or other pivotal experiences. Helen Peifer will share her story this week. Facilitated by Ethel Shank. Class meets in the Assembly Room.

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)	- - - - -	Jr. MYF Room
MYF (High School Youth)	- - - - -	MYF Room

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Marilyn Yoder, Lynne Brubaker, & Anne Weaver

Sound/AV Operator: Delmar Zimmerman

Nursery (Worship and Second Hour): as needed

Coffee Servers: Don & Linda Good

Mug Washers: Herman & Jeanette Bontrager

Ushers: Daryl Mack (Head usher), Sarah Eby, Bernice Valverde, Norm Wood

Flowers: The sanctuary flowers are provided by Pat and John Martin in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 17-23	MYF in Denver, CO with DOOR service project
June 19	AMC Trustees' meeting @ 7:00 pm
June 20	Coffee & Conversation @ Landis Homes; 10 – 11:30 am; Hybrid Comm. Rm.
June 24	Preschool – 5 th grade Teacher Appreciation Luncheon @ Helena Dueck's; 12:00 – 2:00 pm
June 24-28	VBS with Akron Church of the Brethren

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
March 30, 2019	MYF Auction

Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF - Grades 9-12):

- June 17-23 DOOR service project in Denver, CO

PRAYERS

Ten of AMC's MYF youth and 5 adult advisors/chaperones request your prayers this week while they are in Denver, CO serving through the DOOR program. Please pray for traveling mercies and for their interactions with all whom they encounter during the week.

Sally Wise asks for prayers as she travels this week with 25 students to Eberbach, Germany. She and the students will be with host families and attending school. Short excursions are also planned. Prayers for traveling mercies and that good relations can be made between the German and American students are appreciated. Sally is personally looking forward to worshipping with the Mennonite congregation in Sinsheim. Return is planned for July 5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION: Nancy Heisey, Cara Longacre Hurst and Marta van Zanten and their families invite AMC friends and family to join us for a brief service as we bury Paul Longacre's ashes at Akron Mennonite Church Cemetery. The service of committal will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, July 5, at the cemetery. Following the service, you are welcome to join us for a light lunch in the Assembly Room. Please let Rebecca in the church office know if you plan to join us for this time of visiting.

AN APPRECIATION LUNCHEON for the volunteers who so graciously dedicate their time and attention to our preschool through 5th grade classes will provided by the loving hands of Helena Dueck at her home, 18 Martin Ave, Ephrata, on June 24, 2018 from 12:00-2:00pm. Teachers, please be in touch with Karyn Nancarvis if you haven't already.

AMC CONGRATULATES these post-secondary graduates: Megan Erb (MS in Occupational Therapy from Ithaca College), Michael Forrey (Penn State), Josh Gingerich (PA College of Art & Design), Matej Gligorevic (EMU), Jared Horst (Temple University), Sarah Longenecker (EMU), Anna Martin (Mt. St. Mary's University), Matthew Nancarvis (Lititz Watch Technicum), Hannah Yoder (Goshen College), and Julia Yoder (Boston University). Aubrey Haller will graduate from Penn State this summer.