

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 know **by July 2** if you plan to join us for this time of visiting.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to music copyright laws, no music portions of the worship service may be recorded by any recording device (including I-Phones) and shared on social media (web sites, Facebook, Youtube, Instagram, etc.). Thank you for honoring the copyright law. If you have questions, please contact Pat Martin.

YOU ARE INVITED to express "God loves the whole world" patriotism by joining others in a public demonstration against the militarized drone base at the Horsham (Pa.) Air Guard Station on Saturday, June 30. 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.

A recent update of drone warfare entitled "The Wounds of the Drone Warrior" can be found at <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/13/magazine/veterans-ptsd-drone-warrior-wounds.html> The article concludes with a moving account from the Mennonite-related June, 2016 "Faithful Witness in a Time of Endless War" conference in Lansdale, Pa.

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.

GIVING & BUDGET

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| Giving for General Fund | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
| | \$ 4,628 | \$ 195,533 |
| 2018 Budget Goals | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
| | \$ 9,800 | \$ 235,400 |
| 2018 Income Budget: | \$ 510,000 | |
| Attendance Last Sunday: | 134 | |

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 24, 2018
DOOR Denver Sharing

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music Patricia Martin

Song of praise
HWB 651 (blue) *I owe the Lord a morning song*

Welcome
Introduction of guests & Announcements

Call to worship
Lighting of the peace lamp
Prayer

HWB 156 (blue) *All things bright and beautiful*

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 Dot Hershey & Dave Frey

Special music *Day by day* Leon Myers

Scripture Mark 8:22-26 Sara Wiegner
Sermon *Let Your Eyes Open the Door* MYF

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HWB 143 (blue) *Amazing grace!* (stanzas 1-3)

Prayers of the people Karyn Nancarvis

(screen) *Let us go in peace*
Benediction

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Musicians Elementary-age children, Patricia Martin, & Leon Myers
Song Leader Herman Bontrager
Worship Leader Karyn Nancarvis

Scripture next week: Mark 4:35-41; 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. 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. Lynette Meck will share her story this week. Facilitated by Ethel Shank. Class meets in the Assembly Room.

Conversations About Church: This Sunday will be the first of two “wrap up” days for this class as we work on developing action items for AMC. We will not meet July 1, but will finish on July 8. Class meets in the sanctuary.

Children and Youth

Taught by members of the church who graciously volunteer their time. See below for locations.

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| 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, & Helena Dueck **Sound/AV Operator:** Marv Horst
Nursery (Worship and Second Hour): as needed
Coffee Servers: Ethel & Jerry Shank **Mug Washers:** Don & Linda Good
Ushers: Dale Herr (Head usher), Amy Herr, Nancy Chapman, Eileen Byler
Flowers: The sanctuary flowers today are provided by Ginny Ebersole in memory of her husband Seth, and in recognition of what would have been 70 years of marriage this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 24 Preschool – 5th grade Teacher Appreciation Luncheon @ Helena Dueck’s;
12:00 – 2:00 pm
June 24-28 VBS with Akron Church of the Brethren
July 3 Lunch Bunch @ Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
July 4 Church Office is closed for the Independence Day holiday

July 5 Men’s Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7:00 am; several presenters
July 6 Pete Seeger legacy evening @ AMC @ 7:00 pm
July 12 Garden Spot Village residents’ gathering @ The Round; 11:30 am – 2:00 pm
July 18 Coffee & Conversation @ Landis Homes 10-11:30; Hybrid #1 Comm. Room

Congregational prayer will continue throughout the summer at 12:30 pm on Thursdays in Rachel Nolt’s office. All are welcome to join.

Save these Dates:

August 2 AMC serves community meal at First United Methodist Church, Ephrata
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):

August 24-26 Annual Planning Retreat at Paradise Lake

PRAYERS

Ruth and Lowell Detweiler are grateful for your continued prayers for Ruth’s healing of a fractured vertebra. Ruth has been transferred to Oregon House at Landis Homes. She welcomes cards and notes at this time.

Mennonite World Conference requests prayers for Anabaptist churches in Nicaragua during this time of political uncertainty and violence; and for Mennonite brothers and sisters in DR Congo as they struggle against economic depression, political instability, the threat of disease, violence, and displacement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINTS OF AMC BOOKS: Today is the last day to sign up in the library if you would like to purchase a copy of Saints of AMC. Deposit your payment in the church office, along with your order, before July 1. --Don and Priscilla Ziegler

THE GIFT DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE has worked to fill the list of volunteer positions at AMC, but there are still a few openings left for you to consider. These positions begin September 1, 2018. The openings are: Vice-Chair of Congregational Council; Chair of Gift Discernment Committee; FLIP Co-Coordinator; Share-A-Life Coordinator; MYF Coordinator; and Mission Festival Coordinator. If you have any interest in any of the above positions or if you know of someone who you think would be open to serving, please be in touch with Janet Weber. Please feel free to contact Janet at 717-733-2132 or email at weberjj@ptd.net.

AMC STAFF SUMMER SCHEDULES: Because of summer travel schedules, it is best to phone the church office to make sure someone is in before you stop by. Melody is away until June 30. Rebecca will be away June 26-29.