

Neufeld, Karyn Nancarvis, Rachel Nolt, Deb Sprunger, and JW Sprunger) is planning worship services to begin at **10:30am in the Assembly Room starting August 5**. Come early to enjoy a cup of coffee and the fellowship of others. May our hearts be filled with laughter.

STAY WOKE!: Sunday, July 15, 2:30-4:30 pm at Tellus 360, 24 E. King St., Lancaster 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, and 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 or 717-951-0731 (Note: Sarah will preach in the July 15 morning worship service at AMC).

AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH
July 8, 2018
What have you to do with us, Jesus?
The Good News according to Mark

GATHERING TOGETHER & PRAISING GOD

Prelude music Cheryl Faul Braun

Song of praise
 STJ 1 (green) *We sing to you, O God* (stanzas 1, 3, 4)

Welcome
 Introduction of guests & Announcements

Call to worship
 Lighting of the peace lamp
 Prayer

HWB 36 (blue) *God of our strength*

STJ 29 (green) *You are all we have*
 Offering and offertory Cheryl Faul Braun
 Offertory prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

screen *Follow, follow Jesus*
 Children's time Susan Blessing
 Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Herman Bontrager, Cyndy Zook,
 and Hibist Siyoum

HWB 377 (blue) *Healer of our every ill* (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Mark 5:21-43
 Sermon *Getting to Healing* Ed & Twila Miller
Linda Helmus

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HWB 372 (blue) *O healing river*

Testimony Jolene Newcomer
 Prayers of the people Randall Justice

STJ 73 (green) *The Lord lift you up*
 Benediction

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,327	\$ 212,493
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 255,000

2018 Income Budget: \$ 510,000

Attendance Last Sunday: 182

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

Pianist Cheryl Faul Braun
 Song Leader Patricia Martin
 Worship Leader Randall Justice
Scripture next week: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 and Revelation 6:1-8; Sarah Thompson, 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

Conversations about Church discussion concludes with its last session for the summer. Please come and join in the conversation and action of reducing barriers for newcomers entering our congregational community. Bring experiences, ideas and imaginations. We will meet at the front of 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. Kay Weidner will share her story this week. Facilitated by Jean Buchen. 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: Daryl & Kanha Mack, Ann Zimmerman
Nursery (Worship and Second Hour): as needed
Coffee Servers: Susan Blessing & Ethel Shank
Ushers: Lloyd Chapman (Head usher), Tim Langeman, David Frey, Linda Frey
Sound/AV Operator: Bryan Beyer
Mug Washers: Jim & Donna Shenk

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12 Garden Spot Village residents' gathering in Concord Rm; 11:30 – 2:00
 July 18 Coffee & Conversation @ Landis Homes 10-11:30; Hybrid #1 Comm. Room

Congregational prayer will not meet this Thursday, but will resume next Thursday (July 19) at 12:30pm.

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

Dear AMC family, Thank you for your prayers, special cards, and notes in the passing away of my two dear sisters Sadie Shertz and Bertha Oatman during the same week. Blessings, Vi Weber

Diamond Street Early Childhood Center (DSECC) appreciates your prayers for its leadership, teachers, staff, and children as they continue their summer programs and get ready for fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION at Landis Homes with Rachel will not meet this Wed., July 11.

THE AGENDA for the July 12 council meeting is posted on the AMC bulletin board.

RACHEL NOLT is out of town July 6-14. For pastoral care please contact Dale and Dot Hershey until July 9th and then contact Melody Rupley for the remainder of the time.

STAFF SUMMER SCHEDULES: Rebecca Pereverzoff is out July 9 – 22. During these two weeks, Janet Weber will fill in Monday through Thursday, mornings only. Pat Martin is out July 11 – 22. Karyn Nancarvis is out July 13-15.

WOULD YOU or someone you know be a good “searcher” and like to serve on the search committee for an Associate Pastor? Please suggest yourself or another as a potential member. A small group, led by David Martin and Charity Shenk as co-chairs, will actively engage in the search process beginning in August. Please send your suggestions to Congregational Chair Nancy Chapman, by Sunday, July 29. The committee will be announced in early August and a blessing for their work will be held during a church service.

AUTHOR ANNE LAMOTT wrote, "Laughter is carbonated holiness." Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr said, "Humor is, in fact, a prelude to faith; and laughter is the beginning of prayer." During August we hope to experience joy, humor, holiness and laughter in our worship services, "Between Heaven and Mirth" (based on *Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life* by James Martin, SJ.) The worship planning group (Rich Crockett, Pat Martin, Carla