## Akron Mennonite Church

## **Connecting with AMC's Graduating Seniors**

Three of our MYF students are Seniors who will be completing high school this year. These young adults have grown up as children of our church. They played in our nursery, participated in preschool church and learned Bible stories during Sunday School class. They were taught music and four part harmony, went Christmas Caroling with Venture Club, and were each a constant presence in the both Jr. MYF and Senior MYF. Each of them were raised in this Anabaptist-Mennonite peace church, where you, their teachers, mentors, advisers and spiritual guides, have passed on your value of relationships and deep friendships across all cultures and life stages. Each Senior is looking forward to the future, equipped with the values our congregation helped to instill. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers as they find their way in this world. Priscilla Ziegler was fortunate enough to catch up with each of our Seniors. Following are excerpts from those conversations. ~ Tim Nancarvis

**Anna Clemens:** Anna came to AMC with Dad and Mom when she was two. Moving from Bucks County where they attended West Swamp Mennonite Church, they have a unique story of how they found us! Jim Amstutz was their pastor at West Swamp.

As Anna grew up with her church family surrounding her, she has come to deeply appreciate the value of service and love toward all people, not just those who think

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like us. She is quick to add that this has given her a strong base for being Christ-like in the next steps of her life journey.



Her strong supportive family is her anchor, giving her encouragement and freedom to be who she is meant to be. Anna has stretched this gift to boundless energy and choices as she gives and receives what life offers.

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June Activities

**June Birthdays** 

Anna's experiences with Martial Arts reinforced the encouragement as she worked her way to receive a black belt. The journey taught Anna lessons in self-control, patience, and confidence.

As Anna graduates from Conestoga Valley this spring, she reflects on her experiences and growth edge throughout these years. Selfmotivated, Anna excels in all areas that she embraces. She participates in choir, theatre, orchestra (violin), and band with French horn. A note of interest here is that she never took lessons on the horn. The band director needed a French horn member, offered Anna the position, and her response was "Why not!"

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Anna also excels in academics. She loves all subjects as she welcomes the challenge of learning and growing. Anna does remind herself to relax and not be driven to perfection. She acknowledges that her diverse gifts are an asset and a challenge.

Anna points to her US history teacher as one who positively influenced her when she took his AP course. The connection is still strong as she interns for him during the current AP US History class.

Stony Brook University on Long Island is Anna's choice for college. She will major in Psychology, which appeals to her with its multi-faceted approaches to the human dilemma. She likes problem-solving and noting the interactions and motivations of others. Beyond college, Anna considers taking a break for service before pursuing her graduate studies.

Because her life is full and rewarding, Anna notes that she and her family give priority to their time together, to quality family exchange. By far, Anna is the most extraverted and talkative in this family of Kristen Sims, Jon, and brother Peter. This is evident in playing games as well as their conversations.

A highlight family trip was to Disney World. One member of the family loved it so much that they went a second time! Her family also enjoys movie night together.

Anna takes with her a strong affinity with her community here at AMC. She says she could come back later since she shares the values and commitment to life together. However, she would hesitate to return to start a career in Lancaster County where the majority of political views are conservative and people seem to polarize.

Anna has been active in MYF these past four years, and currently she has a seat on church council.



## Matthew Nancarvis: Matthew has been

coming to AMC since he was very young. He grew up

being loved and surrounded by this community. He has warm feelings about being nurtured by caring adults that he will take with him when he graduates.

He has bonded with his AMC peers, even as they have attended different schools. They have come through Sunday school together, followed by four years of MYF, forming friendships that will hold as they go their separate ways.

Matthew has found the MYF service projects to be formative in his growth and respect for others of different lifestyles. He highlights the week the MYF spent in West Virginia working on home reconstruction. He was in Jan Brubaker's cluster and remembers vividly the excitement of lifting the house off of its foundation!

This team made friends with Cynthia who was the owner of the house. She impressed Matthew with her resiliency and her deep gratitude for their help.

This summer Matthew looks forward to their next venture to help in Colorado.

Matthew graduates from Warwick High School this spring and is planning to attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, with an interest in architectural drawing.

Science and gym are two of Matthew's favorite subjects in high school. His electronics teacher is one he appreciates for his friendly openness. The students find him personable and motivating.

Matthew played soccer, football and later participated in track and field. He even played rugby with the rugby club.

Matthew was home schooled through third grade when he began at John Bon-

field Elementary School. He is the middle of five children of Karyn and Tim Nancarvis. He is older brother to the younger ones and helps around the house.

There is always something going on in the Nancarvis house, with friends being welcomed there. Sports are a big part of this family and friends.

Church has been an integral part of Matthew's young life. He says that, if he decides to settle in this area, he would like to come back to AMC and be part of the young adults. He visualizes a vital community of the younger generation as AMC changes and progresses.

## *Makena Zimmerman:* Makena is the third generation to be part of our AMC family. Her grandparents, Kerm and Sharon Yoder came here almost fifty years ago when Makena's mother, Karmen was in Pre School.

Makena feels cared about and loved in this community of kind and generous people. She finds everyone she meets to be open and willing to talk to her.

In addition, Makena says AMC has helped her formation in the ways of peace, patience, and open-mindedness with others. She added that above this, love conquers all. She thanks her church community for this world perspective.

Makena says she will take this gift with her as she leaves us for college. In addition, she promises to keep her church family in her continuing thoughts.

Makena feels her bond with her own close-knit family. She is older sister to Janessa with parents Karmen and Phil. They shared a special time every Sunday night as they eagerly waited for and watched the latest episode of Downton Abbey. Sadness prevailed when the series ended.

She also cherishes the relationships and memories of the annual week at the beach with her extended Yoder family. Two years ago Makena was part of the reunion of Yoder family in Nairobi. Karmen could now show her daughters where she went to elementary school at Rosslyn Academy.

Makena graduates in June 2016 from Warwick High School. Her early school years were at Kissel Hill Elementary School. Her Art teachers have influenced her in positive ways by being open and creative. They embrace differences and are flexible, allowing each student to be unique.

Makena has studied mixed media, ceramics, printing (as in T-shirt), and even making jewelry. She plans to continue honing her artistic talents in college.

English teachers inspire Makena as they model ways to think outside the box. All of these teachers have helped in her formation.

Makena is an outstanding student who was awarded membership in three honor societies: National Art, National Academic, and National Spanish.

Another of her passions is soccer. This year was a good season for her soccer finale, enjoying the teamwork and close friends. Makena played on the Warwick Girls Varsity team and participated in the soccer club. She plans to play soccer in college.

Goshen College is Makena's choice for next year. She considers pursuing studies in Biology and Spanish and looks forward to studying abroad.

~Priscilla Ziegler, June 2016







### *Midwives of Divinity Melody Rupley*

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Last month I shared reflections on the holiness of a whole connected community of faith. During this time of change at AMC, we nurture the light of the sacred in one another and we feel blessed and beloved as God's children because we are connected together. We are many points of light with an opportunity to radiate God's love.

#### **Constellation** Larry Schug



We are shining stars, each a light unto ourselves, yet bound together by an invisible thread. We revolve around each other, form shifting patterns of brilliance, power, grace and love in our luminous dance. We challenge the night that surrounds us all. but cannot dampen the light we radiate as we work, laugh, dance and love together.

Jesus' very holistic teaching speaks to us about the dance of change. He warns against our temptation to see ourselves as independent and "good" on our own. Jesus calls us to a radical transformation of mind and heart. We are to turn toward participation, knowing that we are part of something, that we live as a community of believers within the love and mercy of God, serving each other. Our sacred selves come together to radiate love—people know we are Believers by our love.

Because of our holy wholeness we allow the Spirit of love to love through us, bringing transformative change. We are empowered to live our true oneness with our neighbors, with the outsider, with the enemy, with nature and, through all of these, with the Divine. We are called to be a community of believers living God's love.

I like the way Sister Ilia Delio describes our call—

God's call is to a life of commitment to love to give birth to God in one's own life and to become midwives of divinity in this evolving cosmos. We are to be wholemakers of love in a world of change.

May it be so.

## **Finding Our True Selves in Jesus** A four-part worship series on the gospel in Romans By Marty Troyer, Houston (TX) Mennonite Church June 5- June 26 at AMC

Would your spiritual life change if you were comfortable bringing all of who you are to God? Would your relationships at home, church, or with friends change if you could be yourself without hiding?

Our culture makes transparency feel like an unlikely dream or misguided goal. Our public, private, and secret selves are guarded and groomed to ensure high functionality and the appearance of stability. This same guardedness impacts our relationship with God and can have a devastating effect on our faith.

"Many are taught to come to God much like we go to church: first clean up, dress up, and put on a passive 'everything's OK' appearance that masks what's really going on inside," (*FaithWalking* 101). But faith can only thrive when we bring all of who we are to all we understand of God. Authenticity is not only essential, it's a foundation block for followers of Christ.



The book of Romans calls us back time and again to the simplest truth of our existence: *God's faithfulness in the midst of human frail-ty.* We can be ourselves before God, and with others, because we get our identity from God and God's grace—not goodness, not our

own justification, not social acceptance, not wealth, approval, reputation, or works, but from God and God alone.

We all struggle with bringing our true selves to church. We tell ourselves, "Who wants to hear about my job loss, depression, missional failure or doubts this week?" When we do this we leave our true selves at the front door.

The church has an obligation to create safe space where our full authentic selves are welcome. We need to wrestle honestly with issues of integrity, brokenness, and redemption. Ignoring the way we humans are wired to mask our private and secret selves won't help. In this series let's explore redemption in the book of Romans and set aside our false selves to allow God's love to transform us into the new people God intends.

Our frailty is fact. But equal fact is the power of God's transforming love. From there we can either cover up, or grow up, but never both. I encourage you to accept Christ's path of transformation. – Marty Troyer, edited

This worship series has an at-home study guide that relates to each weekly theme and scripture. A copy can be requested and sent via email (contact Pat Martin at <u>pmartin@akronmench.org</u>) or pick up a hard copy on the welcome desk at AMC.

Patricia Martin, Minister of Music and Worship

## Gertrude's Gifts

Earlier this year, AMC received a gift from the estate of Gertrude Habegger. While this gift is unexpected, like many of you I am not surprised, because I remember the generosity of Gertrude's support and encouragement toward me during the time that I served as Chair of Council. One time, after I served as worship leader, she asked me for a copy of the prayer I had given, and expressed great appreciation for my presence that morning. Many of you, I suspect, think fondly of our friend Gertrude, and it is with deepest gratitude and appreciation that we receive this generous manifestation of her deep commitment to AMC.

This gift came without restriction, and based on AMC's gift policy, and through discernment with Treasurer Doug Dirks, the Stewardship Committee recommended that the proceeds from this gift be used to replenish the long term maintenance fund, which was tapped at



the end of 2015 to meet our quarterly Outreach distributions. By placing this gift in this fund, we hope to honor the generosity of the gift by pacing the use of the funds over a longer period of time.

As we celebrate this gift, I want to remind each of you that gifts like these have a great impact on AMC. If you are considering a future gift, or have already designated a gift from your estate to AMC here are a few things to keep in mind. When AMC receives an unrestricted gift the first \$25,000 will be used for the general fund. Amounts above that will be equally divided in thirds between the general and education endowments; the long term maintenance and building fund; and used at the discretion of Council and its designees.

AMC also welcomes restricted gifts but strongly encourages individuals considering this kind of giving to review your wishes with the Treasurer and/or Stewardship Committee to ensure that AMC can honor your designation. There might be instances where the gift cannot be used as a donor directs.

Again, we hope that in celebrating this gift of generosity, all of us will be reminded of Gertrude Habegger's abiding presence among us, and through our own generosity that we will honor her legacy and commitment to AMC.

Renny Magill

Chair, Stewardship Committee

## Dates to Remember

- June 2 Men's breakfast 7:00 am @ Udder Choice; presenter Elvin Stoltzfus
- June 5 Council Open Hours in Sabbath Room with Randall Justice and Joanne Ranck Dirks
- June 5 New Discipleship Hour classes begin
- June 7 Lunch Bunch at Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
- June 9 AMC Council meeting 7:00pm
- June 10-12 AMC Family Camping Weekend at Hickory Run State Park

## Pray For One Another

## James 5:16

The purpose of "Pray For One Another" is to help us be aware of and pray for members of AMC who, for whatever reason, are unable to participate in Sunday morning worship services on a regular basis. Scripture admonishes us to pray. It is one of the joys of the Christian life and part of what makes us community. The names of people listed may change from time to time. If you know of someone you would like to be included with those named here, please be in touch with the church office.



Charlotte Biris Irma Bowman Honey (Marilyn) Hernley Carolyn & John Horst Paul & Dorothy Martin Phillip Rutt Amela & Randy Puljek-Shank Madeline Yoder



IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD TO THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SUB-MIT YOUR ENTRY VIA EMAIL TO AMC@AKRONMENCH.ORG NO LATER THAN WED., JUNE 22. THANKYOU!

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## **Opportunities for Meaningful Connections with Women Attending AMC**

## Service Projects:

Currently, no service projects are planned for the Summer.

## Stories that Heal and Shape Us

We will be offering a third series of Sister Care discipleship hour storytelling sessions beginning on June 5 and running through July 31, including eight sessions, one each Sunday except for July 3. The weekly sessions will involve a different AMC sister each Sunday speaking from her life journey, focusing on themes of joy or loss or selecting pivotal experiences that greatly influenced her. Women of AMC, plan to come and learn to know your AMC sisters better!

Women Sharing:			Convener:		
	June 5	Mary Ann Sarker	Ethel Shank		
	June 12	Sue Broaddus	Ethel Shank		
	June 19	Margaret Eby	Twila Miller		
	June 26	Joanne Dirks	Marilyn Langeman		
	July 3	No Class			
	July 10	Sandra Wood	Ethel Shank		
	July 17	Amy Martin Burkholder	Jean Buchen		
	July 24	Tonya Wenger	Jean Buchen		
	July 31	Sally Wise	Marilyn Langeman		

## Room #10

Planners: Jean Buchen, Marilyn Langeman, Ethel Shank & Twila Miller

## Third Tuesday Brown Bag Lunch / 11:00 - 1:00

No brown bag lunches are planned for the summer.

## Tomato Pepper Jack Soup from Women's Half Day Retreat

Ingredients:

1 medium onion, chopped	2 T Butter	2—14 1/2 cans diced tomatoes, undrained			
2-103/4 oz. cans condensed tomato soup		1 1/2 cups milk (whole or 2%)			
1 t sugar	1 t dried basil	1 t paprika			
1/4 t garlic powder	4 oz. shredded Pepp	er Jack Cheese			
5 dashes Tabasco sauce	1 dash Worcestersh	ire sauce			
1—8-oz block cream cheese (cube	d)				

<u>Directions:</u> Saute onion in the butter (in dutch oven). Stir in tomatoes, soup, sugar, and all dry spices. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer 10-15 minutes. In a blender mix milk, cream cheese, and pepper jack cheese together until creamy. Stir milk and cheese mixture, Tabasco and Worcestershire sauce into tomato mix and heat.



Many in the congregation are affected by mental illness either personally or because they journey with a friend or family member who experiences mental illness. Thanks to Mary Steffy, we had an opportunity to talk openly about this at church on May 8. Melanie Baer spoke about her work at Philhaven.

Did you know that Philhaven offers free Mental Health First Aid? In the same way that CPR helps you assist an individual having a medical emergency, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health related problem or crisis – even if you have no clinical training. In this eight-hour course held at Philhaven's Training and Community Center at Mt. Gretna, you will learn to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance. This training for adults is underwritten by Philhaven as part of its commitment to improving the mental health and resilience of our community.

## Dates for Courses in 2016 are as follows:

Focusing on how to provide first aid to adults: July 11, August 9, October 11 and November 8

Focusing on how to provide first aid to youth: June 14, July 12, September and December 13.

Registration can be done by going to Philhaven's website: philhaven.org/calendar MHFA

If you are interested, you are invited to talk to Marilyn Langeman, who attended the adult course and plans to take the youth course in June. (717-859-3840 or email: <u>ken.marilyn.langeman@gmail.com</u>)

ADNET (Anabaptist Disabilities Network) has a vision that faith communities are transformed when individuals with disabilities and their God-given gifts and experiences enjoy full inclusion in the Body of Christ. If you have a suggestion of other stories to be shared or you would be willing to write your own, please contact Marilyn Langeman, phone 859-3840.



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## June at AMC & In the Community

**The annual AMC camping weekend** June 10-12 is approaching quickly. Please let Dawn Nolt know if you are planning to attend, and whether you're interested in sharing meals. Hope to see you at Hickory Run! Contact Dawn at 626-9563 or <u>dks965@aol.com</u>



New Discipleship Hour classes begin June 5. They are:

Stories that Heal and Shape Us (see p. 7 in the newsletter for a full description) Koinonia will continue to meet in Rm. 222 for sharing, prayer, and discussion Focus on Mission will meet in the Sanctuary. The presenters and dates for this class are:

June 5	MDS	Kevin King
June 12	Camp Deerpark	Ken Bontrager
June 19	Bridge of Hope local chapter	Tamara Fox
June 26	TABOR	Phyllis Stacks
July 3	No Discipleship Hour classes	
July 10	Atlantic Coast Conference	Joanne Dietzel
July 17	MennoMedia	Steve Carpenter
July 24	<b>Conscience International for</b>	<b>Richard Sarker</b>
	Bangladesh project	
July 31	No Longer Alone	Ann King-Grosh

**MCC is looking for one-way transportation to Harrisonburg, Virginia,** for Mr. Chien Vuong on Sunday, June 5. Chien works out of MCC's Hanoi, Vietnam office and has been taking classes at EMU's Summer Peacebuilding Institute but will be visiting Akron and the United Nations office in New York City from May 30 through June 4. He speaks English well and is very personable. If you are headed near Harrisonburg and would be willing to take him with you, please contact Colette Stetler at MCC at 717-859-1151 or email her at <u>colettestetler@mcc.org</u>.



Thanks!

**MCC East Coast** needs donations of non-perishable food. A distribution is planned through Anabaptist ministries in New York City in late June. Each box will contain the following:

These items are needed at the Material Resources Center in Ephrata by **Friday, June 10**. Please contact James Wheeler (jameswheeler@mcc.org or 717-733-2847) to coordinate your donation.

**12th Annual Heritage Day** at Fairmount Homes Retirement Community. Saturday, June 4 from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Theme is "Remembering our Rural Heritage" and includes food; antique cars, tractors, and farm equipment; buggy and antique car rides; silent auction; children's activities; self-guided tours of the Muddy Creek Farm Library Museum, and much more.



## Summer hours to volunteer at Peter's Porch—435 Main St., Akron:

Wed., June 8: 6-8 pm pack food and sort clothing Wed., June 15: 6-8 pm sort clothing Sat., June 18: 8-10:30 am food bank is open, serve breakfast, carry groceries as needed Wed., July 6: 6-8 pm pack food and sort clothing Wed., July 13: 6-8 pm sort clothing Sat., July 16: 8-10:30 am food bank is open, serve breakfast, carry groceries as needed Wed., Aug. 10: 6-8 pm pack food and sort clothing Wed., Aug. 17: 6-8 pm sort clothing Sat., Aug. 20: 8-10:30 am food bank is open, serve breakfast, carry groceries as needed

**Note:** In summer, they especially welcome volunteer help while their regulars are on vacation. Call Tracy Lagaza at Zion Lutheran Church (717-859-2100) for more information or to sign up for a particular date and time.

## From the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society:



## What Young Historians are Thinking Come hear from young and early career historians with connections to the historic peace churches present their research. The event will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 4,

at Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church. Topics will include the treatment of Moravians during the American Revolution, a Mennonite influenced radio station for the Soviet Un-

ion, and the intersection of the Amish community with the American legal system.

## Music in the Orchard

Come to the 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum for this year's first of a five summer concert series on Saturday. June 11. 6 pm. It is sure to be a rollicking performance by Vinegar Creek Constituency and an opening by Daryl Snider. Tickets are \$8 for adults on concert day at the site. Children under 12 are free.



## A Sense of Place

Join three Lancaster County Mennonite related artists-Freiman Stoltzfus, Letitia Weaver, and Amy LeFeverdiscuss their work, their backgrounds, and influencing factors on their art. The panel will be moderated by Chad Martin, a Mennonite artist and pastor. This meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 17, at James Street Mennonite Church, 323 W. James St, Lancaster, Pa.

**Volunteers Needed**—Would you be willing to volunteer with the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society? There are dozens of opportunities to consider. We invite any persons between ages 12 and 112 to help at the headquarters on Millstream Road, Lancaster, or at the 1719 Herr House near Willow Street. If you are interested in volunteering, call (717) 393-9745 or email Dorothy Siegrist at manager@lmhs.org.

The 21st annual EMM Global Fair will be held Saturday, July 9, 2016 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Hans Herr House, 1849 Hans Herr Drive, Willow St., PA. All are invited to this family-friendly event. Celebrate summer, a variety of cultures, and God's work around the world—all at the same time.

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## FAIR TRADE FUN STUFF @ Ten Thousand Villages in Ephrata

\*\*\*\* Play Party Luncheons, June 6-8 @ 12:30.

June 6: Let's Color!

June 7: Let's Dance! (with world folk dance instructor Zita Angelo)

June 8: Play with Food! Details and reservations at the store website, <u>ephra-</u> <u>ta.tenthousandvillages.com</u>, or call the Cafe @ Ten Thousand Villages, 717.721.8400.

**\*\*\*\* Dads & Kids Night Out, Saturday, June 18 @ 6 p.m.** Fun food and Rhythm Ruckus. Look for details and reservations on <u>Facebook</u>. Plan time to shop for artisan-crafted home decor, personal accessories, gifts, and fine rugs. All purchases support sustainable and dignified livelihood for artisans around the world.

## More Than One Thing is True: Agony and Ecstasy Below Cloud Nine



That is the title of a memoir written by Urbane Peachey and published in April 2016. Urbane was pastor at AMC from 1986 to 2000. There are three sections: Lived experience in Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon; Commonality in Islam and Christianity; and Pastoral Life. Urbane writes: "I have tried to revisit and capture the spirit of major areas of life. In the fast moving complexities of the years there was not enough opportunity to understand what was happening at the time." The writing flows anecdotally.

The book is available from Masthof Press, 219 Mill Rd., Morgantown, PA 19543 (www.masthofpress.com) for \$14.00 plus tax and shipping.

"This is an exceptional memoir. Urbane Peachey's significant life stories and

**thoughtful reflections are well written as well as inspirational.**" —Dr. John A. Lapp, historian, college and church administrator. Goshen, IN

Please note: AMC will soon be getting a copy of Urbane's memoir for the library.

## Rebirth 1971 album re-released

Rebirth is back! After 45 years on vinyl, the band Rebirth (Jim Krabill, Mel Lehman, Elaine Warfel, Dean Clemmer, and Rob Eby) is emerging again with a re-release of their third and final self-titled album.

As unknown college troubadours in 1969 no one could have predicted the success to come, which led totwo national tours and several recordings. Their original songs and powerful arrangements of folk and Christian rock classics won them devoted fans still loving them today.



As seniors at Eastern Mennonite College, they peaked with a recording contract and an offer of a one-year touring contract from a national campus ministry. They graduated, took a VW bug and their music to state-of-theart studios in Atlanta and NYC and made their third and final recording. But then the magic died as they all pursued separate careers.

Order today at <u>www.rebirthforsale.com</u>. Any proceeds will benefit the Eastern Mennonite University Sadie A. Hartzler Library.



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## Akron Mennonite Church

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- ◊ Worship @ 9:00 am
- ◊ Coffee/Tea Fellowship from 10:15-10:40 am
- Christian Education & Discipleship Hour from 10:40-11:30 am

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#### AMC Vision Statement

Akron Mennonite Church will be fully engaged in God's mission in a broken world as we are called, equipped and sent by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in life. Shaped by the gifts and vision of our members, we will keep Christ and church at the center of our lives as we reach out to neighbors near and far and witness to the world around us through an Anabaptist-Mennonite expression of faith.

#### Statement on Human Sexuality

We are a community of believers seeking to respond with God's love to all people. We celebrate the strength of our unity in the midst of our diversity of experiences, perspectives and understanding of Scripture. We seek to be a community of grace and reconciliation and so welcome into membership all who confess faith in Jesus Christ, including those in same-gender covenant relationships. We are committed to engaging in God's mission in a broken world through an Anabaptist-Mennonite faith perspective.