

## Connecting with Phil and Terri Hess

When Terri and Phil were growing up in Lancaster County, they could not have imagined that they would be living the life they have now. They look at it as a 180-degree turn. Terri was going to be a nurse and Phil had no thoughts of going to college. Life has a way of offering us alternatives.

Phil and Terri met in junior high school, and dated off and on throughout high school at Garden Spot High School in New Holland, Pennsylvania. Terri was active in extra-curricular activities. She thoroughly enjoyed school and her friends. She waitressed year-round to earn money to fulfill her dream of attending nursing school.

Terri grew up in New Holland the third child of Frederick and Violet Schnader, a close-knit family. Extended families lived nearby and there were weekly visits to each side.

Terri experienced positive years at St. Stephen's UCC where she was baptized as an infant and confirmed at thirteen. She has fond memories of Bible school, Sunday school, youth group, and church camp.

Some of Terri's best memories are of walking to and from New Holland Elementary School. She remembers walking with her mother to "shop" downtown. She tells of loving and supportive parents.

Life changed forever when her father was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1971. He made a miraculous recovery with his strong will to live. However, two years later, as Terri was entering her senior year, her father died from a second tumor.

This was life changing for Terri and altered her plans for nursing school. She chose to stay closer to home to support her mother, since she was the last child. That's how she chose Kutztown State College and majored in special education.

Phil was the youngest of six children to parents Robert and Martha. Their family life was shaped by a mixture of faith perspectives with Martha coming from a less conservative background. The family played games together, which was a bonding time.

Phil had a lot of freedom to play and roam with friends around his home in Terre Hill. His memories include playing sports at the local park, swimming at the pool or at the lake to enjoy nature.

Phil was shaped by his place in the family as last of six born in eight years. By the time he was in his formative years, his mother had her hands full with the first five. His dad worked long hours in his medical practice, and Phil didn't experience much guidance or support from parents. He knew they loved him and would do anything for him, even though they didn't provide much day-to-day direction.



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### Worship Schedule

- May 7 - - Rachel Nolt
- 14 - - Karyn Nancarvis
- 21 - - Nelson Okanya
- 28 - - Rachel Nolt

As a result, Phil says, he didn't develop a sense of right and wrong. He was a spoiled rich kid who didn't give any effort at school, church or anything that wasn't fun. Phil was a marginal student with average grades. He never thought of going to college or what he would do for a living.

When he graduated from high school in the lower half of his class, Phil didn't have many options, and that didn't bother him. Parents said that the children could go to college - as long as it was Goshen.

Goshen College accepted him in spite of his academic record. The first two years were a repeat of high school. He had a lot of fun, played soccer, but had marginal grades and little focus. He decided to drop out and work back home.

Phil got a job for a large construction company. He renewed his long-term relationship with Terri who was at Kutztown, now majoring in speech and pathology. Phil and Terri were married in June 1978, two weeks after her graduation. They felt fortunate to have Truman and Betty Brunk who counseled them, and performed their marriage ceremony. They went to Jamaica for their honeymoon.

At this point Phil realized he didn't want to work in construction the rest of his life, so he decided to go back to college.

He and Terri moved to Goshen in 1979 where he enrolled, still not sure what to study. But he knew he needed a degree. He majored in biology because he liked nature. He was also influenced by thoughts of becoming a doctor. He began with no study skills, but in process, learned how to study, and ended with a good GPA to graduate.

A formable influence for Phil and Terri were his uncle and aunt in Goshen who took them under their wing and were a good resource for them. Uncle was a doctor at the local hospital and he got a job for Phil in the respiratory therapy department while he finished school. Terri worked as a speech therapist in Goshen.

With a Biology degree in hand, they moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, half way between their two jobs. Phil worked as a respiratory therapist in a local hospital. This continued for five years, as he became a registered therapist and supervisor at Polyclinic Hospital. Terri worked in Juniata County.

During this time Terri began graduate work, commuting to Bloomsburg University where she earned her master's degree in speech and language pathology. Next she enrolled in a full year of supervision to receive her certification in clinical competency. It was a full-time commitment of focus and she had support from Phil the whole way.

They moved closer to Phil's job when Joy was born in 1983. They found a church community at Spring Creek Church of the Brethren. It was in a small group there that they made their first connection to Philhaven Hospital. Diehl Snyder, the medical director at Philhaven, was in their small group and encouraged Phil to get his MBA in health care administration.

Terri and Phil took the steps to move to Durham, North Carolina, where Phil was accepted at Duke University. Their time in North Carolina was rich with friends and growing in faith. It would have been easy to stay there. They found a small church, Durham Mennonite, where they were baptized together. Even Phil's father traveled to visit as they made their faith commitment.

With his MBA, Phil had a variety of job offers, and they felt led to return to Pennsylvania. The pull was also family including aging parents, as they moved to Hershey. Phil accepted the position as assistant to the medical director at Philhaven. They welcomed second child Hannah in 1989.

The next year they moved to Ephrata and, after church shopping, chose AMC. Philip was born shortly after they became members. Phil had come to AMC as an adolescent when his parents transferred from Monterey, our mother church.

Terri and Phil have always felt the support of Phil's parents' friends who were very welcoming and supportive all through the years. They appreciated the mentoring programs for all of their children as they grew up at AMC.

Phil and Terri have been active in giving of their talents to church life. They were MYF advisors, Phil chaired the DSECC board, Terri served on hospitality committee for extended terms as well as on DSECC board. They feel enriched by working with many special people in these roles.

As their children grew, Phil and Terri became engaged in the community through their interests, school, and sports events. This continued beyond high school, and parents traveled to many games to support their participation in college sports.

Their children's lives have greatly enriched their own. Phil's great joy in life has been to help his children develop a strong moral compass and a healthy life perspective.

The family shares memories of vacations to the beaches of North Carolina and Virginia, as well as time together on holidays and at the cottage. The children enjoy each other as adults. This ongoing bond of children with parents, and now including four grandchildren, is a gift.

Terri reflects with gratitude on her stable childhood with loving parents, and the quiet, strong witness of Phil's parents to their family. "They were a vital part of our lives and now, several years since their deaths, are missed with the reality of how much impact they had in our thinking and grounding of our faith almost daily."

Terri currently finds satisfaction in her job with S. June Smith center as a speech-language pathologist where she has been for twenty-five years. When she is not working, Terri enjoys entertaining, gardening, auctions, antiques, fitness, reading, nature, and now being a grandmother tops the list.

Phil has been at Philhaven since 1988 and after several positions there, he now uses his skills and gifts as Philhaven's CEO. He has stayed in spite of other employment opportunities. He believes in its mission and values, and he works with great people. Phil enjoys cooking, reading, racquet sports, fishing and anything out of doors.

Both Phil and Terri credit each other for the persons they are today. Phil is quick to offer, "Life began when I met Terri. She is the love of my life. It will end when one of us dies." Terri joins in, "There is no greater blessing than to share your life with a person who is your soul mate."

Terri shares a verse that has been in her heart throughout her life. Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

~Priscilla Ziegler

## *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  
Becca Martin

Al Claassen  
Paul Martin

Carolyn & John Horst  
Philip Rutt

Amela & Randy Puljek-Shank



## Keeping up with AMC's Youth



Norm and Sandi Richard Wood found creative ways to entertain and host our MYF for supper club this month! They shared stories over a taco meal which Sandi and Norm prepared and had some fun trying to recite tongue twisters like "Peter Piper" with plastic dental mouth guards in their mouths. Craziess! They all took a walk and played in the park near their house in Talmage. Great smiles all around. 😊 thank you for special memories and hosting Sandi and Norm!

*Below:* The MYF and Jr. MYF joined together for a pizza social at Infinitos on April 23.



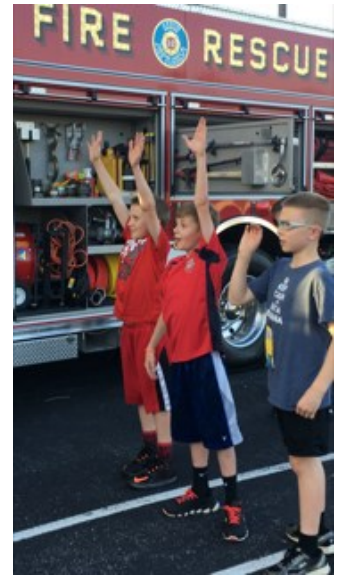
### **Upcoming MYF events:**

- \* **May 5-6—Lock-in at AMC including supper, techno-bowling at Dutch Lanes, making giant Dutch Blitz cards, and concluding with breakfast**
- \* **May 7 — Mug washing and dessert fundraiser following fellowship meal**
- \* **May 27—Supper club at Bryan and Carolyn Beyer's**
- \* **Dates TBD: Supper clubs hosted by Anne Weaver/Esther Hostetter & Steve Zook/Charity Shenk**
- \* **July 4-8: MCUSA Convention in Orlando, FL**



## Connect!

The Connect! Program families hosted a light meal (Thank you Carolyn Beyer and Dawn Nolt!) and a visit from our neighbors the Akron Fire Company on April 26. The children and parents alike enjoyed interacting with the equipment and each of crew members. We learned about fire Safety, the vast amount of training involved and the serious amount of equipment needed. We were impressed with all they do and how well they do it! *Photos by Karyn Nancarvis*



## “Neighbor” Signs from AMC Provide Welcome in Indianapolis

In December, Marie Harnish stopped by the AMC office to ask if she could take a “We’re Glad You’re Our Neighbor” sign back to Indianapolis to share with her church. She also shared a sign with her neighbor, the pastor of Fairview Presbyterian church. Both churches have promoted the sign. Click on this link to view the article that was featured on the website of The Indy Channel, rtv6 (ABC):

<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/local-news/signs-popping-up-on-indys-north-side-offer-message-of-inclusion-acceptance-to-all>



## *Welcoming those with vision loss*



How do we at Akron Mennonite church welcome people who have disabilities of some sort? Mark Pickens has written about his own experience with vision loss in an article that appears on the Anabaptist Disabilities Network website.

Mark asks the church not to only accommodate people with disabilities but to invite their service as well.

Here are excerpts from his article:

I was born with the ability to see, and never expected the vision loss that happened during high school. I was diagnosed with two rare eye diseases that were caused by high spinal fluid pressure. The pressure damaged and destroyed most of the optic nerves in both eyes.

The medical prognosis I received as a teenager was that the damage was incurable. However, **healing has come through a renewed and redefined sense of vision.** Just as Jesus declared that the blind will see (John 9:39), I have been given the gift of seeing through faith; a spiritual, emotional, and moral deepening from which to view the world.

As a member and a trained minister of the Church of the Brethren, I am mindful of the church's need to better view people with disabilities as a whole being.

This need stands out to me during church potlucks. Because of my low vision, I need assistance identifying and being served food. Caring and well-intentioned fellow church members insist that they extend their assistance to carrying my plate of food, my cup, or even my dirty dishes, despite my not needing this help. While I fully appreciate assistance in some needed ways, I also want to be recognized for my capabilities. A full invitation to enjoy this potluck, for me, would be assistance in identifying food and then, dishing it out myself, and perhaps being put to work by helping to clean up afterwards. This approach is empowering. It means that I, or others with disabilities, feel fully "seen" and understood. Dignity, respect, and value is communicated to people with disabilities when we are not just seen for our need, but also enabled to serve from our gifts.

These types of experiences have led me to envision a body of Christ that practices hospitality to those with disability through a "kingdom-model." A kingdom model means that we not only provide accommodations to those with disabilities, but also provide opportunities for them to serve others. This is crucially important when it comes to creating positive and reciprocal relationships.

(See full article at: <http://www.adnetonline.org/Blog/Pages/Redefining-Vision.aspx>)

Submitted by Marilyn Langeman



**ADNET**  
Anabaptist Disabilities Network

## ***Bangladesh project update***

We are pleased to announce that the Shambhuganj project in Bangladesh launched a children's nutrition program on Sunday, April 2 with the generous support from friends and family. Many of the 195 students who attend our school walk more than a mile each way to reach the school. Most of these children come from very poor families who are not able to provide a proper meal before they come to school. There is no guarantee that they get a meal when they walk back another mile after school. These children suffer from a poor diet, as the parents can't afford to buy the more nutritious food items with their daily income from manual labor jobs.

Since good nutrition is important for their growth and brain function, we decided to serve a simple nutritious hot meal five days a week during their break at noon. We hired a cook and trained her to cook a simple meal locally called "KHICHURI" which consists of rice, potatoes, lentils, locally grown vegetables, cooking oil and mild spices. It is a very common, yet delicious and inexpensive meal which provides good nutrition at a low cost. Each meal costs an average of 25 cents per serving, all inclusive. We will also serve alternate menu items such as eggs, bananas, bread and other items as available based on feedback from teachers, children and the parents. —Richard Sarker



### ***How to make Khichuri***

#### **Ingredients:**

4 medium potatoes (cubed)	
1/2 tsp red chilli powder	1/2 tsp sugar
1/2 tsp turmeric powder	
1 1/4 cup green gram split, (moong dal) roasted	
250 gms cauliflower florets	250 gms.
6 cup water (approx)	salt to taste
6 green chillies	1 1/4 cup rice
2 tsp cumin powder	1/2 cup peas

#### **For The Seasoning**

4 tblsp Ghee	2 Bay Leaves
3 Red Chillies Whole	4 Green Cardamoms
6 Cloves	2 Cinnamon 1 inch pieces

#### **How to make khichuri :**

Roast moong dal, cut cauliflower florets and slit green chillies. Make a paste of turmeric powder, cumin powder and red chilli powder. Wash rice and drain. Take sufficient water in a big size pot and stir fry dal and rice in it. When the rice is half done mix in masala paste, green chillies and vegetables, simmer (boil slowly at low temperature) till they are cooked. In the meanwhile dal and rice will also be cooked. Make a flavor by heating ghee mix in red chillies, bay leaves, garam masala and stir fry for a minute. Stir in the flavor mixture into cooked khichuri. Serve hot with pure ghee on top.



## May (and beyond) at AMC & In the Community

### May Upcoming Events

- May 2** Lunch Bunch @ Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
- 3** Connect @ AMC @ 6:00 pm; flag football clinic by Dylan Nolt & Isaac Nancarvis
- 4** Men's Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7:00 am; Dennis Ernest, presenter
- 4** AMC Women's Work Night @ 6:00 pm @ the New Holland Reuzit Shop
- 6** Share-A-Life hike 9:00—11:00 am; meet and pickup @ Middle Creek Visitors Center
- 6** Library Committee Book Buy @ LMHS 9-11 am
- 7** Fellowship meal & MYF dessert fundraiser
- 9** Late spring yoga series begins; 6:00 pm in AMC's Assembly Room
- 10** Connect! weaving removal ceremony and Ice cream social @ 6 pm
- 11** AMC council meets @ 7 pm
- 13** Deacon spring gathering @ AMC 9 am
- 18** AMC provides community meal @ Ephrata United Methodist Church
- 19-20** EMM Board meets at AMC
- 21** 55+ meets @ noon in Assembly Room; Bob Wyble, presenter

### SAVE THESE DATES

June 9-11 Annual AMC Camping Weekend  
Locust Lake State Park

### CREATION CARE PROJECT: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SPRING THROUGH FALL

Individuals or teams (2 or more friends/family members) needed to water newly-planted seedlings in an Akron park. Volunteers would take a turn about every 6 weeks and spend about 1 hour watering the tree & bush seedlings along the rail trail in Colonial Park.

Native tree and bush seedlings were planted and volunteers are now needed to water them weekly May - early November. Directions, buckets & a garden cart provided for watering. This would make a nice family activity. Photo shows 22 bare-root-seedlings in a bundle that were planted on April 12 (35 seedlings were planted in total). Contact

Tom Burnett  
([tgburnett@gmail.com](mailto:tgburnett@gmail.com) or 717-859-3519) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.



### Mark your calendar:



Every Thursday evening an Ephrata Church prepares and serves a meal to elderly and lower income residents in the Ephrata area.

We, Akron Mennonite Church, will be responsible for the meal on **Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**.

We will need donations of 10 cakes (approximate size of 9"x13"). If you are willing to donate a cake, or help with prep, serving and/or clean up contact Jean Buchen by phone 717-396-0025 or email [jbuchen@kthighland.com](mailto:jbuchen@kthighland.com).

### Stories that Heal and Shape Us

We will be offering a 4th series of Sister Care discipleship hour storytelling sessions beginning June 4 and running through July 30, (except for July 2nd). 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. Classes are held in the Assembly Room. Women of AMC, plan to come and learn to know your AMC sisters better!

	Women Sharing:	Convener:
June 4	Ruth Weaver	Ethel Shank
June 11	Dot Hershey	Marilyn Langeman
June 18	Amy Herr	Ethel Shank
June 25	Ginny Ebersole	Ethel Shank
July 2	No Class	
July 9	Donna Shenk	Jean Buchen
July 16	Joy Millen	Jean Buchen
July 23	Agnes Hacker	Jean Buchen
July 30	Nancy Chapman	Marilyn Langeman



Out of respect for the presenter, please come on time so that personal stories are not interrupted. Planners— Jean Buchen, Marilyn Langeman, Ethel Shank & Twila Miller



**Perspectives on Peace: Does Religion Cause War?**  
**Presented by Peace Action Network of Lancaster**  
**May 13th, 2 - 4 pm**  
**Community Mennonite Church, 328 W Orange St, Lancaster**



Join us for an interactive panel discussion of Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, and Hinduism.

**Mahfuz Meherzad** is the president of the United Islamic Association of Lancaster County and is an adjunct Political Science professor at Chestnut Hill College and Millersville University. **Kevin Ressler** works to transform common conflict into community wholeness through his career of service, having grown-up in Lancaster, in a family of activists; he graduated from Eastern Mennonite University with a degree in Justice, Peace, and Conflict Studies. **James Izer-Bowman** has studied at the Kalpa Bhadra Kadampa Buddhist Center in Harrisburg since 2001 and teaches weekly meditation classes in the same tradition at the Lancaster Friends Meeting House. **Sam Schindler** is a co-founding member of the Stone Independent School and is also the producer of a local podcast called What We Will Abide, which features interviews with people providing local solutions to systemic problems. **Dr. Nehal Patel** is specialist physician in cardiovascular medicine and a writer, who explores the religions and spiritual traditions of the Indian subcontinent. **Dr. Amanda Kemp**, the founder of the Theatre for Transformation and author of Say the Wrong Thing, will open the discussion with a performance that centers our hearts in this community dialogue.

Please join us for what we hope is the first in a series of conversations that broaden the community of peacemakers to include all of us. Donations will be accepted with gratitude, but there is no cost to attend.

## The Evocation of Words

Music that will move your spirit.

Works from the late 17th century to the 21st century, including spirituals and folk tunes.

**April 30 • 3 p.m.**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
221 East Main Street  
New Holland

**May 6 • 7 p.m.**

Bethany Presbyterian Church  
25 North West End Ave.  
Lancaster

**May 7 • 3 p.m.**

St. Edward Episcopal Church  
2453 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster

Lancaster Chamber Singers presents "The Evocation of Words". The concert includes music that will move your spirit featuring works from the late 17th century to the 21st century including spirituals and folk tunes. Concerts are Saturday, May 6 at 7:00 pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Lancaster and Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Edward Episcopal Church, Lancaster.

For more information or tickets, contact Jan Brubaker, Diane Gehman or Ron Guenther.

### ***A Glimpse of AMC Women's Retreat*** held on April 8. Presenter was Karen Sensenig.



*Photos by Bob Wyble*



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**24th Annual Fest & Auction  
May 12 & 13**



**\* Schedule of Events \***

**Friday, May 12**

4pm Chicken BBQ: Eat-In or Drive-Thru  
7pm Free Show: Family-Friendly Magic Show by Insanity Factor

**Saturday, May 13**

7-10am Pancake & Sausage Breakfast  
8am-9am 5K Run/Walk/Wheel  
9am-2pm General Auction  
10am-2pm Kids' Rides & Activities  
10am-12pm Face Painting  
9am-2pm Friendship Heart Gallery Tent  
9am-2pm Meaningful Day Academy Tent  
10am-2pm Food Court

Plants, baked goods & gift certificates for sale both days.

For more info, visit [FriendshipCommunity.net](http://FriendshipCommunity.net) or contact the Events Coordinator at 717.656.2466 ext 1101.



**From LMHS:**

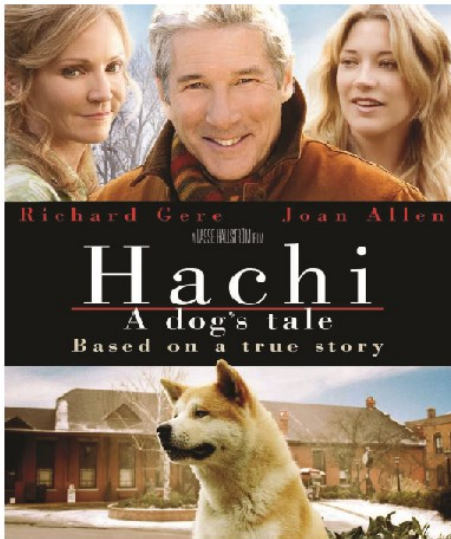
**Lancaster Family History Conference**—"New Arrivals in a New Land: A Tribute to Our 1717 Immigrant Families" with a keynote by John L. Ruth. May 18-20 at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center. Register at <http://www.lmhs.org/events/history-conference/>.

**Bicycle Tour of Native American Sites**—Catch the fresh air and learn about Native Americans in Lancaster County with a bicycle tour in the Conestoga area starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 13 at the Ann LeTort Elementary School parking lot. Bikers will hear storytellers talking about this saga at 14 stops along the way. Registration costs \$30, \$20 for students. Register by May 6 at <http://www.lmhs.org/events/field-trips/>.

**Music in Worship**—Old Order Amish, River Brethren, Groffdale Mennonite Conference, Weaverland Mennonite Conference, with Church of the Brethren and Mennonites of Lancaster Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference, will gather at the Martindale Mennonite Fellowship Center and sing each other's favorite hymns on Thursday, May 4, at 7 pm. This evening is free and open to the public. Martindale Mennonite Fellowship Center is located at 352 Martindale Road, Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

A benefit concert sponsored by Friends of Meserete Kristos (Mennonite) College in Ethiopia featuring the Blossom Hill String Band and the Garment of Praise Quartet will be held on May 7, 2017, at 7:00 pm at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, 333 Delp Road, Lancaster, PA.

An offering will be taken and all the proceeds will go toward student scholarships for church leaders for this fast growing church in Ethiopia.



**FREE Movie Screening**

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

Penn Cinema, Lititz PA

Family Friendly!  
Inspiring!

Light refreshments **5:00 PM**

Feature presentation **6:00 PM**

*A miraculous story of loyalty and friendship! The journey of dog and man... Their love and devotion will encourage you in your journey!*

RSVPs recommended • Freewill offering will be received

Reserve your seat online at [www.nlam.org](http://www.nlam.org) or contact No Longer Alone Ministries at [office@nlam.org](mailto:office@nlam.org) or (717) 390-4891

Due to limited seating, reserved seats will be released for general admission at 5:50 PM



# May Birthdays

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>FRI</i>	<i>SAT</i>
	1 Vernon Glick Linda Good	2 John Martin Matthew Nancarvis Sharon Yoder	3 Dawn Nolt	4	5	6
7 Amber Brubaker	8 Rich Crockett Anna Martin	9	10 Theo Zook	11 Violet Chap Merle Gingerich Maggie Weaver Don Ziegler	12	13 Brianna Brubaker
14 Patricia Martin	15	16 John Hoffman	17 Mary Ann Sarker	18	19 Theresa Martin	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Daniel Burkholder Ginny Hartman	27
28 Lisa Neufeld	29	30 Nick Buckwalter	31 Rick Haller			



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