

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL** on February 4 following second hour. All are welcome. Please bring a generous portion of your favorite main dish or salad for our potluck meal. Desserts will be provided by the MYF as a fundraiser.

**HOUSEHOLD GIVING REPORTS** for 2017 were placed in church mailboxes last week. Thanks to all for the many ways in which you contribute to the mission and vision of AMC.

**COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES:** In February, we will send care packages to AMC's college students. **Please sign up** to provide goodies on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Parents, please send an updated mailing address for your student to the church office ([amc@akronmench.org](mailto:amc@akronmench.org)). Thanks!

**PIES STILL NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY MEAL:** Pies are still needed for the February 8 community meal that will be served by AMC in Ephrata. Help is also needed for prep, serving, and clean-up. If you can provide a pie or help with the meal, contact Jean Buchen ([jbuchen@kthighland.com](mailto:jbuchen@kthighland.com) or 717-396-0025)

**COPIES OF** the January Council meeting minutes and associated reports are available on the literature table.

**SIX ORGANIZATIONS** received \$ 2,682.43 each from the December Christmas Thanks Offering. They are No Longer Alone Ministries, Wellspan Philhaven, Mennonite Disaster Service, Bridge of Hope, Friends of Shirati, and Conscience International (Bangladesh Shambhuganj project). In addition, AMC's three voluntary service workers Amela Puljek-Shank, Feleen Nancarvis, and Peter Wise received gifts of \$175 each.

**AKRON LIONS SPAGHETTI DINNER** in the Akron Fire Hall on Sunday, January 28 from 11:00am until sold out. This is your opportunity to interact with our Akron neighbors. Ages 12 and up \$10.00, ages 6-12 \$5.00 and under 6 free. AMC members of Lions are Dale Herr, Marvin Nolt, Don Good, Hans Peter Neufeld, Renny Magill, Chris Hoffman and Phil Rutt.

GIVING & BUDGET		
Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 5,748	\$ 24,074
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 29,400
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	192	

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm  
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**AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**January 28, 2018**  
**9:00 am**

**GATHERING/PRAISING**

Prelude music Sue Broaddus & Diane Gehman

Call to worship

HWB 6 (blue) *Here in this place*  
HWB 651 (blue) *I owe the Lord a morning song*

Offering and offertory Sue Broaddus & Diane Gehman  
Offertory prayer

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

HWB 20 (blue) *Come and see*  
Children’s time Sandra Richard Wood  
Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Herman Bontrager & Angela Zimmerman

Scripture John 2:1-11 Agnes Hacker  
Sermon *More Life* Rachel Nolt

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

STJ 29 (green) *You are all we have*  
Communion  
Prayers of the people Randall Justice

**LIVING AS COMMUNITY**

Introduction of guests & Announcements

HWB 459 (blue) *I come with joy to meet my Lord*  
Benediction

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Musicians Diane Gehman  
Song Leader Patricia Martin  
Worship Leader Randall Justice

**Next week’s service:** Kevin King, 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 next to the Welcome Desk.

SECOND HOUR FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (10:40 – 11:40)

Adults

**Beginning today:** Terry Wible will facilitate a class based on the book The Sin of Certainty by Peter Enns. This class will explore the difference between right believing, certainty and a lived out faith. Bring your questions, fears, and thoughts as participants discuss with each other the contrast between head knowledge and a lived out experience of God. Class meets in the Assembly Room.

The ***Koinonia*** class, which usually meets in Rm. 122, will participate in the class facilitated by Terry Wible for the next five weeks, and will reconvene following the conclusion of that study.

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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth) - - - - -	Room 122/124 (lower level)
MYF (High School Youth) - - - - -	MYF Room

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** Mary Martin & Bernice Valverde, Helena Dueck

**Nursery Worship:** as needed

**Coffee Servers:** Daryl Mack

**Ushers:** Dale Herr (Head usher), Amy Herr, Lloyd Chapman, Nancy Chapman, Eileen Byler

**Sound/AV Operator:** Marv Horst

**Nursery DH:** as needed

**Mug Washers:** Phil & Terri Hess

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28	<b>Today</b>	F.L.I.P. roller skating at Mt. Gretna 2 – 4:30 pm
February 1		Men’s Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7 am; Rachel Nolt, presenter
February 4		Fellowship Meal following second hour; MYF dessert fundraiser
February 6		Lunch Bunch @ Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
February 7		Library Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm
February 8		AMC Council Retreat 6-9 pm in Assembly Room
February 8		AMC serves Ephrata Community Meal @ First Methodist Church @ 5 pm; Share-A-Life participants to assist
February 11		55+ meets @ 12:00 noon in Assembly Room
February 14		Ash Wednesday service @ AMC

February 15	Landis Homes residents’ lunch gathering; 11:30 am in Rose Room
February 20	Women’s Brown Bag Luncheon 11 am – 1 pm
February 25-27	Winter Bible Study @ AMC with Andy Brubacher Kaethler

*Lectio Divina meets each Tuesday at 7:30 am, and the Congregational Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 pm. Both meetings are in Rachel’s office.*

Save these Dates:

March 13	Play “ <i>This Evil Thing</i> ” to be presented @ AMC @ 7:30 pm
March 18	Campus Chorale from LMHS in afternoon concert @ AMC
March 24	MYF Auction
April 7	AMC Women’s Retreat
October 26-27	ACC Fall Assembly @ AMC; details to be announced

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

- February 4                      Dessert fundraiser following Fellowship Meal
- February 9-11                  Weekend at Kings’ Cabin

PRAYERS

Thank you for your generous expressions of kindness and care surrounding my recent knee replacement surgery. It is truly a gift to be carried through pain and rehab by this AMC family. --Linda Helmus

Mike Sikore’s daughter and Hibist Siyoum’s younger sister, Naomi, is still in Ethiopia. After years of organizing and waiting for paperwork, first in Ethiopia and then in the US, Naomi is at the last step of the visa process in the US. Let’s pray for prompt approval for Naomi’s visa.

Please remember Esther and Chris Hostetter and Susan King in your prayers as they travel to Ohio to attend the funeral of Dorothy King. Dorothy was the sister of Esther, and aunt of Chris and Susan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY:** Come watch “Pleasure Unwoven: an Explanation of the Brain Disease of Addiction” in the AMC assembly room beginning about noon today. It is 70 minutes long. If you would like pizza and didn’t sign up, please contact Marilyn Langeman during coffee time.

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations toward our Decades Dinner-themed MYF Spaghetti Supper event! We raised \$1,226.00 which will go toward our service week this summer with the Denver DOOR Program.

**IF YOU SIGNED UP** to purchase a copy of The Sin of Certainty, you will find the book in your church mailbox. The two extra copies that were purchased have already been claimed. The cost of the book is \$ 13. If you did not sign up but would like to purchase the book, I am willing to place a second order if I receive at least five requests by Tuesday, Jan. 30. Or, you may want to consider purchasing the book online through Amazon. –Rebecca Pereverzoff