

available and willing to help. Jean Buchen 717-396-0025 (office/home phone) If Ephrata school is cancelled or dismissed early due to snow, the meal is cancelled.

AMC COUNCIL will meet this Thursday, February 8 for a mini-retreat. During this gathering they will discuss council roles and structure as they identify what is working well, and what can be done better.

55+ will meet on Sunday, Feb. 11 at noon in the Assembly Room. Lloyd Chapman will share images of the 2017 solar eclipse. Please bring finger foods to share.

CONNECT! in February: Connect! participants are encouraged to attend the February 14 Ash Wednesday service, which falls on the regularly scheduled Connect! meeting date.

THANK YOU to all who were in attendance on Discernment Sunday and who participated in the lively discussion regarding a possible solar project at AMC. You will find an overview of the proposal in your church mailbox and can direct any questions or concerns to Nick Buckwalter or church leadership.

THE ANNUAL MYF AUCTION will soon be here! Now is the time to think about what you might like to donate. Food/meals, services, group events, and experiences have sold especially well in previous auctions. Mark your calendars for March 24. More details to come.

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). If you have any questions, contact Barb Weaver (717-413-4296) or beweaver@outlook.com

STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY: On Saturday, March 3, 2018, Everence® Lancaster will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Courses will explore subjects ranging from retirement preparation and financial markets to de-cluttering your home. For registration information, contact Lynette Morales at (717) 394-0769, lynette.morales@everence.com or visit StewardshipUniversity.com.

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 6,507	\$ 30,776
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 39,200
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	158	

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

AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH

February 4, 2018

9:00 am

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music Deb Sprunger

Call to worship

HWB 110 (blue) *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*
insert *O Christ, the healer, we have come*

Offering and offertory Deb Sprunger
Offertory prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HWB 20 (blue) *Come and see*
Children's time Sandra Richard Wood
Children ages 2-4 dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Jerry Shank, Linda Good, & Esther Nolt

Scripture Mark 1:29-39
Sermon *Many But Not All* Janessa Zimmerman
Kevin King

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HWB 631 (blue) *Anoint us, Lord*
Prayers of the people Renny Magill

LIVING AS COMMUNITY

Introduction of guests & Announcements

STS 57 (purple) *Go, my friends, in grace*
Benediction

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Musician Deb Sprunger
Song Leader Richard Crockett
Worship Leader Renny Magill

Scripture next week: Mark 9:2-9; 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 next to the Welcome Desk.

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

Adults

Terry Wible is facilitating a class based on the book The Sin of Certainty by Peter Enns. This class explores 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 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 th Grade Youth) - - - - -	Room 122/124 (lower level)
MYF (High School Youth) - - - - -	MYF Room

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Dawn & Barry Nolt, Marilyn Langeman	Sound/AV Operator: Dale Hershey
Nursery Worship: as needed	Nursery DH: as needed
Coffee Servers: Sally & Dave Wise	Mug Washers: Lin & Don Good
Ushers: Steve Hartzler (Head usher), Marvin Nolt, Helena Dueck, Jane Hartzler, Clyde Martin	

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4 Today	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; Lloyd Chapman will share images of the 2017 Solar Eclipse
February 14	Ash Wednesday service @ AMC @ 6:30 pm
February 15	Landis Homes residents' lunch gathering; 11:30 am in Rose Room
February 20	Women's Brown Bag Luncheon 11 am – 1 pm; Sandi Thorpe's home
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 "This Evil Thing" to be presented @ AMC @ 7:30 pm
March 18	Campus Chorale from LMHS in afternoon concert @ AMC
March 24	MYF Auction
April 14	AMC Women's Retreat (note: this is a revised date)
October 26-27	ACC Fall Assembly @ AMC; details to be announced

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

- February 4 **Today** Dessert fundraiser following Fellowship Meal
- February 9-11 Weekend at Kings' Cabin
- February 25 International-themed supper club at Pereverzoffs' house

PRAYERS

Thanks so much for the delicious meals I received last week. Things are going well, but healing takes time. Thank you for your continued prayers. –Nancy Drescher

Nelson Blessing will travel to Philadelphia for medical tests and procedure this week and next. Let's hold Nelson and Susan in our prayers.

Let's hold Chris Hostetter in our prayers as he recovers from a fall.

Alta Mellinger is grateful for continued prayer as she slowly recuperates at home.

Let's hold Amber Brubaker in our prayers as she adjusts to a new home following her move.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL ARE INVITED to the Fellowship Meal today following second hour. Desserts will be provided by the MYF as a fundraiser.

THANK YOU for the lovely flowers for the first anniversary of my joining Akron Mennonite. It has been a pleasure to serve with you this past year and to dream how God is calling us to be fully engaged in God's mission in our broken world. I am eager to keep dreaming with you and working to make those dreams real. May we be blessed with healing and hope as we walk with Jesus together. --Rachel Nolt

THANK YOU for the cards, visits, and prayers following my surgery. –Irma Bowman

EPHRATA COMMUNITY MEAL THIS THURSDAY: Thanks to all who offered to help with the community meal on Thursday, February 8th. We have all the pies we need. You should either bring them to AMC by 2:00 on Thursday or to the basement of Ephrata United Methodist Church at 68 North Church Street between 4:00 and 5:30. For all of you who offered to help with serving and dishing food, we would like you to arrive around 5:30. If you are staying to help with cleanup, you should be finished around 7:00. I could use 2 to 4 more people to help. Please contact me if you are