

for transportation to Harrisburg with the larger group at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/100-school-funding-day-of-action-tickets-46143414194> or let Jolene Newcomer (717-538-2164) know of your interest. The organizers would like to know by Monday, June 4 who is riding on the buses from Lancaster City. Talk to Jolene Newcomer or John Stoner for more information.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC) ANNUAL ASSEMBLY is coming to AMC on October 26 & 27. This year, for the first time, the event will be co-hosted by Pilgrims and Akron Mennonite Churches at AMC. It's great to have each other's help for the many logistics.

What's happening (in abbreviated form)...

Friday, October 26, is Leadership Resource Day. The topic is Healthy Boundaries 101. In the evening there are a Mennonite Women's Banquet and a Mennonite Men's Dinner.

Saturday, October 27, is Annual Assembly Celebration. This is a fun, informative, and interactive day. Last year 145 people attended at Conestoga Mennonite Church. This year 150 to 175 are expected. More information is coming.....

SPACES ARE AVAILABLE in Diamond Street's Pre-K Counts class, which starts in the fall. Pre-K Counts is a full day, state funded class for 3 and 4 year olds that runs five days a week from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pre-K Counts follows the school year calendar and helps prepare children for Kindergarten. Entrance into this class is based on family income and other risk factors. Families do not need to live within the Ephrata Area School District to apply. Please spread the word to families who may benefit from this service! Call the office at 717-859-4272 for an application.

Highlights of this program include:

- No tuition for families in the Pre-K Counts program
- Lunch and afternoon snack provided
- Before and after school care available for a fee
- Certified lead teacher with a low teacher to student ratio (1:9)
- Researched based, play-based curriculum, The Creative Curriculum©
- Lesson plans and activities to address the development of the whole child
- Weekly Music and Bible enrichment classes

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 3,794	\$ 162,953

2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 206,000

2018 Income Budget: \$ 510,000

Attendance Last Sunday: 127

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Church Office: (717) 859-1488 || 1311 Diamond Street || Akron, PA 17501

AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH

June 3, 2018

GATHERING/PRAISING

Prelude music

Diane Gehman

Song of praise

HWB 12 (blue)

Come, let us all unite to sing

Welcome

Introduction of guests & Announcements

Call to worship

Lighting of the peace lamp

STJ 18 (green)

Over my head

Ron Guenther, soloist

Offering and offertory

Offertory prayer

Bree Beyer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

screen

Follow, follow Jesus

Children's time

Sandra Richard Wood

Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Jim Shenk, TBD, and Esther Nolt

STJ 65 (green)

Let justice flow like streams

Scripture

Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon

To do good or to do harm?

Rachel Nolt

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

STS 33 (purple)

Let justice roll like a river

Ron Guenther, soloist

Testimony

STS 120 (purple)

Somebody prayed for me

Helen Peifer

God at work in the congregation – DSECC Board

Prayers of the people

Jerry Meck

Rachel Nolt

STJ 73 (green)

The Lord lift you up

Benediction

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Musicians

Song Leader

Worship Leader

Diane Gehman & Leon Myers

Richard Crockett

Dot Hershey

Scripture next week: Mark 3:20-35; Dennis Ernest, 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

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. Grace Weber will share her story this week. Facilitated by Marilyn Langeman. Class meets in the Assembly Room.

Conversations About Church will meet on June 24 and July 8. Then it will break for the summer, and resume in the fall.

Fair funding initiative of Pennsylvania public schools. This coming Sunday, Matt Lenahan, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Akron, and Rachel Nolt will host a strategy discussion for those who are interested in becoming more involved in the initiative for fair funding for public schools. We will be joined by members of Zion Lutheran at 11am in the sanctuary.

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: Jerry & Marlene Kaufman, Marilyn Langeman	Sound/AV Operator: Dale Hershey
Nursery Worship: as needed	Nursery DH: as needed
Coffee Servers: Elaine & Don Brubaker	Mug Washers: Ed & Twila Miller
Ushers: Steve Hartzler (Head usher), Marvin Nolt, Helena Dueck, Jane Hartzler, Clyde Martin	

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5	Lunch Bunch meets at Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
June 6	Library Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
June 6	Preparedness Committee meeting @ 6:30 pm

June 7	Men’s Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7 am; John Stoner, presenter
June 13	Coffee & Conversation @ Landis Homes; 10 – 11:30 am; Kirkview Lounge
June 13	Luther Acres residents’ gathering; 12:00 noon at The Round
June 14	AMC Council meets @ 7 pm
June 14	AMC serves community meal at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata
June 17-23	MYF in Denver, CO with DOOR service project
June 20	Coffee & Conversation @ Landis Homes; 10 – 11:30 am; Hybrid Comm. Rm.
June 24-28	VBS with Akron Church of the Brethren

Save these Dates:

August 18	Benefit cabaret for March for our Lives at AMC (see June newsletter for info)
October 26-27	ACC Annual Assembly at AMC

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

- June 10 Senior Recognition Sunday
- June 17-23 DOOR service project in Denver, CO

PRAYERS

Al Claassen was admitted to Lancaster General Hospital this week. He hopes to be released to rehab at Landis Homes on June 1. Please keep him in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RACHEL NOLT WILL BE AWAY June 4-12. Please contact Melody Rupley (717-892-2982) for all pastoral care needs during this time.

COMMUNITY MEAL: Please contact Jean Buchen at 717-371-9152 or jbuchen@kthighland.com if you are willing to bake a cake or help with set-up, serving and/or clean-up for the Community Meal on Thursday evening, June 14th at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 167 East Main Street, Ephrata.

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10 during second hour a brief Parent Meeting will be held in the MYF room to discuss details and information about the youth’s trip to the Denver DOOR service project. Please be in touch with one of the Advisors if you are unable to attend.

BLESSING JESSIE: Only one Sunday (June 24) remains on the “Blessing Jessie” sign-up sheet to teach crafts during second hour to KG – 5th graders. Please consider signing up while Jessie takes a few months off to care for baby Lily. The sign-up sheet is on the AMC bulletin board.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED for VBS 2018! Sunday, June 24 through Thursday June 28. Consider volunteering in these positions: Kitchen, Games, Pre-K through K teacher; 3rd and 4th grade teaching assistant; Decorating (any day or night); Cut-out (can be done at home). Sign up on the bulletin board, or connect with Karyn Nancarvis.

PLAN TO ATTEND the June 20th 100% SCHOOL FUNDING DAY OF ACTION in Harrisburg. Join other people of faith concerned about fair state funding of public schools in Pennsylvania. Sign up