

**BLESSING JESSIE:** Only one Sunday (June 24) remains on the “Blessing Jessie” sign-up sheet to teach crafts during second hour to KG – 5<sup>th</sup> 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; 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SAVE THE DATE** of March 30, 2019 for next year’s MYF Auction.

**CELEBRATING PETE SEEGER:** On Friday July 6, at 7:00 p.m., join us at Akron Mennonite Church (1311 Diamond St, Akron, PA) for a potluck picnic hootenanny to celebrate the legendary folk singer and activist, Pete Seeger. Pete was an American with courage to speak truth in hard times, and many songs to make his points. Bring a dish to share or your meat to BBQ on our grills, and a chair. Most important, bring your voice and instrument to enjoy the song swap and hoot. Rain or shine, we’ll move inside if necessary. Robert V Peters, a close friend of Pete for over 37 years will share stories, and his son Pierre will sing a few songs and lead the song swap and hootanany. Sponsored by supportive people, this is a fun inter-generational event and all are welcome. A voluntary offering will be taken to support the peace and justice ministries of Akron Mennonite church. For more information, contact John Stoner at [jstoner42@windstream.net](mailto:jstoner42@windstream.net) or 717 859 3388.

**RECEPTION DESK COVERAGE:** MCC is seeking Receptionist subs to cover our receptionist desk for short periods of time at 10 a.m. and at noon daily, to give our regular receptionist a break. This can be done by volunteers, or by a part-time staff person whom we would pay. The receptionist subs should be available to come one or more times each week. For more information, contact: Tina Mast Burnett, 717-859-1151; [Tinamastburnett@mcc.org](mailto:Tinamastburnett@mcc.org)

**THE AGENDA** for the June 14 Council meeting is posted on the AMC bulletin board.

**TELLUS 360 EVENT: The Second Amendment Right To Keep and Bear Arms.** Public discourse and debate over gun rights in the United States is reaching fever pitch. In the midst of this heated social and political debate we ask, “What does the Second Amendment actually say, and how has the Supreme Court interpreted and applied the Second Amendment?” GKH attorneys Dwight Yoder, Justin Bollinger, Jason Asbell, and Sheila O’Rourke will present a basic overview of the Second Amendment from a historical and legal perspective. Please join us at **Tellus360** (24 E. King St., Lancaster) for a thoughtful and interactive discussion. Tuesday, June 12, 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

**GIVING & BUDGET**

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 3,508	\$ 168,920
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 215,800
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	159	

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 10, 2018**

**GATHERING/PRAISING**

Prelude music Lawrence Rupley

Song of praise  
STJ 4 (green) *You’ve got a place*

Welcome, Introduction of guests, and Announcements

Call to worship  
Lighting of the peace lamp  
Prayer

STJ 27 (green) *God of the Bible*

Offering and offertory Lawrence Rupley  
Offertory prayer

**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 Ethel Shank & Jean Buchen

Special music *Who is my mother, who is my brother?* Merle Gingerich

Scripture Mark 3:20-35 Peter Clemens, John Hoffman, Makena Zimmerman

Sermon *Knowing What We Don’t Know* Dennis Ernest

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

HWB 142 (blue) *Brothers and sisters of mine*

Testimony - graduating high school seniors  
Liam Magill, Seraphina Thorpe, Janessa Zimmerman

HWB 580 (blue) *My life flows on*

Prayers of the people Karyn Nancarvis

Benediction  
Denver DOOR blessing  
(screen) *Let us go in peace*

Musicians  
Song Leader  
Worship Leader

Patricia Martin & Leon Myers  
Jon Clemens  
Karyn Nancarvis

**Scripture next week:** Mark 4:26-34; 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.

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

Adults

*Mennonites and the First World War: Stories of Conscience.* We will consider the ways Mennonites responded to the crisis of war one hundred years ago. On this centennial of World War I, Steve Nolt will share stories, including some with ties to AMC members, of Mennonites responding to conscription, lobbying elected officials, and negotiating pressures on the home front. Part 1 is this Sunday, June 10, and Part 2 will be June 17. Class meets in the sanctuary.

*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. Elaine Brubaker will share her story this week. Facilitated by Jean Buchen. Class meets in the Assembly Room.

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)	- - - - -	Jr. MYF Room
MYF (High School Youth)	- - - - -	MYF Room

**AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY**

<b>Greeters:</b> Jerry & Marlene Kaufman, Ann Zimmerman	<b>Sound/AV Operator:</b> Bryan Beyer
<b>Nursery Worship:</b> as needed	<b>Nursery DH:</b> as needed
<b>Coffee Servers:</b> Janet & Jim Stauffer	<b>Mug Washers:</b> Ron Guenther & Tim Langeman
<b>Ushers:</b> Don Good (Head usher), Tim Langeman, David Frey, Linda Frey	

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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
March 30, 2019	MYF Auction

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

- June 10 **Today** Senior Recognition lunch at Magills
- June 17-23 DOOR service project in Denver, CO

**PRAYERS**

Al Claassen appreciates prayers and visits as he continues to recover in rehab at Oregon House, Room 140 at Landis Homes.

Nancy and Ken Long are rejoicing that Nancy is back home after time in rehab. Prayers and cards are appreciated and please call before you visit.

Grandparents Susan Blessing and Doug and Joanne Dirks are celebrating the birth of grandson Evan James to Christie and Karl Dirks last week. All are well.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** If you are donating a cake for the community meal on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, please deliver it to either Akron Mennonite Church by 2:00 or to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church between 3:30 and 5:00. You need to enter the fellowship hall from the back of the church. Contact Jean Buchen at 717-371-9152 or [jbuchen@kthighland.com](mailto:jbuchen@kthighland.com) if you are interested in helping to serve.

**TODAY** 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.

**INVITATION:** Nancy Heisey, Cara Longacre Hurst and Marta van Zanten and their families invite AMC friends and family to join us for a brief service as we bury Paul Longacre’s ashes at Akron Mennonite Church Cemetery. The service of committal will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, July 5, at the cemetery. Following the service, you are welcome to join us for a light lunch in the Assembly Room. Please let the church office know if you plan to join us for this time of visiting.