

her in the cafe, go outside to the playground, or relax in Rachel's office where there is a special place for her? If you would like to know more about this, please email Marilyn Langeman ([ken.marilyn.langeman@gmail.com](mailto:ken.marilyn.langeman@gmail.com)). Marilyn will be away until July 19, but will respond to emails.

**AMC STAFF SUMMER SCHEDULES:** Melody Rupley is out of the office July 7 – 18. Rebecca Pereverzoff is away July 12 – 20. Pat Martin is away July 15 – 21. Rachel Nolt is away July 17-19. Janet Weber will cover the church office during the mornings of July 17, 18, 19, and 20. During these summer months of staff travel, it is a good idea to phone ahead if you are planning to stop by the church office. Please allow extra time for reimbursement and other requests. Thanks.

**NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN** will be sent out electronically on Friday (7/21).

**WE ARE PRIVILEGED** to support two of our young adults participating in service assignments this year. Peter Wise is serving with Mennonite Voluntary Service through Mennonite Mission Network in Alamosa, Colorado. Feleen Nancarvis is serving at Meals on Wheels through the Shalom Project right here in Lancaster. More information will continue to be given about how we can support and connect with these young adults. If you would like to contribute financially to their experience, you may make a donation to AMC with their name in the memo line.

**SUMMER WEDDING TIME:** Are you tying the knot this summer? One way to get off to a good start is by joining together your financial future. Talk about how you want to spend, save and share your money. And you can bring your faith values into those conversations about money. Visit [everence.com/marriage](http://everence.com/marriage).

Come support the programming of the ACC Youth Committee at the first of several events in August. All funds raised will allow ACC to continue offering meaningful, high quality events like the Fall Youth Retreat at a reasonable cost.

**August 4: Church Night Out at the Lancaster Barnstormers**

Join us for a night of baseball on Friday August 4 at Clipper Magazine Stadium. This is part of the Kids Fest promotion weekend so there will be giveaways, activities, and fireworks planned for the evening. We are selling tickets for \$12 and will earn \$5 for every ticket sold to the game. **Tickets must be purchased through the ACC office by July 17** ([brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net](mailto:brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net)).

**GIVING & BUDGET**

Giving for General Fund	Last Week	Weekly Budget
	\$6,198	\$9,700
Year-to-date General Fund	Actual	Budget
	\$222,921	\$270,500
January-December 2017:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	148	

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm  
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**AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH**

**July 16, 2017**

**9:00 am**

**Love is a Verb**

**Entering and Gathering**

The peace lamp is lit because we know that all is not right in our world. It is lit in confidence that God's love and peace will illuminate our world and our lives. It signals our desire to join God's gracious work of shalom.  
Prelude music Photos & songs from convention  
Welcome & Introducing our guests

**God loves us and we love God**

HWB 521 *Come, thou fount*  
STJ 79 *As I went down to the river*  
Scripture Psalm 139:1-18  
STS 16 *Peace before us, stanzas 1, 2, 4*  
Sharing by youth & adults

STS 47 (purple) *Let the children come to me* (refrain only)  
God's story for children Sandra Richard Wood  
Children ages 2-4 are dismissed to the nursery with Jim Shenk

**God loves neighbors and we love them, too**

Scripture Colossians 3:12-14; John 13:34-35  
Sharing by youth & adults  
STJ 19 *I will call upon the Lord*  
Prayers of the people Rachel Nolt

**God loves the world and we love the world**

Scripture Matthew 5:14-16; 28:19-20  
Sharing by youth & adults  
Call to action *Christ has no body*  
Leader: Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
**Piano: Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,**  
**Amen: Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,**  
**Piano: Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.**  
**Amen: Yours are the hands,**  
**Piano: Yours are the feet,**  
**Amen: Yours are the eyes,**  
**Piano: You are his body.**  
Leader: Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
**Amen: Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.**  
**ALL: Christ has no body now on earth but yours.**

Offering & Offertory  
STS 124

*My soul cries out*

Deb Sprunger

**Departing**

Announcements  
(screen)  
A blessing

*"Seeds" sending song*

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Musicians  
Song Leader  
Worship Leader

Deb Sprunger, Leon Myers  
Herman Bontrager  
Rachel Nolt

Others sharing in the service and convention attendees: Karen & Kevin King, Ed & Twila Miller, Nick, Jessie, & Abby Buckwalter, Rich & Mary Jane Crockett, Mataya Chap, Peter Clemens, Chris Hershberger, Elizabeth & John Hoffman, Claire & Liam Magill, Anna, Isaac, & Karyn Nancarvis, Esther Nolt, Lydia Nolt, Sarah Pereverzoff, Hibist Siyoum, and Janessa Zimmerman

**Scripture next week:** 2 Kings 4:8-37, 8:1-6; 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 next to the Welcome Desk.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DISCIPLESHIP HOUR CLASSES (10:40 – 11:40)**

Adults

**Stories that Heal and Shape Us:** Twila Miller will share from her life journey. Facilitator: Jean Buchen. Meets in Assembly Room. Women young and old are invited to attend.

For Our Children & 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-4th Grade - - - - -	Rooms 131, 132, 133 (lower level)
Jr. MYF (5-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth) - - - - -	Room 122/124 (lower level)
MYF (High School Youth) - - - - -	MYF Room (lower level)

**AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY**

**Greeters:** Nelson & Susan Blessing, Helena Dueck      **Sound Operator:** Dale Hershey  
**Nursery Worship/Preschool Church:** Jerry Shank & Linda Good  
**Nursery DH:** Linda Frey & Susan Martin  
**Coffee Servers:** Dave Frey & Dale Hershey      **Mug Washers:** Donna & Jim Shenk  
**Ushers:** Don Good (Head usher), Sarah Eby, Bernice Valverde, Kent Douple

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 16	TODAY	VBS @ Akron Church of the Brethren, 6:00-8:15 pm
August 3		Men's Breakfast @7 am @ Udder Choice; Bob Peifer, presenter
August 3		AMC prepares and serves the Ephrata Community Meal
August 20		Opportunity to host Chinese students for lunch
October 21		Fall Fest with DSECC
March 24, 2018		MYF Auction

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

- Sunday, July 23 – Pool party/supper club immediately after church at the home of Charity Shenk and Steve Zook.
- Sunday, July 30 – Zig's Twigs with Plains Mennonite youth
- August 4-6 – Planning retreat at Paradise Lake

**PRAYERS**

Nelson Blessing had surgery on Thursday to remove a malignant sinus tumor. Our prayers are appreciated.

Request from MCUSA: Be in prayer for the various area conference assemblies happening around the country this month. Five area conferences are meeting during the second half of July.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DURING JULY AND AUGUST,** nursery and preschool church will be combined.

**PASTOR RACHEL AND MELODY RUPLEY** will both be away July 17 – 19. If you need urgent pastoral care during that time, please call Herman (717-471-9567) or Jeanette (717-823-8001) Bontrager.

**PLEASE CONTACT** Jean Buchen (by phone 717-396-0025 or email [jbuchen@kthighland.com](mailto:jbuchen@kthighland.com)) if you are able to donate cookies or help with prep, clean up and/or serving for the August 3rd Community Meal at the Ephrata United Methodist Church. Help is also needed to cut corn on Tuesday evening August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AMC IS INVITED** to participate with the DSECC summer campers in a food donation drive to benefit Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services. This is part of DSECC's "Care for the Community" focus this summer. We will be collecting for three Sundays: July 16, 23, and 30. The requested items are: juice boxes (not pouches); individual cereal boxes; small soup cans (pop top – no can opener needed); granola bars; small bags of pretzels; fruit cups; and Chef Boyardee/macaroni cups. Please place your donations in the boxes in the foyer.

**"AMBER'S ANGELS"** is the nickname for the individuals accompanying Amber Brubaker during Discipleship Hour on Sunday mornings. We'd like Amber to feel welcome at Akron Mennonite Church; however, there aren't any classes that seem to "fit" her interests. Would you like to sit with