

available for students 18 and younger. All participants receive an event T-shirt, a registration packet with free goodies, and access to the refreshment/recovery area after the race. Overall awards and age group awards will be offered. You can register online at 'Diamond5k.com' (processing fee applies) or you can complete a registration flyer available in the AMC lobby. All proceeds benefit Diamond Street Early Childhood Center. The event will be followed by the DSECC Fall Festival, and a free 'Kids Fun Run' for all children ages 9 and under. If you are interested in volunteering to help before and during the event, please see the volunteer sign-up sheet posted in the AMC Lobby. Donations are also encouraged and sponsorships are also available. Please see Phil Rutt or Tim Nancarvis for details.

FALL YOGA AT AMC: Kandace Helmuth will offer early and late fall yoga series on Tuesdays at AMC from 6:15 – 7:00 pm. The early fall series runs from Sept. 12 through Oct. 24 (skipping Sept. 19). The late fall series runs from Nov. 7 through Dec. 12. Each series costs \$66, or you can pay a drop-in fee of \$15 per class. Registration forms are available on the AMC bulletin board.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the lost and found table in the foyer for any items you may have been missing, especially kitchen items that may have been missing for quite some time. Many of the items on the table are a result of a recent AMC kitchen clean-up thanks to Ethel Shank and Marilyn Langeman. The table will remain up through September 10. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Ephrata Reuzit.

AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH

September 3, 2017

9:00 am

Sabbath

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

Patricia Martin

Welcome

Greeting each other

Introducing our guests

Praising God

Call to worship (Psalm 57:8-11)

HWB 648 (blue)

Morning has broken

HWB 641 (blue)

O day of rest and gladness

Prayer

Hearing the story

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 Preschool Room with Dot Hershey & Jim Shenk

God's ancient story

Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Ginny Hartman

God's story for today

Rest as Resistance

Rachel Nolt

Telling our story

HWB 523 (blue)

Dear Lord thou life of humankind

Act of faith & offertory

Pat Martin

Litany

screen

Prayers of the people

Ken Long

Departing

Announcements

STJ 73 (green)

The Lord lift you up

A blessing

screen

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Song Leader

Jon Clemens

Worship Leader

Ken Long

Scripture next week: Genesis 1:1-2:4; Karyn Nancarvis, preacher

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
	\$6,959	\$9,700
Year-to-date General Fund	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$278,325	\$338,300
January-December 2017:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	159	

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

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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)

New classes for children/youth and adults will begin on September 10.

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Elvin & Grace Stoltzfus, Marilyn Langeman
Nursery Worship/Preschool Church: Dot Hershey & Jim Shenk
Coffee Servers: Jeanette & Herman Bontrager
Ushers: Steve Hartzler (Head usher), Marvin Nolt, Helena Dueck, Jane Hartzler, Clyde Martin

Sound/AV Operator: Dale Hershey
Mug Washers: Marv & Judy Horst

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5	Lunch Bunch @ Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
September 6	Library Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
September 7	AMC Men's Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7 am; Lloyd Chapman, presenter
September 13	Connect! kick-off event
October 21	Fall Fest with DSECC
March 24, 2018	MYF Auction

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

- September 10 Pool party/Supper Club at Mike & Joyce Longeneckers'
- September 15-17 ACC Youth Retreat
- October 8 Supper Club at Nancarvis' home
- October 20-21 Lititz Storytelling Festival

PRAYERS

Rachel Nolt's uncle, Ken Miller, died this past Tuesday, Aug. 29 in Goshen, IN after a lengthy illness. He was 89. He was the younger brother of Rachel's father who died on August 14. Please continue to remember Rachel and her family during this time of loss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, nursery and preschool church will be combined and will meet in the Preschool Room.

LECTIO DIVINA will resume on Tuesday, September 5. All are invited to join Rachel Nolt in her office each Tuesday at 7:30 am for this spiritual practice of "divine or sacred reading."

ON SEPTEMBER 10, please bring back the white doves you took at the beginning of the summer. Write your name on them, along with the places you travelled or the people for whom you prayed. They will be used in the worship service that day. Thanks.

OUR CONGREGATION began to search for a new pastor knowing that we were working with a reduced budget and a smaller congregation. When we invited Rachel to serve as our pastor in January 2017, we did so knowing that we would need to discern other ongoing staffing needs. Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) and selected members of Congregational Council now request your prayers as they meet with Rachel to begin that discernment process. The group invites you to share your thoughts with them. They hope to bring a proposal to Congregational Council and then to the congregation in early 2018. Let's pray for one another as we discern this path together. --From Council members: Chris Martin, Nancy Chapman, Ron Guenther and PCRC members: Kevin King, Grace Weber, Jerry Shank

ADNet (Anabaptist Disabilities Network) **LUNCH** Sunday, September 17 at 11:45 am in the AMC Assembly Room. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Marilyn Langeman (859-3840 or ken.marilyn.langeman@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Thanks to those who have returned the yellow form entitled "Volunteer Opportunities" that was in your church mailbox. Keep them coming! The Hospitality Committee and Congregational Life Committee appreciate all offers for assistance as indicated on this form. If you have misplaced your form and want to volunteer, please contact Marilyn Langeman (717-859-3840). Thank you!

GEARING UP FOR FALL: Here are the Kick-off Events for AMC's children's programming:
Connect! - 2nd Wednesday in September (13th) 6:00-7:30, ice cream social and soccer clinic. All members and friends of AMC are invited.
Saturday, October 21st, Fall Fun Fest and Diamond 5K Run/Walk 9:00am-12:00pm. **F.L.I.P.** (Family Life is Precious) invites all families and **Share-A-Life** invites all mentoring pairs to volunteer or participate in this fun and interactive fundraising event to benefit DSECC!

DREW HART'S BOOK, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* is available for purchase (\$17.00) in the church office. This fall, during second hour, Steve Nolt will be using this book as a resource in teaching a class on Christianity, Race and Racism. The class will be held in the Assembly Room. If you would like to start reading the book, pick up a copy in the office, sign your name on sign-up sheet and leave your check or cash with the Church Administrator.

REAL LIFE, REAL FAMILIES. Janet Stauffer, Karyn Nancarvis, and Rachel Nolt will facilitate conversation about marriage and family using curriculum from MennoMedia. This second-hour class will begin September 10 and will meet in the Sanctuary.

KOINONIA CLASS: Beginning September 17, the Koinonia Class will use Richard Rohr's book *Immortal Diamond* for our fall study. Please email linigood@gmail.com or hartzler@dejazzd.com to confirm whether you have the book available to you or are interested in having someone purchase it for you. Contact Don & Lin Good if you have interest in joining this class meeting. The class meets in Rm. 222.

THE DIAMOND 5K RUN/WALK to benefit DSECC will be held on Saturday Oct. 21, @ 9:00 a.m. Please consider participating! Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to register. Registration cost for adults(19+) is \$25 until Oct1, and \$30 after that. Reduced costs are