

me know (Ruth Weaver at 581-3812). We will talk about our plans for the months ahead when we gather in September.

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 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. **Monetary gifts are welcome, even if one does not walk or run.** Sponsorships are also available. Please see Phil Rutt or Tim Nancarvis for details.

IF YOU USE a hearing assist device, please remember to turn it off at the end of the service. Also, if you notice any problems with the device, please do not return it to the basket. Instead, set it aside and notify Pat Martin. Thank you.

COUNCIL MINUTES: Copies of AMC council minutes (and associated reports) from May, June, and July are available on the Welcome table in the foyer. Let Rebecca know if more copies are needed.

LECTIO DIVINA: 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.”

NEXT SUNDAY, September 24 1:00-4:00 at Binns Park, 100 N Queen St, Lancaster. **Peace Fest** is a free, family-friendly celebration featuring more than a dozen local groups working for a more peaceful and just world. **Music:** Corty Byron, Big Boy Brass, Music for Everyone, Danny Martin. **Speakers:** John Dear, Jacquetta Hunter, Kevin Martin, Kevin Ressler. There will be activities for children, interactive exhibits, and food trucks! Sponsored by Peace Action Network of Lancaster , 1040 for Peace, Tellus360 and others.

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
	\$ 4,871	\$ 9,700
Year-to-date General Fund	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$ 291,078	\$ 357,400
January-December 2017:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	178	

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

AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH
September 17, 2017
9:00 am

GATHERING/PRAISING

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 Leon Myers
Welcome & Introduction of guests
Call to worship

STS 75 (purple) Heri ni jina (Blessed be the name)
HWB 112 (blue) O Lord, our Lord, how majestic

Offering and offertory Leon Myers
Offertory prayer

HEARING GOD’S WORD

HWB 20 (blue) Come and see
Children’s time Sandra Richard Wood
Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Nelson Weber & Jim Shenk

Scripture Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17
Amy Herr, Tim Langeman, Chris Martin, David Wise
(screen) We are climbing Jacob’s ladder
Sermon God in the Mess Rachel Nolt

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

STS 121 (purple) Nothing is lost on the breath of God
(screen) Prayers of the people (HWB 720) Marion Schrock

LIVING AS COMMUNITY

Announcements
HWB 433 (blue) Go, my children
Sending blessing

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Musicians Diane Gehman, Leon Myers, grade 3-5 children
Song Leader Patricia Martin
Worship Leader Marion Schrock

Scripture next week: Exodus 2:23-25, 3:1-15, 28:10-17; 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

Christianity, Race, and Racism. Taught by Steve Nolt. Meets in the Assembly Room. Based on Drew Hart’s book Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism.

Real Life, Real Families. Janet Stauffer, Karyn Nancarvis, and Rachel Nolt will facilitate conversation about relating and connecting within the family using curriculum from MennoMedia. Meets in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Koinonia Class (begins today). This class will use Richard Rohr’s book Immortal Diamond for their fall book study. Contact Don & Lin Good if you have interest in joining this class, or if you need a copy of the book. Meets in Rm. 222.

Note: The **Weavings** Class will not meet this fall.

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-4th Grade - - - - -	Rooms 131, 132, 133 (lower level)
Jr. MYF (5-8 th Grade Youth) - - - - -	Room 122/124 (lower level)
MYF (High School Youth) - - - - -	Today only: at ACC Youth Retreat

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Nelson & Grace Weber; Elaine Brubaker
Nursery Worship: Joanne Dirks & Ethel Shank
Coffee Servers: Grace & Nelson Weber
Ushers: Don Good (Head usher), Sarah Eby, Bernice Valverde, Kent Douple

Sound/AV Operator: Delmar Zimmerman
Nursery DH: Donna Shenk & Nancy Chapman
Mug Washers: Ruth & Lowell Detweiler

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19	Women’s brown bag luncheon at Ruth Weaver’s home (1440 Amaryllis Lane at Landis Homes) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
October 21	Fall Fest with DSECC
March 24, 2018	MYF Auction

- Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF - Grades 9-12):
- October 8: Supper Club at Nancarvis’ home 5:00 – 8:00 pm
 - October 20-21: Lititz Storytelling Festival

PRAYERS

Betty Rheinheimer will have a heart catheterization on Monday ((9/18). She is grateful for our prayers during the procedure and in the days following.

Martha Gascho will have knee replacement surgery at LGH on Wednesday 9/20. She is grateful for prayers for good recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMC’S MYF are worshipping this morning with other ACC youth at Refreshing Mountain Camp. Seven MYF’ers attended the ACC youth retreat there this weekend, and others joined for this morning’s worship.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in joining a prayer group to pray for our congregation and for the broader Church, please contact Rachel (rnolt@akronmench.org or 717-859-1488).

ADNet LUNCH TODAY at 11:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room. If you didn’t sign up but would like to attend, please come.

IF YOU REQUESTED a copy of the book *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* for Steve Nolt’s class, the book is available in the church office for \$17.

WE WELCOME Myrna Burkholder to AMC today. Myrna will be sharing from her book *Recollections of a Sectarian Realist: A Mennonite Life in the Twentieth Century* in Steve Nolt’s second hour class. The book is a memoir of her father, J. Lawrence Burkholder, and Myrna will share about his participation in the Civil Rights movement. Myrna will have copies of her book available for sale for \$18.

ON OCTOBER 1 we will have breakfast during worship at 9:00 a.m. in the assembly room. You are encouraged to sign up for the food that will be placed on our round tables that seat eight people: baked oatmeal, fresh fruit or yogurt. See the bulletin board near the assembly room entrance for the sign-up sheet and details. Please contact Marilyn Langeman ([717-859-3840](tel:717-859-3840)) if you have questions. Children will eat with their parents. Preschool church will be dismissed after the meal.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART of a worship planning group for Advent and Christmas, please notify Pat Martin or Rachel Nolt.

THIS WEEK, AMC received a bequest from the estate of Ruth Wenger, for which we are grateful.

SEPTEMBER MARKS THE BEGINNING of our Women’s Brown Bag Lunches again this year. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September through May. This is an informal time for AMC women to get together and learn to know each other better. **Our first lunch meeting is planned for September 19th at the home of Ruth Weaver** (1440 Amaryllis Lane at Landis Homes). We meet from 11 am to 1 pm and bring our own brown bag lunch. The hostess provides hot beverages and cold water. Come for the whole time or on your lunch break from work or for whatever segment of time fits your schedule. We will be needing volunteers to host these gatherings in the coming months so if you are interested in having this gathering at your place, let