

Connecting with AMC's Graduating Seniors



Liam Magill

Seraphina Thorpe

Janessa Zimmerman

Liam Magill

Liam grew up as a child of AMC and attended church with his parents, Ingrid and Renny Magill, and later his sister Claire. Especially meaningful to Liam have been his connection to MYF, and his baptism on Easter of this year.

His MYF highlights have been many. In 2016, he celebrated his birthday with the MYF in Denver while participating in the DOOR service project. Once, he helped solve a potential "crisis" with another MYFer and Advisor team as one of the MYFers lost their wallet at Convention. Weekends at Kings Cabin were always a favorite.

Liam has enjoyed traveling to National Parks with his family. Together they have visited the Badlands, Yellowstone and Grand Tetons, Zion, Bryce, the Grand Canyon, Arches, Mesa Verde and Acadia. During trips to Maine, he enjoyed learning to kayak.

During his time in the after-school program at Helping Hands in Akron, he learned to know Justin Gehman, who is a member of the Akron Volunteer Fire Company. This friendship had a strong influence on Liam, and before he was able to join the fire company at 14, he spent time helping with fundraisers and attending fire company events. He has remained an active member of the fire company, and this interest led him to study Protective Services his last year in high school at the Lancaster County Career and Technology program.

Liam plans to bring his interest in first response together with his desire to help people to his studies of Disaster Management at Hesston College. He welcomes support from AMC through prayers, communication, and care packages!

Seraphina Thorpe

Seraphina's first connection to AMC was through her grandmother Sandy Thorpe. She quickly connected with the MYF and established friendships. She found the trips to Kings Cabin especially meaningful because that is where she made lasting relationships with both AMC's youth and Plains Mennonite youth. During those three days, she got closer to everyone and grew spiritually alongside her friends.

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Worship Schedule

June 3	Rachel Nolt
10	Dennis Ernest
17	Rachel Nolt
24	MYF

Seraphina grew up with four older siblings, whom she describes as “harsh”; yet she credits them with helping her become the confident, strong individual that she is. Every year the family vacationed in Stanardsville, VA where they had many “interesting, hilarious, and unforgettable” times.

Until 7th grade, Seraphina was cyber-schooled through the PA Virtual Charter School. In 7th grade, she transferred to Linden Hall in Lititz. While she loved all her classes, especially math classes, her absolute favorite class was AP US History. She was active in orchestra, choir, soccer, basketball, acting, and as class president.

Seraphina plans to study Industrial Engineering at Schreyer Honors College at Penn State main campus. She is considering minors in Spanish and music, as well as many extra-curriculars. She will take with her the friendships, snapchats, and memories from AMC, and she invites the congregation to hold her in prayer as she begins university.

Janessa Zimmerman

For Janessa, life is about relationships – with extended family, AMC, and friends. Growing up as a child of AMC, she attended church with her parents, Phil and Karmen Zimmerman, and sister Makena. She also connected to AMC through her grandparents Kermit and Sharon Yoder. She feels a real sense of community through the relationships she has built with the congregation, and especially with the MYF. Conventions in Kansas City and Orlando, and retreats at Kings Cabin and Paradise Lake are among her MYF highlights.

Janessa has many fond memories of her childhood – pick-up soccer games in her backyard, riding her scooter around the neighborhood with Makena, and trips to West Virginia over the 4th of July. Some vacations still occur to this day – Rehoboth, Delaware and Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina.

Janessa has been actively involved at Warwick High School through field hockey, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Aavidum, an organization that empowers youth to break the silence surrounding challenging issues facing teens. She especially enjoyed fine arts classes such as Fine Metalworking and Ceramics.

Janessa plans to attend EMU in the fall, and to major in either Biology or Psychology. She will take with her the many AMC friendships she has made, and her sense of spiritual growth. She would love to stay in touch with AMC, and welcomes messages and emails. She has enjoyed being part of AMC, and would like a community like this one to return to.



Pray For One Another

James 5:16

The purpose of “Pray For One Another” is to help us be aware of and pray for members of AMC who, for whatever reason, are unable to participate in Sunday morning worship services on a regular basis. Scripture **admonishes** us to pray. It is one of the joys of the Christian life and part of what makes us community. The names of people listed change from time to time. If you know of someone you would like to be included with those named here, please be in touch with the church office.



Charlotte Biris	Irma Bowman	Al Claassen	Flo Harnish
Carolyn & John Horst	Paul Martin	Philip Rutt	Amela & Randy Puljek-Shank

Pastor's Perspective

Conversations and Connections

I continue to participate in an ongoing conversation with other faith leaders in Lancaster County around the issue of racial discrimination in the allotment of state funding for public schools. I am forming relationship with brothers and sisters from different faiths, denominations, and races. Together we are working to make Lancaster County a place where all our children receive an education that brings shalom to our community. These conversations and connections are at times uncomfortable as we face our differences. I am learning about bias and perception of language...what do people living in Columbia think when they hear "Lancaster," what do people living in Lancaster think when they hear "Columbia," and what do others think when they hear "Lancaster County" or "Lancaster." What do these terms mean? How are they perceived? With what places do we identify? How do we speak in ways that unite rather than divide? It can be an uncomfortable conversation but it is also a challenging, invigorating conversation to be part of something bigger and to work toward the betterment of our community together.

I invite you to join the conversation and connections. Next Sunday, June 3, friends from Zion Lutheran (Akron) congregation will join us during second hour to consider and plan how we might engage more people from our school districts and broader community to join the conversation. This will be a great opportunity to further develop relationship with brothers and sisters in the faith and to share in uncomfortable and challenging conversation.

Pastor Matt Lenahan of Zion Lutheran will also be hosting a workshop on the issue of racial discrimination in state funding on Wednesday, June 6, 7pm at Zion Lutheran Church, Akron. If you were unable to attend the previous workshop that Matt and I did together, this will be a great opportunity to join others in the broader Akron community to learn about the issue.

Then on June 20 you are invited to join people of faith from across our county and the state at the capital in Harrisburg to speak with our elected officials about our desire to see that all children within our state receive the education that they need for the wellbeing of our entire community. Transportation will be provided. Please contact me at rnolt@akronmench.org or call the church office to join the conversation and make connection with people of faith in our area. — Rachel Nolt



The MYF young ladies and Advisor women were treated to an afternoon tea hosted by Karen King and Joyce Longenecker at the home of Karen King. Surrounded by energetic conversation, homemade brunch foods, fresh fruit, decadent chocolates and of course several tea flavors were beautifully served and enjoyed. The girls all wore spring dresses, adding a special tea party flair at the table set with delicate tea cups and fine china. A heartfelt thank you to Jessie and Nick Buckwalter for sharing their winning bid on this festive MYF Auction Item with the youth group.

Forgiving God in the face of an unexpected future

October 12, 1989, marks the day I thought my heart would stop and the world would come to an end.

While my heart didn't actually stop, although it did skip a few beats, my perception of the world and my family's future was changed forever. This was the day that my husband and I learned that our two sons both had Fragile X syndrome, a genetic disorder that causes intellectual disability and symptoms often associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder. I later learned that it was me who is the carrier of the Fragile X gene.

The doctors handed us the diagnosis of this condition without a guidebook or instructions. We had no idea what to do, yet we knew we had to somehow move forward.

All I could think of that day and in the days to come was, "**Why, God? Why would you let this happen to me, to us?**"

I was angry and resentful towards God. I argued with God, asking,

....."Are my boys' disabilities supposed to help make the world be a better place?

....."Were they created this way to help me be more accepting of others?"

As my sons grew older, they began to understand that they were different from other kids. Sometimes they acted in ways they didn't want to, which was hard on them.

My questions for God continued as they grew up.Why would God allow this?

.....Were they born to be this way?Is this what a loving God intended?

Eventually, I came to understand that the answer is "Yes."

I found answers to my questions in scripture.

In Psalm 139, the psalmist says, "*He knit us together in our mother's womb and knows all our days before the world was created.*" Job also says, "*What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God and shall we not receive evil?*"

These scriptures remind me that life isn't supposed to be easy. Life is a continued learning experience, and sometimes events occur without explanation as to what the lesson is. God sees the end from the beginning. He surely knew of the hope that would be stolen from us on October 12, 1989. Just as surely, God must grieve this, too.

After we received the news that day in 1989, I was angry, and I blamed God. The notion of my ever "forgiving God" seemed ridiculous, even offensive to me. I couldn't comprehend how a loving God could allow the pain and loss that I was experiencing so intensely. I had a hard time of letting go of the dreams I'd had for raising "typical" children. I struggled to let go of the image of what I thought life ought to give me.

With time, God does heal the hurt. But for this to happen, I needed to reconcile myself to God, which meant becoming friends with Him. You see, I'd always been in awe of God, respected Him, and acknowledged God my spiritual Father. But I'd never considered God as a companion and friend. In my suffering, I came to experience God as a faithful presence and companion through the unknown. I realized that I must expect suffering and loss, accept it, and find God's companionship through it. **Faith became an act of letting go of what I expected for myself and my sons.**

I pray that I can continue to let go of what *isn't*, and to hold on to what *is*. God tells us, “*My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*” (Isaiah 55:8-9)

God promises that even if the world tears us apart, God's ways will triumph. All my troubles are trumped by the power and promise of Christ. I've discovered that God works for good through the tragedies.

I had a choice back in 1989, and I have the same choice to make every day.... choose to be bitter, or to treasure what I have and adjust my perceptions of life. Peace comes to all who live as people of love, who look at what they have as a blessing, and who pass blessings on to the next person.

God is my strength through grief and struggle. Perhaps reaching this point means that I have forgiven God.

Chris Fabry, in his book, *Dogwood*, said this about life: “Basically life is a dance through a field full of cow manure. Most people won't even go into the field; they go around it and pretend. Or they try to tiptoe here and there and stay close to the fence. They don't see that the fertilizer creates beautiful flowers and some of the greenest grass you'll ever see. Put on your hip boots and waltz through the cow pies.”

With God's help, I pray that I can continue to do this.

—posted by Dayle Toews, McPherson, KS

—article submitted by Marilyn Langeman



Dayle lives in McPherson, Kansas, with her family. She graduated from Bethel College, North Newton, KS, and worked as a social worker before getting a teaching degree in special education. She taught special education in Newton, McPherson, Inman, and Lindsborg, Kansas, for twenty-four years. Now retired, Dayle enjoys hiking, parenting her adult sons, and reading. She attends First Mennonite Church in McPherson.

Seen at AMC



Left: Phil Rutt presents flowers to Priscilla Ziegler in appreciation of her years of work interviewing the “Saints of AMC.”

Right: Carter Burkholder, on cello, is accompanied by his mother Amy Martin Burkholder.



Left: Bree Beyer enjoying an activity during an intergenerational picnic at AMC on May 20.

Stories that Heal and Shape Us



We will be offering a fourth series of Sister Care discipleship hour storytelling sessions beginning on June 3 and running through July 29, including eight sessions, one each Sunday except for July 1st. The weekly sessions will involve a different AMC sister each Sunday speaking from her life journey, focusing on themes of joy or loss or selecting pivotal experiences that greatly influenced her. Women of AMC, plan to come and learn to know your AMC sisters better!

	Women Sharing:	Convener:
June 3	Grace Weber	Marilyn Langeman
June 10	Elaine Brubaker	Jean Buchen
June 17	Helen Peifer	Ethel Shank
June 24	Lynette Meck	Ethel Shank
July 1	No Class	-----
July 8	Esther Hostetter	Jean Buchen
July 15	Kay Weidner	Marilyn Langeman
July 22	Melanie Baer	Ethel Shank
July 29	Melody Rupley	Marilyn Langeman

Room: Assembly Room. Out of respect for the presenter, please come on time. We do not want to interrupt personal stories

Planners— Jean Buchen, Marilyn Langeman & Ethel Shank

Spread the Word!

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

Diamond Street Beat

By Kim Bell
June 2018

June - for many schools that means closed classrooms, empty hallways, and quiet buildings. Not for Diamond Street! Did you realize that most of our classes run year-round? The Orioles, Owls and Eagles do follow the Ephrata Area School District's school year calendar, so they end in early June, but we start Summer Camp on June 11th. So really, for us, June is just another month.

However, in June we hold "move ups" where some children move from one classroom to another because they have aged out of their current class. That's an exciting transition for everyone involved - the children get a new teacher, classmates and schedules, the teachers have to get to know the new children in their classrooms, and the office handles all the paperwork involved!

During Summer Camp, up to 24 children ages 5-10 spend 11 weeks with us learning how to care for their community. We have lots of internal and outside service projects planned for our campers, as well as weekly clubs, trips to the Hillcrest pool, and all kinds of exciting field trips. Sounds like fun, right? Almost makes you want to be a kid again, doesn't it?



Diamond Street Staff Bio



Kelly Noll
Lead Teacher - Swans

Kelly Noll is the teacher in our Swans classes – half-day preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds. She also teaches the Doves class which is a full-day class for the same age-group during the summer months. She provides a rich learning environment that includes all areas of development.

Kelly went to RACC and has an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. She has worked at Diamond Street since 2004 – first in the Hummingbird room, and the last 3 with the preschoolers. She loves the coworkers and families she has met over the years.

She and her husband of 20 years live in Reamstown with their 16-year-old son, a dog named Rocky and a cat named Holeshoot (which is a motocross term – a favorite hobby of the family).

In her spare time, Kelly enjoys writing, reading, building dollhouses, gardening, traveling, and spending time with her family. She recently wrote a children's book about motocross called "A Day at the Track". Her son races motocross so she calls herself a "motomom"!

Kelly is a special teacher and a wonderful co-worker. We are lucky to have her here, teaching our preschoolers all year long!

An Appeal on Behalf of the Sen Family

by Richard Sarker

Sailen and Shantona Sen lived as an active Christian family in Shambhuganj, Bangladesh, along with their two children, Sreamoni and Wilson. Tragedy struck this family 8 months ago when Sailen died in a bus accident when he was returning home from a nearby town where he had gone to look for work. Shantona became a widow with two children in a village where there are very limited resources to begin with.

I met Shantona a few months after Sailen's death, and we were able to provide her with two goats as part of our organization's support to widows in that area who do not have any other sources of income. Her children also attend our school in Shambhuganj and are provided with lunch five days a week as part of our nutrition program for the children there. Shantona usually was not able to provide three meals a day for her children in the past with her limited income and saw this as a blessing. She was eager to go on with her life with her daughter Sreamoni (age 9) and son Wilson (age 7) and accepted the fact that God has a purpose for everything.



On May 4, 2018, Shantona was killed during a lightning storm while tending to her goats and chickens. As the storm approached, she was trying to usher the animals back to protect them, as many die each year due to lightning strikes in that area. She herself was struck by lightning and killed.

We do not always understand God's plans, or why such tragedies happen. However, we do know that Sailen and Shantona left behind two children who now have very little to live on. The Sens lived in extreme poverty and had nothing to leave behind. The children, who go to our school, are now our responsibility, as their extended family cannot afford to financially support them.

We are exploring ways to send the children to a Christian orphanage. However, the orphanage cannot take them in the middle of a school year (the school year runs January—December in

Bangladesh), and the children have to be provided for until 2019.

We have estimated that it will cost approximately \$1,200 for food, clothing, and other expenses for the children to get them through 2018. Once they can go to the orphanage, their expenses will be much smaller, and only for travel, food, clothing, and medical care during the times they are visiting their relatives in Shambhuganj.

We appreciate any help you can provide so we can take care of the children of Sailen and Shantona during this painful time in their life. Please contact Richard Sarker (717-271-1585) if you have questions or want to contribute.

Benefit Cabaret Organized by Local Youth and Church Member Anna Clemens

Despite being away at college with a heavy course load and high involvement with my theatre company on campus, I tried my hardest to stay up to date on current events. On February 14th footage of yet another mass shooting came across my Facebook, twitter, and TVs across campus. In my heart, I knew something had to change. The fact that I could name more mass shootings than I had fingers exemplified the very problem at hand. However, something was different about this one. The survivors started speaking and writing. They started talking to politicians and politicizing their experience because they too saw the problem. They created an organization, March For Our Lives, that pulled off a huge event as well as pushes for important legislation.



In some of their interviews, they started using the phrase “mass shooting generation.” The truth of this phrase shocked me. To give you some perspective, Columbine happened about a year after I was born (1999). 7 years later, I was a third grader and a mass shooting occurred miles away from my elementary school at West Nickel Mines elementary (2006). After this point, I could name shooting after shooting. The fact that these events have served as a measurement of my life is a symbol of our broken system.

For the past year and a half, I have been angry and frustrated with the way the world has seemed to be going. However, seeing other young people take action against the system and the people in charge inspired me to do something. I was trying to come up with a way for me to make this change that I wanted to see. I always thought I was too busy or not strong enough to do it. Then, it dawned on me: A benefit cabaret. I knew just who to ask to join me in taking on this project. All through high school my best friends and I would spend our time venting about social inequality and performing onstage. Theatre and activism have become my true passions in life. This event allowed me to combine the two and start a conversation in our area.

Lancaster County is a diverse area of Pennsylvania and this diversity allows for good conversation despite differing views. Music and Theatre allow people to connect in ways that they once thought to be impossible. So this is where you all come in. Please consider coming to this event with an open mind and an open heart. My hope is that this cabaret will not only serve to be a source of financial support for March For Our Lives but also a conversation starter and a unifying space. Our mission is to promote unity among a diverse community through performance arts, advocate for a safer tomorrow for all individuals no matter their identity, and allow the next generation to become involved in activism and nonpartisan politics through creative endeavors.

SAVE THE DATE

Strength in Numbers: Wrongs Will be Righted if We're United

A benefit cabaret for *March for our Lives*

Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Akron Mennonite Church

Questions? Contact Anna Clemens (annasclemens@gmail.com)

June (and beyond) at AMC & in the Community

June Upcoming Events

- June 5** Lunch Bunch @ Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
- 6** Library Committee meeting @ 6 pm
- 6** Preparedness Committee meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 7** Men's Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7 am;
John Stoner, presenter
- 13** Coffee & Conversation @ Landis Homes;
10—11:30 am; Kirkview Lounge
- 13** Luther Acres residents' gathering @ noon
in The Round
- 14** AMC Council meets @ 7:00 pm
- 14** AMC serves community meal at Trinity
Lutheran Church, Ephrata
- 17-23** MYF in Denver, CO for DOOR service project
- 20** Coffee & Conversation @ Landis Homes;
10—11:30 am; Hybrid #1 Community Room
- 24-28** VBS with Akron Church of the Brethren

Lectio Divina will take a hiatus for the summer and will resume in September. Congregational Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 pm. Both meetings are in Rachel's office.

SAVE THE DATE

- Aug. 18** Benefit cabaret for March for Our Lives at AMC
- Oct. 26-27** ACC Fall Assembly @ AMC

June 14 Community Meal

The next community meal Akron Mennonite Church will be preparing and serving is on Thursday evening, June 14th. This meal will be served at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 167 East Main Street, Ephrata. To drop off cake or enter to help, you need to enter the fellowship hall from the rear doors. We will need 10 - 9"x13" donated cakes to serve for dessert and volunteers to help with set-up, serving and clean-up. If you have interest in helping, please contact Jean Buchen at 717-371-9152 or by email jbuchen@kthighland.com.



Summer VBS at Akron Church of the Brethren

- Where:** Akron Church of the Brethren
613 Main St., Akron
Phone: 717-859-2156
- When:** Sun., June 24—Thurs., June 28, 2018
- Time:** 6:00—8:15 pm
- Ages:** 4 years old (by Sept. 30) through
7th grade



Register on the Akron Church of the Brethren website (<http://www.akronpacob.org/children/>) or fill out the form (available from Karyn Nancarvis)
Questions? Call the ACOB office between 10 am and 2 pm at 717-859-2156 or call, text, or email Nelsa at 609-703-5559 / miminelsa@yahoo.com

Celebrate our world community with us--MEDA's World Night Market is still on! MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) is pleased to announce that **World Night Market** has been rescheduled for **Sunday, June 10, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm** (rain or shine) in Buchanan Park in Lancaster City! This family-friendly event is free to the public and will feature 6 countries, local food vendors, a variety of activities for children, and a full music line-up. For more information, visit meda.org/wnm. We hope to see you there!

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**Learn about Advoz, Get Involved, Friday, June 8:** Advoz is hosting a free info session while seeking volunteers to mediate, facilitate *making things right* through face-to-face dialogue. Formed from LAVORP/Center for Community Peacemaking and the Lancaster Mediation Center, Advoz is facing increasing demand for its services. See how you could get involved during this one-hour session with interactive discussion, testimony, and question-and-answer time with Advoz staff and volunteers. Light meal (sandwiches) provided. Friday, June 8 at Noon and 5:30 PM at Benjamin Roberts in Lancaster. RSVP by June 6 at [www.advoz.org/event/info-session](http://www.advoz.org/event/info-session), via Facebook: [www.facebook.com/events/1987427604904828](https://www.facebook.com/events/1987427604904828) or call (717) 397-2404.

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From the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society:

Music in the Orchard—Outdoor summer concerts begin at the 1719 Herr House & Museum at 6 p.m. on June 9 with a performance by Joy Ike and an opening by Alex Brubaker. Concerts continue rain or shine every other Saturday through August 4.

What Young Historians are Thinking—Hear from young scholars from historic peace churches share their research at 1:30 p.m. on June 2 in Hoover 110 at Elizabethtown College, 1 Alpha Dr, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Paula Holtzinger will present "Tracing the Trajectory of Racial Engagement within Mennonite Central Committee, 1985-2005," Jena Longenecker will present "Objection Overruled? Reformulating the Mennonite Witness Regarding Law," and Kyle Stockdale will share "Anabaptists in the Military: Stories of Conscripted Men from Indiana-Michigan Conference." A reception will follow.

French Student Hosting Opportunity—July and/or August 2018

Are you eager connect with another culture? Would you enjoy showing hospitality to international students on a short-term visit to the Lancaster area? If so, please consider hosting a pair of French youths for a few weeks this summer!

We need individuals, couples, and families to host French students (ages 14-17) as they study English and learn about American culture. Two groups are coming: the first group's session is **July 14 - August 2**, and a second group will be here from **August 5 - August 24**. The programs are directed by Jeff and Ellyn Nolt and sponsored by American Home Life International (a Christian organization based in Lancaster, PA).

If you are interested, here's what you should know: Hosts receive an up-front stipend of \$440 per 3-week session. In addition, we ask hosts to accommodate two students per home, provide 3 meals a day, and arrange transportation to and from weekday ESL classes. The classes take place at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church (333 Delp Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601).

Want to learn more? Please contact Jeff at [717-224-3695](tel:717-224-3695) or jeffn@amhomelife.org.

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is holding auditions for the 2018-2019 choir year on June 11 at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, 333 Delp Road, Lancaster. Auditions include matching pitch, singing in tune, using head voice, maintaining a melodic line while another line is being sung and singing one prepared piece of music.

The choir involves singers in Carol Choir, grades 2-5; Concert Choir, grades 6-8; and Chamber Choir, grades 9-12. The choirs practice weekly throughout the school year in preparation for a concert series in early December and in the spring. Singers rehearse Tuesday evenings January through April.

Prospective singers should schedule a 15-minute audition time slot by calling 717-540-383-9986 or emailing caroland-concertchoir@lancastermennonite.org.

MCCL is also accepting registrations for two non-auditioned programs that develop vocal skills: Prelude Music for children in grades K-1 and Choristers for grades 2-8. Classes are held Tuesday evenings from September through November and again in February through April. To register, contact Audrey Livengood at 717-455-7025 or mccl@lancastermennonite.org.

The mission of MCCL is "training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing." This program of Lancaster Mennonite School is open to the community. For more information, visit www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org.

June Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Naomi Wyble
3 Tim Nancarvis Kristin Sims	4 Gerald Horst Jim Stauffer	5	6	7 Tim Langeman	8 Amen Siyoum Scott Sundberg	9 Marilyn Yoder
10	11 Bryan Beyer Lowell Detweiler Don Gunden Aaron Smee	12	13	14 Bonnie Myers	15 Cathryn Beyer	16 Dick Boshart Isaac Dundore
17 Kristine Leaman Glenn Weaver	18 Jan Brubaker Barbara Penner Peter Wise	19	20 Sarah Forrey	21 Bob Peifer	22 Delores Nolt	23 Leon Myers Bob Wyble
24 Amy Burkholder	25 Nelson Weber	26	27	28 Sheryl Krafft	29 Carolyn Beyer	30 Ginny Musser Isaac Nancarvis

Akron Mennonite Church

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- ◇ Worship @ 9:00 am
- ◇ Coffee/Tea Fellowship from 10:15-10:40 am
- ◇ Christian Education & Discipleship Hour from 10:40-11:40 am

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AMC Vision Statement

Akron Mennonite Church will be fully engaged in God's mission in a broken world as we are called, equipped and sent by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in life. Shaped by the gifts and vision of our members, we will keep Christ and church at the center of our lives as we reach out to neighbors near and far and witness to the world around us through an Anabaptist-Mennonite expression of faith.

Statement on Human Sexuality

We are a community of believers seeking to respond with God's love to all people. We celebrate the strength of our unity in the midst of our diversity of experiences, perspectives and understanding of Scripture. We seek to be a community of grace and reconciliation and so welcome into membership all who confess faith in Jesus Christ, including those in same-gender covenant relationships. We are committed to engaging in God's mission in a broken world through an Anabaptist-Mennonite faith perspective.