

**#1 – Spring Faith & Life Gathering, March 2, 2024** – AMC met for its annual business meeting the first Saturday of March. 51 delegates and visitors joined in the work of adopting a 2024-25 spending plan, as well as reviewing the work of the Conference Minister Search Committee, the new Ministry Resources Team, Youth Ministry Task Force and reports from the Moderator and Conference Minister. Music from the Soil and the Seed Project was featured in the opening centering time. Thank you to everyone for your participation in the work of Allegheny Conference!

FAITH LIFE

**#2 - "Exodus: The Intersection of Worship and Liberation for Contemporary Faith Communities" –**

Led by Dr. Safwat Marzouk, Allegheny's annual Spring Pastor's and Leaders event at Laurelville is just a month away! Registration is still open... There are still spots available for overnights in the Lodge, and we also want to highlight that **part-time attendance is always welcome**. Come for a session or two, or a day or two – reduced rates apply depending on your schedule. We are anticipating a timely study given the context of church and state in our present circumstances. Register online at [alleghenymennoniteconference.org](http://alleghenymennoniteconference.org) under the Events tab. Or call Kathy at the conference office for assistance – 814-443-2007.



**#3 – Lester Lind (Philippi) featured in Menno SnapShots:**



<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/build-it-they-will-come-reflections-on-a-calling-and-a-career/>

Take a look at the Snapshots link to learn more about one of our current Leadership Council members.

**#3 – Morgantown Church of the Brethren – March 2024 AMC Featured Congregation**



Morgantown Church of the Brethren, "joyfully affiliated with the Mennonite church", currently has about 50 people participating in our fellowship. Most did not "grow up Mennonite," so we are more often described by what we do rather than in theological or historical terms. Here's how we've heard newer members explain to surprised friends why they were going to church:

"This is a church where any question can be asked, where children are loved and their answers are listened to, where you can be involved as much or as little as

you want, where we had chocolate cake for communion last time, and even when we don't, all the generations want to come be part of the circle, where there's lunch every Sunday, where my brain and my spirit are challenged and grow in book clubs, where people are active in every part of city life, where we provide for hungry and under-housed neighbors here and around the world, where reading the gospel makes sense. This is a church where people are doing the gospel and not just talking about it, where people learn how to take better care of each other as we learn about grace."

**#4 - Celebrating God's (re)Creation – Annual Celebration of Congregations and Conference**



Come to Laurelville Retreat Center, August 2-4 for AMC's annual "Celebration" event. Read Joel 1 & 2 as preparation. You will be treated to an immersive (and fun!) combination of work, worship, and outdoor experiences designed for all ages and abilities. Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler is our resource person – MC USA's new Climate Justice Coordinator. This is a **Save-The-Date** announcement. Registration and more details coming in May.