

The Lord has made me walk in darkness rather than light. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for the Lord's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. [Lam. 3:1-3, 21-23]



Darkness unfolding as *LIGHT* JOURNEYING WITH RUTH AND NAOMI

Come and reflect on the Biblical story of Naomi and Ruth, and hear our speakers share about their own journeys of grief and renewed hope.

Annual Gathering for Eastern District and Franconia Mennonite Conference Women

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Marilyn Handrich Bender (left) is one of four co-pastors at Ripple Church, a congregation in Allentown that builds relationships with neighbors who are socially marginalized. Offering spiritual direction to pastors and community members brings a lot of joy to her as well. Rose Bender Cook (right), Marilyn's sister-in-law, is a part-time pastor at Whitehall Mennonite Church. She also works as a research assistant with BrokoppBinder Research & Consulting, LLC and does adjunct teaching for EMU-Lancaster. Rose is the founding member of Zumē House, an intentional Christian community in Allentown.



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