

**WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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January 13, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship: Isaiah 43:1-7

Prayer: (Congregation reads in unison)

**Gracious God, we confess that too often we live
as though we are fearful, not faithful.**

**When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion,
we don't easily pass through them,
but we obsess about the height of the water
instead of the sight of the other side.**

**You promised to walk through the rivers with us.
Help us believe.**

And help our unbelief. Amen

Offering

Sharing our joys and concerns: *“God of Love, Hear our Prayer”*

Singing

Scripture: Luke 3:15-22 – Arlene Moser)

Message: “A Fresh Start” – Jayne

Prayer of Response: (Congregation reads in unison)

By your Spirit, Almighty God, Grant us

Love for others,

Joy in serving you,

Peace in disagreement,

Patience in suffering,

Kindness toward all people,

Goodness in evil times,

Faithfulness in temptation,

Gentleness in the face of opposition,

Self-control in all things.

Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.

Sending song

Benediction

Greeters for January: Jenn Petro and Linda

Bulletin Editor for January: Ellen Lehman – 288-1961

Front Table Arrangement for January:

Church Sign for January: Joy Cotchen

Offering Holders for January: Whitey & Linda Gindlesperger

St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for January: Toilet Paper

Offering: 01/06/2019 - \$1,780.00 – Regular

*******COMING EVENTS*******

Mon., Jan. 14 to Wed., Jan. 16 – Jayne will be attending School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Wed., Jan 16, 5-7:00 p.m. – Soup Night

Wed., Jan 16, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council meets

Mon., Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m. – Kid’s Connection resumes

Wed., Feb 13, 7:15 p.m. – Spiritual Growth Group

Sun., Mar. 3, 12:00 noon –Annual Congregational Business Meeting

*****NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Thurs., Jan. 17 – Jeanette Hunsberger

Jayne will be at Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg, VA for School for Leadership Training from Mon., Jan. 14 through Wed., Jan. 16. She is still available by text or you may leave a message on her phone. She will be back in her office Friday, Jan 18.

This week, the **Council of International Anabaptist Ministries** will gather at MCC’s Welcoming Place in Akron, Pennsylvania. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the leaders of North American and global mission agencies as they seek to collaborate in doing God’s work in the world.

The sign-up sheets for 2019 volunteer positions to do the sign, greeting, offering collecting and the front table are on the bulletin board in the foyer. Take a look and see when you could help!

Business Meeting reports are due by February 3, 2019. They can be given to Joyce Telenko.

Our mission efforts in January will support MC USA RELIEF (Racial/Ethnic (Racial/Ethnic Education) FUND. This fund provides scholarships to Racial/Ethnic students in Mennonite Church USA, their congregations and their communities. In doing so, we recognize the life of Dr. Martin Luther King and others who challenge our past and encourage our future. We will collect this offering on Sunday, January 27.

During the month of **February** our worshipers will focus on a series from MC USA entitled “**Journey Forward**”. This is an opportunity

to reflect on who we are as a congregation, a denomination and where God might be leading us. Each of these four Sundays, our worship time will be followed by a meal and discussion opportunity. Stay tuned for more information on all of this in the coming weeks.



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