

**WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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January 20, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: A Dream of Diversity

Worship Leader: Curt Lichtenfels

Song Leaders: Rachel Allen & Jeanette Hunberger

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song: "I want Jesus to walk with me" – HWB 439

Call to Worship:

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

We live sustained by God's presence and love.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

People: God weeps with us.

Leader: As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have

lived in faith,

People: God give thanks with us.

Leader: As we struggle for justice,

People: God struggles with us.

Leader: As we strive for peace,

People: God strives with us.

Leader: As we work to build the beloved community,

People: God works with us.

Leader: As we offer our gifts to all,

People: God blesses us.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

**People: Sustained by God's presence and love
we worship God.**

Prayer

Offering: "Been In the Storm So Long" – Fisk Jubilee Singers
(recorded in 1956)

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

Singing: "There is a balm in Gilead" – HWB 627

"Precious Lord, take my hand" – HWB 575

"I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" – by Maya Angelou

Songs: "Wade in the Water" – HWB 446

"Steal Away" – HWB 612

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:4-11; Galatians 3:27-29

"Jesus Wasn't White"

Singing: "Lord I want to be a Christian" – HWB 444

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" – HWB 579

"I Have a Dream"

Affirmation: (congregation reads in unison)

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events
around us.

I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice.

I believe those around me are my brother and my sister.

I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be
healed.

I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it.

This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation.

I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."

Sending Song: "Guide my feet" – HWB 546

Benediction

Greeters for January: Jenn Petro and Linda Gindlesperger

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: 01/13/2019 - \$1,278.00 – Regular

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

Wed., Jan 23, 5-7:00 p.m. – Soup Night

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

Wed., Mar. 6, 7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Mon., Jan. 21 – Mark Blasko;

Fri., Jan. 25 – Sherri Telenko

Next week will be our annual opportunity to covenant for another year to support Stahl Mennonite Church. Come prepared to add your colorful gifts to this Body of Christ.

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! There are still a few empty spaces!

We are invited to join Crossroads on Friday, January 25, to pack MCC Relief buckets for Syrian refugees. A light meal will be shared

at 6:30 p.m. followed by a time of packing relief buckets and sharing from Luke Shrock-Horst, MCC East Coast Representative.

Our mission efforts in January will support MC USA RELE (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.



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