

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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January 1, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: RESTORATION IS NEAR:

He comes to us in all our distress

Worship Leader: Carol McKool

Music Leader: Rachel and Elizabeth

Pre-Service Music: “Restore Us” The Soil and The Seed Project
Vol 5

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Isaiah 63:7-9

Gathering Music

Call to Worship:

Leader: In crimson clothing you came,
bringing the day of vengeance, the year of
redemption.

People: **God has not forgotten you, O Jerusalem.**

Leader: O Lord, your compassion and kindness are for us, even in our distress.

People: **Even in suffering we remember your love.**

Leader: You have become fully human; you call us brothers and sisters.
You, Lord, will gather your people again for the day of redemption.

All: ***Let our repentance give you glory.
Let our praises give you joy, until you come again.***

Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns: *“God of Love, Hear our Prayer”*

Music

Scripture: Matthew 2:13–23

Message: “The Blood of the Innocents” - Jayne

Response:

In the darkness before creation,
you made all that lives and breathes.
In the darkness of Mary’s womb,
you formed Jesus, bringer of light.
In the darkness of our world
your spirit sustains us.
O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.
In the stillness of the dark,
we pray for all who need God’s presence in a special way;
**people who are discouraged and hopeless,
people who have become cynical and bitter.**
O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.
Thank you for moments of inspiration,
for moments of clear vision
**where we see who we are
and who we are meant to be,
where we see where we are
and where you want us to go.**
Give us courage to take the journey that you call us to,
and give us strength on the road.
O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

Your presence sustains us,

help us to go from worship this morning,
having seen your face,
having done homage to your goodness,
confident in the work you are doing in us and through us,
for your kingdom come,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

-Carol Penner

Sending Music

Sending Words

Resource used: Leader Magazine, Fall 2022

Bulletin Editor for January: Shana Lichtenfels – 814-288-0171

Front Table for January:

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

Offering: 12/18/2022 – \$1,043.70 = General Offering Total

100.00 = MDS

12/25/2022 - \$ 348.70 = General Offering

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

January Mission Offering: Saturday's Kitchen

January 9-11: Jayne at School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite Seminary

January 11, 7:30: Church Council

January 14: Serving meal at Saturday's Kitchen

January 13-15: Stahl hosting the Allegheny Mennonite Conference Leadership Council

January 22, 12:00: Annual Business Meeting and potluck

January 26: Jayne's knee replacement surgery (hopefully!)

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

Jayne will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday

this week. You can reach her anytime by calling or texting 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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