

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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January 2, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

THEME: Epiphany: “Dare to Imagine God’s Dance”

Worship Leader: Jeanette Hunsberger & Shelly Kerchner

Music Leaders: Rachel Allen and Leah Rittenhouse

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Music

John 1:1-14 – Kathy Thomas

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come and join in a holy dance—
a dance God has been imagining since the beginning.

People: We come, weeping.

Leader: Join in God’s comforting dance.

People: We come with nothing.

Leader: Join in God’s dance of abundance.

People: We come, feeling disconnected.

Leader: Join in God’s intimate dance.

People: We come, although we do not know how to dance.

Leader: Will we dare to learn the moves?

Do we dare step onto the dance floor?

People: We will join in God's daring dance.

Advent Candle:

Leader: We light the Christ candle to honor Jesus
and listen as all creation joins in praise.

**People: Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders,
blessed wonders.**

"He Came Down" using "light" – STJ 31

Prayer

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

Music

Imagining

Music Video: Girl Named Tom – "Refugee King"

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Message: Ron Spory

Response:

God of the vast heavens, expansive oceans,
majestic mountains, and rolling prairies,
forgive us for our need to conquer and control.
Cause us to look up, reach out, and follow . . .
For you, O God of infinite imagination, will lead us.

From all the fullness of God,
the world has received grace upon grace.
The young rejoice in the dance.
The old shall be merry.
Surely, the true Light has come into the world. Amen.

Sending Music

Sending Words:

Move your heart to the rhythm of the seasons,
let your praises be seen in your movement.
Use your imagination,
join in God's daring dance,
the dance that began with the light.

Bulletin Editor for January: Ellen Lehman – 814-288-1961

Church Sign for January:

Front Table for January:

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

Offering: 12/26/2021 – \$1,625.70 – Regular

1,000.00 – MCC

665.00 – MDS

580.00 – Voices Together Hymnal

25.00 – Benevolence Fund

\$3,895.70 = TOTAL

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Today, Sun., Jan. 2 – Kate Cotchen; Mon., Jan. 3 – Cathy Miller; Wed., Jan. 5 – Holly Hartzler; Thurs., Jan. 6 – Ethan Cotchen; Sat., Jan. 8 – Terrie Wyar; Sat., Jan. 8 – Matthew Stahl

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

Wed., Dec. 15 – Wed., Jan. 5: Jayne taking vacation and holiday time for son’s surgery recovery in Ohio.

Today, Sun., Jan. 2 – Annual Reports due to Joyce Telenko

Tues., Jan. 12. 7:00 p.m. – Church Council

Sat., Jan. 15 – We will be serving guests at the Family Kitchen.

Sun., Jan. 16, 12:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Business Meeting

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

Jayne will be taking vacation and holiday time for her son’s surgery recovery in Ohio. For emergencies contact a Lay Leader Glenn Lehman (until Jan. 1, 2022), Bill Hunsberger, Sonya Horsley or Joy Cotchen (after Jan. 1, 2022). If you have information or prayer requests for the Phone Tree contact Sonya Horsley. If you have information for the bulletin please contact Shana Lichtenfels, Ellen Lehman or Shelly Kerchner.

The **2022 volunteer sign-up sheets** for being responsible for the church sign and the front table is hanging on the back bulletin board.



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

January 2, 2022

FOCUS STATEMENT:

Imagine a dance that includes all peoples and nations and abilities coming together, praising God for Jesus.

Just imagine: God chooses and lavishes grace on us,
a dancer who is both intimate and inclusive,
living among us,
revealing God's glory in the Word made flesh.

We commit to love and obey God, and through the power of the Holy Spirit follow Jesus, sharing the story of God's love, forgiveness, and grace, making God's kingdom of peace and justice more present on Earth.

A big thank you to everyone who agreed to be on the 2022 affirmation ballot. Letting you know that 100% of all positions were accepted!

Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting is set for Sunday, Jan. 16 following worship. Please have any annual reports to Joyce Telenko **by today, Sun. Jan 2. Thanks.**

Covid 19 protocols are constantly changing. Because of the increase of cases and the Delta variant, the CDC is recommending increased use of masks when inside public spaces, even if vaccinated. Lay Leaders discussed this change and recommend complying with these new guidelines. We know it is not convenient or popular to do so. However, we choose to error on the side of caution guided by medical professionals. Please visit outdoors following worship, weather permitting, where you can remove your mask. Thanks so much for your patience and willingness to care for the safety and health of one another. We will continue streaming our worships via Facebook Live.

Thank you for your continued generous giving of your finances. Without each of you we would not be able to do the work of the church. You can give in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, or mail your offering to Sharon Shetler. You can also give electronically on our website. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.)

***** **PRAYER REQUESTS** *****

Jessie Shroyer	Traveling Mercies	Lisa Gaylord
Linda Manges	Joy Cotchen	Dan Gates
Christopher Liechty	Linda Gindlesperger	Whitey Gindlesperger
Sarah Barrett	Amy Yoder's Mother	James Gates
Stephanie Holsopple	Scott Gaynell	Jeff Hay's Mother
Dennis & Joann Ott	Dennis -Mlaker Employee	
Tornado Victims		
Lambhart Family – death		
Margaret Thomas Family – death		
Nate Longnecker Family - death		