

WELCOME TO

STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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January 5, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: “Epiphany – Nurturing Faith:
From Whom Do We Learn?”

Worship Leader: Jeanette Hunsberger

Music: Stahl Musicians

Together on the Journey

Opening Music: “The Lord Is My Light” The Soil and The Seed –

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Lighting the Peace Lamp:

We gather:

a community of faith in God’s complex world.

We gather to celebrate

that no darkness can extinguish light,

to remember

that love will always be more powerful than death,

and to trust that

peace will always be stronger than violence.

(light Peace Lamp and pause for reflection)

We gather,

people of faith in the light of God’s world.

Written by Cheryl Lawrie

Gathering Song(s)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus, grant that we may learn from you
as long as we live,

People: that we would mature in wisdom and years.

Leader: Just as you listened and questioned, grant us humility

People: that we would sit among the teachers.

Leader: We look to you, Emmanuel,

All: Jesus, teach us how to learn.

Lighting Advent Candles

Prayer**

Singing

Time for the Young and Young at Heart: Jeanette Hunsberger

Song: “How Many Times We Start Again” – VT 553

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Message: “The Roots of Faith” – Jayne

Response:

May the path that Christ walks
to bring justice upon the earth,

to bring light to those who sit in darkness,

to bring out those who live in bondage,

to bring new things to all creation:

may this path run through our life.

May we be the road Christ takes.

~ written by Jan L. Richardson

Sending Song

Sending Words: Based on Psalm 2:7

** If you would like to have a prayer request included in this Prayer, Prayer Cards are available with the bulletins. Please write your prayer request and either place it in the basket on the bulletin table or get it to the worship leader before the end of the Gathering Songs.

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

January Mission Offering: MCUSA Justice Fund
Tues., Jan. 14, 10:00 am: Lay Leaders
Wed., Jan. 15, 6:30 pm: Church Council
Fri., Jan. 24 - Sat., Jan. 25: Hosting AMC Leadership Council
Sun., Jan. 26, 12:00 noon: Annual Business Meeting and Lunch

Bulletin Editor for January: Ellen Lehman – 814-288-1961
Church Sign for January: Norma Alwine
St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for January: Toilet Paper
Offerings: 12/24/2024 – \$180.00 – MDS

12/29/2024 – \$1,713.70 – General Fund
250.00 – MDS
\$1,963.70 = Total

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

Wish the following a **Happy Birthday** today or by sending them a card this week: Wed., Jan. 8 – Terrie Wyar; Wed., Jan. 8 – Matt Stahl; Thurs., Jan. 9 – Jennifer Petro

Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wednesday and Friday. If you would like to meet with her or contact her, then or any other time, please text or call 330-224-3944 or email stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Hearing assistance headphones and a Large Print Hymnal are available at the back of the sanctuary.

New for 2025! The first Sunday of each month (beginning today January 5th) lunch will be provided in the basement where we can continue to fellowship together over a meal. All are invited to stay, eat and visit!

There is a new signup sheet to help with the outside sign and the front table for the coming year. Check it out on the bulletin board as you go down the ramp!

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**God is faithful in keeping promises on the journey,
but unless we are keenly attuned,
we may not recognize promises fulfilled.**

**Even as we wait, we can be assured
that God is active in working out the plan of
restoring and healing.**

**May we have the eyes to see God's active presence,
and may we have a voice to share what we have
seen.**

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