

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**January 7, 2024**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.**

**Theme:** Epiphany Sunday –  
“How will we know ... What we know?”

**Worship Leader:** Jeanette Hunsberger

**Music:** Stahl Musicians

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Summary Statement**

**Gathering Song:** “Wait for the Lord” – VT 228

**Words from the Prophets:** Isaiah 61:1-6

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Arise, shine;  
for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has  
risen upon you. Nations shall come to your light, and  
kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**People:** **Lift up your eyes and look around; they gather and  
come to you.**

Women: You shall see and be radiant;

Men: your heart shall thrill and rejoice and proclaim the  
praise of the Lord.

Leader: The mystery of Christ has been revealed by the Spirit.  
We have become fellow heirs, members of the same  
body, and sharers in the promise of Christ through the  
gospel.

**People:** **We know this through faith in Christ. May our  
lights shine!**

*(pause)*

*All: Together we carry the light.*

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing**

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

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Message:** “Star Struck” – Jayne

**Response**

**Sending Song**

**Sending Words:**

Leader: Together we carry the light.

**Candlelighter: This is what we know.**

Leader: Now go, basking in the glow of Christ!

We have become God’s heirs,  
members of one body, and sharers of the promise.  
Amen!

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

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

**Offering:** 12/31/2023 – \$1,608.70 – General Fund

25.00 – Mennonite Disaster Service  
\$1,633.70 = TOTAL

12/31/2023 – Christmas Eve Service (MDS) = \$45.00

**January Mission Offering:** Saturday's Kitchen  
**Mon., Jan. 8–Wed., Jan. 10:** Jayne at Shalom Academy at EMS  
(Pastor's Week)  
**Wed., Jan. 10, 7:00 pm:** Church Council  
**Sat., Jan. 13:** Saturday's Kitchen Meal  
**Sun., Jan. 14:** Annual Reports due  
**Sun., Jan. 21, 12:00 noon:** Annual Business Meeting  
**Fri., Jan. 26–Sat., Jan. 27:** Hosting AMC Leadership Council

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Mon., Jan. 8 – Terrie Wyar; Mon. Jan. 8 – Matthew Stahl; Tues., Jan. 9 – Jenifer Petro

**Jayne hopes to be in the office this coming Friday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>.** She will be at Eastern Mennonite Seminary Mon.–Wed. (Pastor's Week). She can be contacted at any time by calling or texting 330-224-3944 or emailing: [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com).

**Hearing assistance headphones** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**A Huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Christmas Eve Service!**

**Please see the coming Church Directory and Birthday/Anniversary list for 2024 in the foyer.** Check for misspellings, and incorrect information. Add any missing information.

**Offering envelopes for 2024** are on the table in the foyer. If you are interested in using an envelope for your offering, please pick up a pack of numbered envelopes and sign your name on the sheet listing the numbers. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Thomas.

**We will be serving a meal at Saturday's Kitchen on Sat., Jan. 13.** A sign-up sheet is in the back foyer for ways you can help. **Our January Mission Offering** will be to help cover the cost of this meal.

# Stahl Mennonite Church Advent 2023

# How will we know?



January 7, 2023

**Annual Reports are due next Sunday, Jan. 14.** If you are chair of a committee, please have your report to Shana Lichtenfels by then. **Our Annual Business meeting will be the following Sunday, Jan. 21 following a potluck meal.**

**Check out the schedule for Red Cross Blood Drives at St. David's Lutheran Church in Davidsville.** The next drive is Mon., Jan. 22 between 12:00 noon and 5:30 pm . Call 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Don't forget about the **Activity Table located in the back of the sanctuary, just under the nursery windows.** There are supplies there for children as well as other creative folks to use to help engage the morning worship with paper, color, or other art supplies. Anyone of any age is welcome to see what is there to enhance your worship. Please return any unused supplies to the table after worship ends.

**The fiscal year is coming to an end. Thanks to all for the continued faithful financial giving to the work of this congregation.** Electronic giving has proven to be a helpful way to continue regular offerings, even if you are unable to be here in person. See our website to get started if you haven't used this yet. (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) As always, you are also welcome to give through the Sunday morning offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Without the continued sharing of your gifts, financial or in your participation among us, this congregation would not continue.

**As Covid and other respiratory virus increase over the winter,** if you feel more comfortable masking to avoid possible exposure, please feel free to do so. We can all support one another in our efforts to remain healthy.

\*\*\*\*\* **PRAYER REQUESTS**\*\*\*\*\*

Tracy Tredennick	Beth Hillegass	Lydia Lehman
Shelly Kerchner	Dan & Deb Gates	Silent Request
Gaza/Israel War in Middle East		