

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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January 8, 2023

Epiphany

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: RESTORATION IS NEAR:

The manifold wisdom of God be made known

Worship Leader: Sarah Barrett

Music Leader: Rachel Allen and Elizabeth Dunmore

Pre-Service Music: “Creator of the Stars of Night” The Soil and
The Seed Project vol 5

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Isaiah 60:1-6

Gathering Music

Call to Worship:

Leader: O God, by the leading of a star you revealed
your only Son

in all his glory to the people of the earth.

People: The manifestation of light and new life,
you are Emmanuel, God with us.

Leader: Guide us into your presence, where we may see your glory face-to-face.
People: We bring our gifts of service, unity, and love as a blessing to your kingdom.
All: Let all the earth adore you, for you are the Lord of lords and the King of kings.

Prayer

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

Music

Scripture: Matthew 2:1–12

Message: “Unexpected Company” - Jayne

Response: Epiphany Prayer

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 – \$1,518.70 = General Offering Total

25.00 = MDS

\$1,543.70

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

January Mission Offering: Saturday’s Kitchen

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

January 11, 4:30-6:30: Community Soup Night

January 11, 6:30-7:30: Kid’s Connection, Adult Bible Study

January 11, 7:30: Church Council

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

January 21: Serving meal at Saturday’s Kitchen

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

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

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

Jayne hopes to be back in the office on Friday. She will be attending the School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Mon-Wed. She is available other times by texting or calling 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Our January Mission Offering is for Saturday's Kitchen. We will be serving a meal on Jan 21. Elizabeth and Daniel Dunmore will be in charge of this meal. Stay tuned for a sign-up sheet to help, including making cakes.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board to help with the church sign and the front table.

Annual Business Meeting reports will be due by **Sunday, January 15th**. Please give to Shana Lichtenfels.

We begin a brand new fiscal year. Your continued contributions are essential for the work of Stahl Mennonite Church as we look to the year ahead. Thank you for the generous giving of your finances. An easy way to make sure your offering is not missed, when you are away or we are meeting elsewhere as a congregation, is through the electronic giving option on our webpage. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.). Without each of you we would not be able to do the work of the church. Your commitment to the church through your financial offerings is one way to keep our work as a congregation going here in our community and beyond our local area. How ever you give, know that **the work of Stahl Mennonite Church cannot happen without you!**

Covid numbers, along with an increase of flu cases, are ever unpredictable. If you feel the need to mask for your own health or to protect the health of others, you are encouraged to do so. Lay Leaders will continue to monitor any rise as winter approaches. Thanks, again, for your patience and care for one another's health



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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