

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**January 16, 2022**

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

**THEME: “How Long?”**

**Worship Leader:** Ron Telenko

**Music Leader:** Rachel Allen & Leah Rittenhouse

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Music**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Come gather to worship the God of steadfast love and generous mercy, who hears us when we call.

**Many: We come with our questions, with our sorrows and joys. We come in faith that God is here and hears us.**

One: Come gather to worship the God who accomplished our salvation in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again and now reigns over all.

**Many: We come, depending on Jesus who has borne the penalty of sin and death, depending on the Spirit who sighs with us in our sorrows.**

One: Come gather to worship the God who holds us close,  
who offers comfort and healing, who is our rock and  
refuge in times of trouble.

**Many:** We come with joy even in the midst of trial, for God is  
love and light and life.

**All:** All praise and thanks to God!

## Prayer

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

## Music

**Scripture:** Psalm 13

**Message:** “How Much Longer” - Jayne

**Response:** Ritual of Silence

All: We confess that God is love and is ever present with us,  
yet how often we forget and feel forgotten and alone.

We act as if God is hiding from us—when we are the ones  
who have turned away.

We act as if we must bear the pain and sorrow of this  
world on our own—when God in Jesus Christ has  
already shouldered our burdens and invites us to  
come and rest.

Forgive us, Lord, for our fear and worry.

Forgive us for the part that we have played in the racism  
and injustice of our world.

Remind us that you prevail over every sin, over every  
injustice, over every wrong that needs to be made  
right.

## Sending Music

## Sending Words

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**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:** 01/09/2022 – \$1,513.70 – General

100.00 – MCC

200.00 – Voices Together Hymnal

\$1,813.70 = TOTAL

\*\*\*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

**Mission Offering for January – Saturday’s Kitchen**

**TODAY, Sun., Jan. 16, 12:00 p.m.** – Annual Congregational  
Business Meeting following the morning worship service

**Sunday, Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m.** – Tony Brown is our guest speaker

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Mon., Jan. 17 – Jeanette Hunsberger; Fri., Jan. 21 – Mark Blasko

**Jayne will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday** and is available other times by texting or calling 330-224-3944 or emailing [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com)

**Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting** is set for today, Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> following worship. All are welcome to stay.

As we begin a new year, **there are new sign-up sheets on the bulletin board** to help with our outside sign and the front table. If you want to take a turn at either of these, see the list.

**Thanks to everyone** for the help with Saturday’s Kitchen!

**Mission Offering for January** will be financial donations to supply the Saturday’s Kitchen meal.

**Next Sunday, Jan. 23, Tony Brown will be our guest speaker.** Tony is a renowned baritone, peace ambassador and advocate for human rights. He attends Pittsburgh Mennonite and was the speaker at last year’s Allegheny Mennonite Conference summer gathering.

**Tri-State Relief Sale is looking for someone who is web savvy**, and would be interested in helping out the Tri-State Relief Sale board in terms of keeping their website active/up-to-date, and other social media/advertising aspects of the sale. If you are interested let me know or contact Les Horning, MCC East Coast Donor Relations Director, Cell: 540-808-9554



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

January 16, 2022

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.

**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.)

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

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