

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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January 29, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: Radical Hospitality: Powered by the Holy Spirit

Worship Leader: Shelly Kerchner

Music Leader: RachelAllen

Opening Music: “All are Welcome” by Marty Haugen

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Hospitality Prayer: (on overhead)

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

Gratitude For Giving

Singing

Scripture: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Message: Ron Spory

Response: (congregation reads in unison)

Loving, living God,
Go with us now.
Show us your ways.
Guide our steps.
Live in us,

that we may be people of steadfast hope
and powerful giving.

Help us hear your words,
challenging us to give you
all the things that are yours.

Help us remember
that all we are and all we have
are gifts from you,
gifts to be shared in service and love.

Holy One among us,
help us be a holy people
who receive your word with joy
and live your message with love.

Amen.

—Mary Scifres, on the Ministry Matters website.

Sending Song

Sending Words

Bulletin Editor for February: Shana Lichtenfels – 814-288-0171

Front Table for February:

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

Offering: 01/22/2023 – \$768.70 – General

100.00 – Family Kitchen

\$868.70 = TOTAL

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

January Mission Offering: Saturday’s Kitchen

Thurs., Jan. 26: Jayne recuperating from knee replacement surgery

Wed., Feb. 1, 4:30-6:30 pm: Soup Night

Wed., Feb. 1, 6:30-7:30 pm: Kid’s Connection

Feb. 8, 7:30 pm: Church Council

Feb. 22, 7:30 pm: Ash Wednesday Service

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

Jayne is recovering from knee surgery. In case of an emergency, contact a Lay Leader (Sonya Horsley, Joy Cotchen or Neil Lehman).

Today we welcome again Ron Spory as our guest preacher. Please give Ron a warm welcome and your attention as he shares.

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

Our January Mission Offering is for Saturday's Kitchen. We served a meal on Sat., Jan. 21st. Thanks to Elizabeth and Daniel Dunmore who took charge of this meal!

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

This is the **Meal Train for Jayne:** <https://mealtrain.com/m10d87>
If you would like to help Jayne's family with a meal while she recuperates, this is one way to do it.

Wednesday night Bible Study is on pause for the moment. Stay tuned for possible future studies after Jayne's recovery from surgery.

We will be sending care packages to college students and anyone who might benefit from knowing they are remembered. You could contribute items of special comfort like chocolate, gift cards, snacks or other creative items. They will go out for Valentine's Day, so have any items here by Sunday, Feb.12th. If you know someone who could use a bit of extra love, let Jeanette know to add them to the list of recipients.

We will begin collecting empty prescription bottles for Highland Health free Clinic. When you are done with a medication, remove the label and put them in the box in the foyer.



STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH



Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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.

Keystone Family Alliance invites you to their Fundraiser and Awareness Event on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at Bakersville Banquet Hall. The event begins at 6:30 pm with doors opening at 6:00 pm. Come to see how God is using the local church to be an agent of change in the child welfare system and how you can take a next step in making a difference. A variety of delectable desserts will be served. This is a free event; however, a financial appeal will be made. Register for this event at <https://www.keyfam.org/events> and click on Somerset County. Contact lydia@keyfam.org for more information.

Keystone Family Alliance is in need of several items to help foster families in the area. If you have any of the following, please let Jeanette Hunsberger or Lydia Shaffer (lydia@keyfam.org) know:

- vacuum scrubber
- toy boxes or totes to store toys
- television
- coffee table
- couch and/or recliner chair
- curtains
- floor rugs
- children's clothing:

 Girl: (Age 3): Size 4T or 5T, Shoe Size 9

 Boy: (Age 6): Size 6T or 7T, Shoe Size 11

 Boy: (Age <1): Size 2T or 3T, Shoe Size 6

- full size bed w/mattress
- dresser
- stove/oven
- washer & dryer for family

MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's largest faith formation gathering, will be held **Mon. thru Sat., July 3-8, 2023**, in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be programming for all ages, including a one-day Climate Summit for youth and young adults. See the tentative block schedule here: mennoniteusa.org/meenocon23-schedule

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.

There are many ways to give to Stahl Mennonite Church. Sharing your time and talents on Sunday morning and throughout the week help keep our ministry alive. We also count on the financial support of those able to give. Because of rising costs, our giving will need to increase. By adding a few dollars each time you give, we will be better able to meet our expenses. **Thank you for the generous giving of your finances.** Without each of you we would not be able to do the work of the church. An easy way to make sure your offering is not missed, when you are away is through the electronic giving option on our webpage. (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.). However you give, know that **the work of Stahl Mennonite Church cannot happen without you!**

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

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| Jayne Byler | Joy Cotchen (praise) | Benny Perry |
| Andrew Wilmore | Allegheny Conference | Riley Allen |
| Travelers | Dennis & Jodi Mizak | Leah Rittenhouse |
| Autumn (Miller) | Paul Lehman | Carol Knipple |
| Gus Barrett-Fox | Shelly Kerchner (praise) | Olga Roman |
| Jacob Horsley (praise) | Quemahoning Dam Ramp Project | |
| Keystone Family Alliance | Anna Marie Millander Family (death) | |