

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

1201 Soap Hollow Rd, Johnstown, PA 15905

**Pastor:** Jayne Byler

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**February 18, 2018**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.**

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

Elementary Class (Ages 3 to Grade 6) – Basement Classroom

**MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.**

**Worship Leader:** Joy Cotchen

**Song Leaders:** Stahl Singers

**THEME: Lent 1: Between Me & You & the Creatures Too**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Theme Song:** "Between Me & You" (insert in bulletin)

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: The time has come; the kingdom of God draws near.  
Repent and believe the good news.

**People: We have come.**

**We are here.**

**We worship God together.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering:** Walking Roots – "Song of Confession"

**Sharing Our Joys & Concerns:** *God of Love, Hear Our Prayer*

**Singing:** STJ #47 – "Oh Lord Have Mercy"

## **Between Me & You**

**Scripture:** Genesis 9:8-17

**Message:** "Reaching For Rainbows" – Jayne Byler

**Song of Response:** HWB #42 – "All people that on earth do dwell"

**Body Prayer**

**Sending Song:** "I Will Bless You" (insert in back of hymnal)

**Benediction**

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**Greeters for February:** Curt & Shana Lichtenfels

**Bulletin Editor for February:** Ellen Lehman – 288-1961

**Front Table Arrangement for February:** Dan Barrett/Ross Family

**Church Sign for February:** Floyd Lehman

**Offering Holders for February:** Curt & Shana Lichtenfels

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

**Offering:** 2/11/2018 – \$1,514.00 = Regular

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

**Tues., Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.** – Kid's Connection

**Wed., Feb. 21, 5:00 p.m.** – Soup Night

**Fri., Feb. 23, 9:00 a.m.** – Worship Committee

**Fri., Mar. 2, 4:00 p.m.** – Lay Leaders

**Sat., Mar. 3** – Stahl will be hosting the Allegheny Mennonite Conference Delegate Meeting.

**Sun., Mar. 4** – Fellowship meal after morning service with our Annual Business Meeting immediately following the meal.

**Wed., Mar. 7, 7:00 p.m.** – Church Council

**Sat., Mar. 17** – Serve at Family Kitchen

**Tues., Mar. 20, 6:30 p.m.** – Kid's Connection Easter Egg Hunt

**Sun., April 1** – Easter Sunday

**Sat., & Sun., May 5–6, 2018** – Church Retreat at Laurelville.

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Tues., Feb. 20 – Adam Cotchen;

Wed., Feb. 21 – Sharon Shetler

**Jayne will be in the office** on Monday this week instead of Friday. This time it is to accompany her mother to her niece's wedding over the weekend in San Antonio, TX (Feb 23-26). She will also be available on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Anyone interested in an electronic copy of the **Church Directory**, please let Jayne know and she will send one to you!

There are still a few **volunteer positions** open. If you can fill in any of the following, let Jayne know. Thanks:

**Offering Holders:** August, September

**Front Table:** April, August, September

**Church Sign:** November

**Greeters:** September

**Simplicity, Solidarity, and Sharing** are the ways we will connect with our friends in East Africa through the month of March by contributing to the organization, Lahash. Lahash works to improve food security for the vulnerable by providing supplemental nutrition, funding sustainable food projects, and offering emergency food assistance in times of crisis in that region. Choose one aspect or choose all three through the month of March and contribute your offering during our Missions offering on March 25. We are offering a rice and beans meal, for anyone who chooses to participate, each Monday through the month of March. If you would like to host a meal on one of those Mondays, contact Jeanette. Each host can choose to either prepare a meal of plain rice and plain beans or have those who are attending bring their own contribution to combine and share. Let Jeanette know your preference and we can plan for either method.

Allegheny Mennonite Conference has to say goodbye to our current treasurer, **Erin Leatherman** from Morgantown, WV, as her family will be moving to Ohio. Leadership Council is looking for someone who may be interested in completing Erin's term (which begins as soon as possible and goes to August 4, 2019). If interested, have any questions, or want to nominate someone for this position, please contact the conference office at (814) 443-2007 or by email at [\*\*office@alleghenymennoniteconference.org\*\*](mailto:office@alleghenymennoniteconference.org)

By popular demand, the **Stahl Singers** have been cordially invited to sing for worship during Lent. All are welcome to join us for one, two or all the Sundays of Lent which begins on Sunday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> with Easter being Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> . We will meet at 10:00 a.m. Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and other Sundays as needed.



# STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH



Johnstown, Pennsylvania

**Focus statement:** An everlasting covenant is made between God (Me), the people (You), and every living creature. God's intention for relationship with the earth is inclusive and expansive, yet in our narrow-mindedness, we often exclude. How are we invited to expand our understanding to realize that all are included in God's covenant?

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.

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