

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

1201 Soap Hollow Rd, Johnstown, PA 15905

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**February 18, 2024**

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

**Theme - Lent 1: Christ Among Us, Repent and Believe**

**Worship Leader:** Joy Cotchen

**Music:** Stahl Musicians

**Preservice Music:** “I Trust In You, O LORD” from The Soil and the Seed Vol 9 #6

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Visual**

**Gathering Song(s)**

**Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 25:1-10*

One: Teach us your pathways, O God—  
our eyes and our souls are trained on you.

**Many: For you are the greatest guide,  
and your map is always good.**

One: Other paths have left us lost;  
other ways have left us confused.

**Many: You guide us along the trail of your mercy,  
drawing sinner and saint down this well-worn way.**

*All: All your paths are love,  
made smooth by your faithful walking.  
We are led into your truth  
by following the tread of your feet.*

**Prayer**

**Singing**

**Story Time:** “Frog and Toad Together: Cookies” by Arnold Lobel

**Scripture:** Mark 1:9-15

**Message:** “Falling Down” - Jayne

**Prayer of Confession and Response:**

Leader: God, on Ash Wednesday, we remembered our  
humanity, our fragility, our limits, our sinfulness, our  
need for repentance. Today, we come to you with this  
fresh on our minds as we continue our Lenten journey.

**People: Be with us in this wilderness.**

Leader: We so often focus on the difficulty of our walk with  
Christ.

**People: Forgive our self-focused minds.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when on our journey, we forget  
your extensive, covenantal love for the world.

**People: May we partner with you and your church to  
remember.**

*All (looking at one another): You are beloved.*

**Sending Song**

**Sending Words**

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

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

**Offering:** 02/11/2024 – \$1,174.70 – General Fund

17.00 – LVV Dining Room Project

\$1,191.70 = TOTAL

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**February Mission Offering:** Laurel View Village Dining Project

**Wed., Feb 21, 7:00:** Soup Night

**Wed., Feb 21, 6:45:** Lenten Small Group

**Sat., Mar 2:** AMC Spring Delegate Session via Zoom

**Sun., Mar 3, 12:00:** Rice and Beans Meal for Lahash

**Wed., Mar 5, 7:00:** Lenten Small Group

**Sun., Mar 31, 6:45am:** Easter Sunrise Service

**May-July:** Jayne's Sabbatical

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

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

**Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wed and Thurs.** She can be contacted at any time by calling or texting 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

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

**During the Sundays of Lent, we will be using a new way to share prayer requests.** Prayer cards are available with the bulletins. Please write your prayer request and get it to the worship leader before the end of the gathering song. It will be added to the opening prayer.

**A sign-up sheet to do the front table or outside sign is on the bulletin board.** Check it out and see if there is a month you might like to help.

**Our Mission Offering for February is Laurel View Villages special campaign to Dining Area Project.** Healthy eating habits and nutrition influence overall wellbeing of residents. This along with the social interaction provided by gathering for meals is a crucial part of residential life. LVV has begun a project to replace tables, chairs and update dining areas to improve this important aspect of LVV life together.

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