

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**February 19, 2023**

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

**Theme:** Radical Hospitality: “The Stranger as Host”

**Worship Leader:** Pat Cotchen

**Music Leader:** Rachel Allen

**Opening Music:** “All are Welcome” by Marty Haugen

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Song**

**Call to Worship**

**Hospitality Prayer**

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

**Gratitude For Giving**

**Singing**

**Scripture:** Luke 10:38-42

**Message:** “Better to Receive” – Joy Cotchen

**Response:**

God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world,  
but you invite us to be your guests.  
You lavishly offer us your hospitality  
and lovingly welcome us into your family,  
You invite us to share in the abundance of your kingdom.

God, you have shown us that providing hospitality to strangers  
opens a doorway into the Kingdom of God.  
Remind us that when we offer hospitality to others,  
we are receiving Christ into our midst and so fulfilling the  
law of love.

**We open our hearts to embrace the stranger, the friend,  
the rich, and the poor,  
We open our lives to offer a generous heart toward all.**

~ adapted from *A Litany of Hospitality*  
written by Christine Sine.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Sending Song**

**Sending Words: “Lord, this week, please send us an  
opportunity for hospitality.”**

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**Bulletin Editor for February:** Ellen Lehman – 814-288-1961

**Front Table for February:**

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

**Offering:** 02/12/2023 – \$3,423.70 = General Offering

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

**February Mission Offering:** Keystone Family Alliance/College  
& Community Care Packages

**Thurs., Jan. 26 to Tues., Feb. 21:** Jayne recuperating from knee  
replacement surgery

**Wed., Feb. 22, 4:30-6:30 pm:** Soup Night

**Wed., Feb. 22, 6:30-7:30 pm:** Kid’s Connection

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

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Thurs., Feb. 23 – Jay Cable

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

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

**Lent begins this week with an Ash Wednesday Service here at 7:30 pm.** Come join in a Taizé style service of scripture and song to prepare ourselves for the season of Lent.

**Our Mission Offering for February is for Keystone Family Alliance.** Keystone Family Alliance aims to educate, motivate, and equip every Christian in the state of Pennsylvania on the needs of orphans and vulnerable children, both locally and globally. We bridge the gap between the desperate needs in the child welfare system and Pennsylvania churches. By engineering wraparound Care Communities, Keystone Family Alliance provides tangible support, prayer, resources, and aid, resulting in foster families who are involved longer and stronger.

**If you have announcements for the bulletin** while Jayne recoups, please send them to Ellen, Shana or Norma the Thursday before.

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

**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.

**An updated directory is on the table in the foyer for 2023.** Please look at it and make sure your information is correct. Make any changes necessary.

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



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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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](mailto:lydia@keyfam.org) for more information.

**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\*\*\*\*\*

Jayne Byler	Julianne Rice	Jerome Family (fire)
Andrew Wilmore	Joyce Telenko	Paul Lehman
Dennis & Jodi Mizak	Gus Barrett-Fox	Jacob Horsley (praise)
Olga Roman (praise)	Riley Allen	Shelly Kerchner (praise)
Paul Thomas	Autumn (Miller)	Leah Rittenhouse
Carol Knipple		Chantay & Taylee Jeffers
Jeri, Tanner & Andi Hunsberger		Allegheny Conference
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