

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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February 21, 2021

MORNING MUSIC & WORSHIP – 10:45 A.M.

Lent 1: Deep in the sea: Called to deep relationship

Worship Leader: Sonya Horsley

Opening Music: Deep Calls to Deep by Matt Redman

Welcome and announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song: “Sinking Deep” Hillsong

Call to worship

One: God, we are here at the water’s edge, casting off from shore

Many: into unknown waters.

One: With fear and trembling, we drop our oars,

Many: letting them go, trusting the sea.

One: God, we trust the signs of your covenant:

the ark through the water,
the waters of baptism,

Many: the bow in the clouds and the dove from the heavens.

All: We call to you as you called us deeper into steadfast love.

Prayer

Sharing our joys and concerns: “*God of Love, Hear our Prayer*”

OT Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Song: “Deep Calls to Deep”

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Message: “Torn Open” – Jayne

Confession/Assurance

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess when we have stayed too close to the surface,

avoiding you,

avoiding our neighbors.

We confess when we have felt in over our heads.

Needing you,

needing our neighbors.

(Silence to reflect on the forces that keep us from deep relationship.)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep relationship.

We come to you, God.

Response Ritual: “Deep Calls Unto Deep” by Angie Lendon

How is God calling you to deep relationship?

God calls you “Beloved”; what name do you give to God?

Sending Words

Sending song: “Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Simon Khorolskiy

Bulletin Editor for February: Shana Lichtenfels – 288-0171

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

Offering: 02/14/2021 – \$681.70 = Regular

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

February Mission Offering: MCC Meat Canning

Wed. Feb 21, 10:30 a.m. - Return to worship in building – Facebook
Live will continue to be available

Wed. Feb 24, 7:00 - Racism Discussion via zoom

Mar. 3, 7:00 p.m. - Church Council in basement

Mar. 7, Following worship: Annual Business meeting

Mar. 9, 6:30 - Lay Leaders

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Today, Feb. 21 – Sharon Shetler; Tues., Feb. 23 – Jay Cable

Jayne will be in the office on Thurs and Friday. She is available via texting or phone at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or send an email to stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Thanks to Leah Rittenhouse and Rachel Allen who led us during our time apart each Sunday with music.

2021 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the church foyer. Please sign name at appropriate number listed. For 2020 envelope holders contact Sharon Shetler if you want a 2020 giving print out.

Business mtg 2020 reports due to Joyce by today Feb 21st. They can be either emailed or given to Joyce. Please contact Joyce to make arrangements. I'll need them for Business mtg handouts. Those needing to submit are Pastor, Joy as head lay leader, Rod Lehman, head trustee, Matt, treasurer, Chris Lehman, hospitality, Carol McKool, Librarian, Deb Gates, missions, Sonya, MYF, and Zac L, Cemetery Sec. & Quenna, Cem. treasurer. Thanks, Joyce

For those who give **virtually your year-end** total may be different based on if you absorbed the processing fee or not. Any question contact me. Thanks. Sharon



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

February 21, 2021

*The voice of God pierces the deep, calling us to deep
relationship.
With the floodwaters behind us and the waters of baptism
holding us,
our relationship with God establishes our identity
with other people and the world in which we live.*

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.

Lay Leaders met and discussed the possibility of **returning to our building for in-person worship**. Because of the decrease in numbers of Covid-19 cases in our community over the past weeks, they feel it is safe to return to in-person worship. We will continue the safety protocols in place since last summer (social distancing, face coverings, no Sunday school...) to help keep these numbers low. They will monitor the color codes of Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center to give clues if the numbers begin to rise again and we need to reassess meeting. The hospital is currently in phase green (green, yellow, red, black). We will continue streaming our worships via Facebook Live and YouTube. Please choose whichever option for meeting for worship that works best for the safety of you and your family. This pandemic has impacted all of our lives in various ways. Lay Leaders thank you for your prayers and understanding as they continue to keep the health and safety of the congregation and our community as our priority.

A **Weekly Lenten Prayer Guide** that was produced by the Mennonite Church of Canada will be emailed to everyone on our email list as a resource to use on your Lenten journey. It will be based on the scriptures and theme of our Sunday morning worships. If you don't have email, a paper copy will be mailed to you. If you are not on our email list and would like a copy, just send a request to Stahlmennonite@gmail.com and one will get sent to you.

Your continued financial support of the church is greatly appreciated. To minimize shared contact **your offering can be given in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary** on Sunday mornings. You can place your offering there as you enter or leave. We **also have an option for electronic giving**. You can go to the link on our webpage at stahlmennonite.org. You can do one time giving or recurring giving at this site. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) If you have any problems or questions, contact Matt Stahl at mstahl@matthewstahl.com or Jayne at stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

The small group study of racism next meets on February 24, 7:00pm. A Zoom link was emailed and posted on our website. Before we meet watch episode 10, “Reconsidering Racial Reconciliation in the Age of Black Lives Matter” of “**The Color of Compromise**” on Amazon Prime or on YouTube. (We had difficulties watching this together on Zoom so you will need to watch it independently before the discussion.)

MCC Meat Canning will once again be in Chambersburg Mon. Mar 1-Friday Mar 5. Because of Covid safety protocols, the format is a bit different. You must call ahead and be scheduled to work before going, no drop ins or come and go. See the information posted on the bulletin board for schedules and names with numbers of who to call to schedule a time to help. **Our February Mission Offering will be for the work of the Meat Canner.**

Mennonite Church USA has announced the **registration rates for MennoCon21**, its first hybrid convention, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, and online on July 6-10, 2021. In-person attendance is \$325 per person for the five-day event and online attendance is \$99. For more details, visit mennoniteusa.org/news/registration-rates-mennocon21/

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

Ron & Joyce Telenko	Beth Hillegass	Mark Blasko
Taylee Bush	Chantay Jeffers	Healthcare Workers
Bernie Lehman	Others with COVID	
Deb Gate's Niece Rose	Myles Shetler	
Jayne's Sister Cher & Brother Sam		