

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**February 26, 2023**

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

**Lent 1: “Shaped by Testing”**

Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus

**Worship Leader:** Carol McKool

**Music Leader:** Rachel Allen & Elizabeth Dunmore

**We Gather:**

Prelude Music: “For your Goodness and Your Mercy”

The Soil and The Seed vol 6

Welcome and Announcements

Music/Song

Call to Worship and Prayer:

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

**People: God protects us from all our trouble.**

Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.

**People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.**

**All: *Therefore, we pray with thanksgiving  
and worship you, our God.***

Sharing Ourselves

Music/Song of Praise

## **We Hear God’s Word:**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Confession and Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading: Matthew 4:1–11

Message: “Shaped by Testing” – Jayne

## **We Respond:**

Music/Song

Testimony

Guiding questions:

1. Life is full of challenging experiences and testing. Tell us about an experience of testing in your life. How did you handle the testing?
2. What positive effect did this testing have in your life?
3. How does this test shape the way you see Jesus?

Shaping the Clay

## **We Go Out:**

Sending Song

Sending Words:

Leader: Many are the woes of the wicked,

People: but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous.

**People: Sing, all you who have been forgiven!**

**All: *The Lord’s unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.***

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**Bulletin Editor for March:** Norma Alwine – 8154-421-1782

**Front Table for March:** Worship Committee

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

**Offering:** 02/19/2023 – \$2,273.70 – General Fund

106.00 – Keystone Family Alliance  
\$2,379.70 = TOTAL

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

**Today, Sunday Feb. 26, 12:00 noon:** Potluck Meal and Radical Hospitality Workshop

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

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

**Wed., Mar. 1, 6:30-7:30 pm:** Kid's Connection

**Wed., Mar. 1, 6:30-7:30 pm:** Lectio Divina Bible Study

**Sat., Mar. 4, 9:30 am -12:30 pm:** Allegheny Mennonite Conference Spring Delegate meeting. (Zoom)

**Tues., Mar. 7, 6:00 p.m.:** Lay Leaders

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

**Jayne is recovering from knee surgery but plans to be in the office on Wed. and Fri. for a few hours.** She can be contacted at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or emailing [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com).

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

**Today, Sunday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> after our morning worship, we will have a potluck meal followed by a workshop on Radical Hospitality.**

This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts and learnings about what Radical Hospitality means and how this might impact how we use the gift of \$31,119 received from the proceeds of the International Guest House sale. The Vision Team has been discussing this over the past months. Now they seek your input and vision. Bring your passions, your ideas, your insights, yourself!

**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.

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**Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume during Lent** (Mar. 1-Apr. 5) using a Lectio Divina format. We will read through the scriptures to be used in the coming worship and reflect on their meaning for our lives today. Join at 6:30 pm, following Soup.

**Thank you to the congregation for the Care Package shared last week.** “I never ever had anything like this happen to me. I am very much appreciative of the thoughtfulness that was put into this package.” – Carol Knipple

**You are invited to experience Bible Chalk Talks** with evangelist Dwight Haynes at Kaufman Church on Friday & Saturday, March 3 – 4, at 6:30 pm. Watch as the artist transforms a blank canvas into a beautiful illustration of scripture.

**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.

**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!**

**The Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canner** will be at the Cumberland Valley Relief Center in Chambersburg the week of Mon., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> thru Fri., Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers from the Johnstown area are needed on Wed., Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>. Work includes helping to grind the meat, also cleaning and filling cans, and then labeling cans that have been processed.

**Covid numbers 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. Thanks, again, for your patience and care for one another's health.

\*\*\*\*\* **PRAYER REQUESTS**\*\*\*\*\*

Jayne Byler	Julianne Rice	Jerome Family (fire)
Jerry & Barb	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	Andrew Wilmore	Chantay & Taylee Jeffers
Jeri, Tanner & Andi Hunsberger		Allegheny Conference
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