

**WELCOME TO  
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**Pastor:** Jayne Byler

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**February 28, 2021**

**MORNING MUSIC & WORSHIP – 10:45 A.M.**

**Lent 2: Deep In The Woods: Called to Deep Commitment**

**Worship Leader: Floyd Lehman**

**Opening Music:** “In Lonely Mountain Ways” by David Burchfield  
and the Great Stop

**Welcome and announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp** (read Focus Statement)

**Gathering Song:** "Build My Life" by Pat Barrett featuring Cory  
Asbury.

**Call to Worship**

One: God, you ask us to set our minds on you, to walk  
before you and be blameless.

You teach us what matters, and you do not hide your  
face from us.

**Many: With each step along the path, we are transformed  
into who you made and called us to be.**

One: God, you teach us that when we lose our life, we save  
it.

**Many: With each step along the path, we hope against  
hope in your promises.**

One: God, you say you will make us exceedingly fruitful,  
that you will bless us.

**Many:** With each step along the path, we take up our cross and follow you.

**All:** *We believe your everlasting covenant is to be God to us, and that we will live forever.*

*We call out to you, as you call us deeper into this covenant.*

## **Prayer**

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

**OT Scripture:** Genesis 17:1-7

**Song:** “Take My Hand and Lead Me, Father” sung by West Coast  
Mennonite Chamber Choir

**Scripture:** Mark 8:31-38

**Message:** “The Cross... Not Just a Jesus Thing” - 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 on the edges.

Not listening to each other.

Not taking the path you show.

We confess when we have strayed from the way.

Silencing suffering.

Forfeiting life.

*(Silence to name the forces that keep us from deep commitment.)*

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

**Many:** Calling us to deep commitment.

**We come to you, God.**

## **Response Ritual**

Possible questions for reflection and response:

How is God calling you to deep commitment?

What do you sense God calling you to commit to more deeply?

**Song:** “Take, O Take Me as I Am” by John Bell  
sung by Pisakoor Zingen voor je Leven Hoorn

## **Sending Words**

**Sending song:** “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” by Stephen Somerville, sung by the Cumberland Valley Chorus

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

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

**Offering:** 02/14/2021 – \$1,691.70 = Regular

50.00	= MCC Meat Canner
\$1,741.70	

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

**February Mission Offering: MCC Meat Canning**

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

**Sun., Mar. 7, Following worship:** Annual Business meeting  
(zoom link will be available)

**Tues., Mar. 9, 6:30 p.m.** - Lay Leaders

**Wed., Mar. 10, 7:00 p.m.:** Racism Discussion via zoom

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Today, Feb. 28 – Emma Moser

**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](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com).

**Sign-up sheets to volunteer to help with the sign and the front table are posted on the bulletin board.** We will hold off volunteering to usher or greet until we are back to doing these again.

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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as we follow God's voice along the path of life,  
a voice calling us to deep commitment.  
Even when our path leads deep into unfamiliar woods,  
as we lose ourselves, we are found.*

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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We will continue the COVID safety protocols in place since last summer (social distancing, face coverings, no Sunday school...) to help keep. Lay Leaders 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.

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