

**WELCOME TO  
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

1201 Soap Hollow Rd, Johnstown, PA 15905

**Pastor:** Jayne Byler

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**March 11, 2018**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.**

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

Elementary Class (Ages 3 to Grade 6) – Basement Classroom

**MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.**

**Worship Leader:** Myles Shetler

**Song Leaders:** Stahl Singers & Service Adventure

**Theme: Lent 4 – Between Me & You & Darkness in View**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Theme Song:** "Between Me & You" (insert in bulletin)

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Who comes in the name of God? Step into the light and be known.

**People:** We are coming, through darkness and fear.

**We come into the light by the power of God.**

Leader: People of God, God has heard your cries and is opening a way for you.

**People:** We are here, through darkness and fear.

**We come into the light of this day by the  
power of  
God.**

Leader: You are here, and God is here. What will you do?

**People: Together we will worship our God.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering:** Walking Roots – "Prayer of Confession"

**Sharing Our Joys & Concerns:** *God of Love, Hear Our Prayer*

**Prayer**

**Singing**

**Between Me & You**

**Scripture:** Numbers 21:4-9 - John 3:14-21

**Message:** "Let's Face It" – Jayne Byler

**Song of Response**

**Body Prayer**

**Sending Song:** "I Will Bless You" (insert in back of hymnal)

**Benediction**

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**Greeters for March:** Dale & Donna Steitz

**Bulletin Editor for March:** Shana Lichtenfels – 288-0171

**Front Table Arrangement for March:** Worship Committee

**Church Sign for March:** Floyd Lehman

**Offering Holders for March:** Dale & Donna Steitz

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

**Offering:** 03/04/2018 – \$1,762.00 – Regular

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

**Mon., Mar. 12 – Tues., Mar. 20** – Jayne will take vacation time

**Tues., Mar. 13, 6:30 p.m.** – Kid's Connection

**Wed., Mar. 14, 5:00 p.m.** – Soup Night

**Wed., Mar. 14, 7:00 p.m.** – Church Council (rescheduled)

**Sat., Mar. 17** – Serve at Family Kitchen

**Tues., Mar. 20, 6:30 p.m.** – Kid's Connection Easter Egg Hunt

**Sun., April 1 – 8:30 a.m.** – Easter "Sonrise" Service

**9:30 a.m.** – Easter Breakfast (no Sunday School)

**10:30 a.m.** – Easter Worship Service

**Sun., Apr. 8** – Stahl's Annual Church Banquet (more info to follow)

**Sat., & Sun., May 5–6, 2018** – Church Retreat at Laurelville.

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Today, Mar. 11 – Rick Kaltreider

**Happy Anniversary:** Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week: Wed., Mar. 14 – Myles & Sharon Shetler

**Welcome Service Adventure members:** Leah, Krista, Lea, Adrian & Joellen!

**Jayne** will be taking vacation time this week to prepare for the arrival of her daughter and her family. In case of an emergency, contact one of the Lay Leaders (Sonya Horsley, Dave Miller, Joy Cotchen).

Wrapping up some activities and taking a break until fall: The last **Kid's Connection** will be March 20 at 6:30 pm with the Easter Egg Hunt. The final **Soup Supper** will be on March 28.

**Tonight, March 11, 6:30 p.m.** – Thomas Mennonite Church invites you to "Come & Sing". We will be singing Hymns, Contemporary, Choruses and Kid's Songs.

**Please notice:** There are two updates to make to your church directories. The first one is Jayne's new address: 190 Neil St., Johnstown, PA 15904. The second one is Ron Telenko's cell phone number: (814) 233-2181. Also, if anyone is interested in an electronic copy of the **Church Directory**, please let Jayne know and she will send one to you!

Anyone wishing to **purchase a flower** for the church's Easter service can contact Joyce Telenko by **TODAY**, March 11<sup>th</sup> either at church or by calling 479-7092. You can choose between lilies, hyacinths or tulips. The cost this year will be \$9.00.

By popular demand, the **Stahl Singers** have been cordially invited to sing for worship during Lent. All are welcome to join us for one, two or all the Sundays of Lent which began Sunday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and will continue until Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.



## STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

***Focus statement:*** *Allowing darkness and negativity to come in between people or in between people and God is sometimes easier than the vulnerability and humility of being exposed to the light. What are the things that we don't want to see that may be standing between you and me?*

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.

## **NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)**

**Simplicity, Solidarity, and Sharing** are the ways we will connect with our friends in East Africa through the month of March by contributing to the organization, Lahash. Lahash works to improve food security for the vulnerable by providing supplemental nutrition, funding sustainable food projects, and offering emergency food assistance in times of crisis in that region. Choose one aspect or choose all three through the month of March and contribute your offering during our Missions offering on March 25. We are offering a rice and beans meal, for anyone who chooses to participate, each Monday through the month of March. Each host can choose to either prepare a meal of plain rice and plain beans or have those who are attending bring their own contribution to combine and share. Let Jeanette know your preference and we can plan for either method.

**Thank you for your generous support** for the trip to Honduras and supporting Jacob and his work. We will continue to offer soup for you to grab for a quick Sunday lunch. If you purchase soup in a canning jar, please bring the jar, lid and band back to the church to be used again.

**Song leaders needed** all of April after Easter. Please let Rachel know if you can help in any way!

**JCS OPEN HOUSE:** How you educate your children is one of the most important decisions you will make as parents. Johnstown Christian School provides students Preschool through Grade 12 with a quality Christ-centered education. You are invited to our annual Open House on Thursday, March 15 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about Christian Education and Johnstown Christian School is welcome to attend. Stop by and tour the building, meet our teachers and see us in action. Come see why JCS is worth the investment!

**Sunday, April 8** at 5:00 pm will be our Stahl Spring Banquet! We will meet at the church and travel to the banquet venue. The cost is \$20 per person, payable to Pat or Joy, if you are paying by check make it out to the church. Hope to see you there, feel free to invite a friend!

**Everence®** will hold an informative webinar on Social Security and retirement income planning. The presentation will be on Wednesday, March 28, at 2 and 8 p.m. (EDT). Specifics will include the best time to start taking Social Security, how benefits are calculated, spousal benefits, converting your retirement *savings* into retirement *income* and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. To register, visit [everence.com/retirementincome](http://everence.com/retirementincome) or contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com)

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

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Benny Perry                           | Rachel Allen               | Jen Rys             |
| Brian Thomas                          | Pat Cotchen                | Neil & Ellen Lehman |
| Shaun Smith                           | Dave Miller                | 2 Unspoken Requests |
| Deb & Dan Gates                       | Saffron & Ruby             | Warren Fieg         |
| Cassi Lambert                         | Jacob Horsley              | School Violence     |
| Deb Thomas                            | Emmanuel Tony              | Justin Byler        |
| Bill Hunsberger and Bill Horsley      | Bruno Flaim Family (death) |                     |
| Matthew, Jenna, and Charlotte Bennett |                            |                     |