

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 12, 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

"Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership" – Kitchen Class

Elementary Class (Ages 2 to Grade 6) – Basement Classroom

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Worship Leader: Sarah Barrett

Song Leader: Tina Lehman

Welcome & Announcements

Focus: *In our humanness, we want to know, to define, and to have concrete answers for everything. However, life is filled with uncertainty. We trust that God, the great Mystery, is always present with us in our wondering.*

Gathering Song

Call to Worship & Prayer

Offering

Confession/Words of assurance

Singing

Scripture: John 3:1-17 – Myles Shetler

Sermon: Leah Rittenhouse

Song of Response

Joys & Concerns: *God of love; hear our prayer*

Sending Song

Benediction

Greeters for March: Whitey & Linda Gindlesperger
Bulletin Editor for March: Ellen Lehman – 288-1961
Front Table Arrangement for March: Worship Committee
Church Sign for March: Floyd Lehman
Sharing & Caring Items for March: Spaghetti Sauce and
Peanut Butter
Offering Holders for March: Whitey & Linda Gindlesperger
Offering: 02/26/2017 – \$1,478.00 = Regular
84.40 = Our Coins Count
60.00 = AMC
100.00 = Mission/MCC's immigration
\$1,722.40

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

Mon., Mar. 13, 6:00 p.m. – Rice and Beans – Bill & Jeannette
Hunsberger

Wed., Mar.15, 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Soup Night

Good Friday, April 14 – 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Conemaugh Twp.
Ministries - Bethel United Methodist Church in Hollsopple.

Sat. & Sun., April 22-23 – Annual Church Retreat at Laurelville.

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

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary
today or by sending them a card this week: Tues. March 14 –
Myles & Sharon Shetler; Sat. March 18 – John & Rachel Allen

It's Movie Night at Stahl! **Tonight** we'll be showing *The Way*, a
movie about a man's journey of grief, faith, and life as he walks
the Camino--a 500km pilgrimage trail in Spain. Bring finger food
and appetizers for a light meal at 5:30 with the film to follow.
Invite your friends! All are welcome.

Dive into discipleship! As we head into this season of lent and as a response to our study of James, we would like to try a spiritual practice together as a church. Missional Discipleship Groups are intended to be small groups of 2-3 people who desire to deepen their walk with Christ and more fully live out the call to be disciples. Groups commit to reading some scripture, and meeting once a week to share with and pray for each other. Like many new things it might be uncomfortable the first few times, but we encourage each of you to at least give it a try! If it holds potential to draw us closer to God and help form us into the followers He's called us to be....then it's worth at least a try, right?! If you want to start but don't know who to begin this practice with, feel free to talk to Leah or any of the Lay Leaders. We might be able to help match you up with someone.

It's Rice and Beans month! March's Mission offering will be given to Lahash International. Through our participation in the Rice and Beans project we want to be intentional about Simplifying our lives, stand in Solidarity with East Africans, and Share financially through supporting Lahash. We'll be sharing in this practice by coming together for a Rice and Beans meal each week. All are welcome to come enjoy fellowship and a simple meal. If you are able, bring a dish to share. And if not, come and eat anyway. There's always enough! Meal schedule: **March 13**, Bill and Jeanette Hunsberger's home (687 E Campus Ave, Davidsville) **March 20**, Arlene Moser's home (866 Soap Hollow Rd) **March 27**, Floyd and Chris Lehman's home (174 Lost Valley Drive, Boswell)

Practices for the Easter Cantata, "*What Love is This*", will be held on Sunday, March 5 and Sunday, March 12 at St. David's Lutheran Church in Davidsville from 2 – 4 pm. The remaining Sunday practices will be held at Kaufman Mennonite Church, also from 2 – 4 pm until Palm Sunday, April 9. The cantata will be presented on Palm Sunday at Kaufman Church at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in singing is invited to attend practices.

Opportunity to serve: **Windber Hospice** is providing training for those interested in volunteering with them. Training consists of one evening session per week for 8 weeks, starting March 13th. See bulletin board or Rachel Allen for information.

Anyone who is interested is invited to match the \$42.20 that was collected in February's My Coins Count offering. You can designate the amount for "**My Coins Count**" on your match so Quenna knows where to place the offering. On **March 19** we will collect another My Coins Count offering with a new amount to match between March and April's offerings. The money will be given to MCC during the TriState Relief Sale to use in their refugee program.

The Craft Stand coordinators are in need of volunteers to help set up, sell, and/or tear down at the PA Relief Sale March 31-April 1, 2017. Come and enjoy the sale but donate an hour or two of your time at our stand. Please call or email us if you think you can help us. Remember: all proceeds benefit MCC.

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New Day, Inc. Spring into Spring Basket Party! New Day is hosting their first ever fundraising Basket Party on April 1st at 12:00 noon. If you and/or your Sunday School class could help by making one (or more!) baskets, please contact us no later than March 13th. (535-8202 or newday@new-day.org) Our goal is 100 baskets. All baskets need to be at New Day by Thursday, March 23rd. Please no lottery tickets, alcohol or tobacco products in your baskets. Thanks!

There will be an **Easter egg hunt** here at Stahl on April 9 at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Cathy Miller if your child will be participating.

Eastern Mennonite High School Touring Choir will be performing at Stahl Mennonite Church on April 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy a choral worship service including music from classical and contemporary sacred literature as well as songs from a wide variety of other traditions and styles.

As we look forward to hosting EMHS touring choir, we are looking for **people to host students** in their homes for an overnight. See bulletin board for sign up sheet and more information on hosting. Please see Leah with any questions.

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

Dennis Naugle	Curtis Moser	Suzette Gardenhour
Brady Distifano	Melissa Thomas	Jack & Jewel Jordan
Matt Scislowicz	Mrs. Kovalchick	Heather Cotchen
Virginia Moyer	Linda Gindlesperger	Ed Mackel
Jalen Kauffman	Frank Roman	Caleb Hostetler
Gary Faylor	Riley Allen	Don Bulvin
Don Thomas	Olga Roman	Charlotte Barrett
Floyds Friends	Bernie Lehman	Unspoken Request
Laura Thompson	Amanda Steitz	Missions Committee
Debbie Thomas wife of Roger Thomas	Frank Gindlesperger	
Pastoral Search Committee	Elizabeth Saylor Family - death	
Racism in our nation	Jackson Service Adventure	



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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.