

**WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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March 25, 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 6 – Me & You & An Alternative View

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.

People: Open the gates of righteousness so that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: The gates are open, come on in. Give thanks, for God is good!

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Offering: "Empty Hands" by Lenny Kravitz
Sharing Our Joys & Concerns: *God of Love, Hear Our Prayer*
Prayer
Singing
Between Me & You Visual
Scripture: John 12:12-16
Message: "Come Thou Long Unexpected Jesus" - Jayne
Song of Response
Body Prayer
Sending Song: "I Will Bless You" (insert in back of hymnal)
Benediction

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: 03/18/2018 – \$1,094.00 – Regular
160.00 – Service Adventure
90.00 – Honduras Mission Trip
\$1,344.00

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

Sun., Mar. 25, 6:00 p.m. – Cemetery Committee Meeting -Tollgate
Tues., Mar. 27, 6:30 p.m. – Kid’s Connection Easter Egg Hunt
(final night until Fall)
Wed., Mar. 28, 9:00 a.m. – Worship Committee meeting
Wed., Mar. 28, 5-7 p.m. – Final Soup Supper until Fall!
Fri., Mar. 30, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service
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
Wed., April 4, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council
Sun., Apr. 8 – Stahl's Annual Church Banquet (more info to follow)

Mon., Apr 23-Thurs., Apr 26 – Pastor’s Spring Bible Study at
Laurelville (Jayne attending)
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: Mon., Mar. 26 – Noah Cotchen; Tues., Mar. 27 – Floyd Lehman; Wed., Mar. 28 – Nina Horn; and Thurs., Mar. 29 – Deb Gates

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

We will have an **Easter “Sonrise” Service** (a little after sunrise) before the Easter Breakfast on Easter Morning. It will be at 8:45 (note slightly later start time) and depending on weather will either be outside or in the fellowship hall.

Wrapping up some activities and taking a break until fall: The last **Kid’s Connection** will be Mar 27 at 6:30 with the Easter Egg Hunt (rescheduled from last week). The final **Soup Supper** will be on Wednesday, March 28.

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.

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



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Focus statement: The crowds, as informed by Scriptural teaching, have certain expectations of the coming Messiah that come between their understanding and Jesus' lived experience, which defies their expectations. What does our reading of Scripture lead us to believe, and how might our encounters with Jesus challenge our expectations?

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

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