

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 3, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: Lent 3: Christ Among Us, Showing Us Justice

Worship Leader: Joy Cotchen

Music: Stahl Musicians

Preservice Music: “Always Forgive”

from “The Soil and the Seed” Vol 9

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Visual

Gathering Song(s)

Call to Worship: *based on Psalm 19*

All: *May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasing to you, O God.*

One: We speak because you spoke first,
bringing voice to the brightness of the sun
and singing the airy darkness of the sky.
You spoke this earth from end to end,
and speaking must have given you pleasure,
for you said, “It was good.”

Many: *May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasing to you, O God.*

One: Year after year you have poured forth speech:
passing stories and statutes down through hands and
lips. From you we learned to speak, and speaking, we
spoke to you—
singing songs of consolation that would become your
psalms to us;
writing poems our children’s children would hear as
the voice of God.

Many: *May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasing to you, O God.*

One: Your law, O Lord, is perfect.
Your Word is the one that endures.
We seek the grammar of your justice
in the words that you spoke before.
Speak here now; speak here once more.

All: *And may the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasing to you, O God. Amen.*

Prayer

Singing

Story Time: “Mole Music” by David McPhail read by Jill Miller

Scripture: Exodus 20:1–17; John 2:13–22

Message: “Cleaning House”- Sarah Barrett

Prayer of Confession and Response: *based on Psalm 19*

One: We often miss the beauty in your work, God.

Many: *Forgive our distracted hearts.*

One: When we put our trust in other things,

Many: *remind us of your love and care.*

All: *Bring joy to us once again.*

One: May the meditations of our hearts

Many: *be pleasing on your sight,*

All: *our Rock and our Redeemer.*

Sending Song

Sending Words

Bulletin Editor for March: Norma Alwine – 814-288-1914

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

Offering: 02/25/2024 – \$1,838.70 – General Fund
 120.00 – LVV Dining Room Project
 \$1,838.70 = TOTAL

March Mission Offering: Lahash Rice and Beans
Sat., Mar 2, 10-12: AMC Spring Delegate Session via Zoom
Sun., Mar 3, 12:00: Rice and Beans Meal for Lahash
Wed., Mar 6, 6:00: Lenten Small Group
Wed., Mar 6, 7:00: Church Council
Sun., Mar 17, 3:00: Easter Egg Hunt
Fri., Mar 29, 7:00: Good Friday Service
Sun., Mar 31, 6:45am: Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast at
Hunsberger Farm
May-July: Jayne’s Sabbatical

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

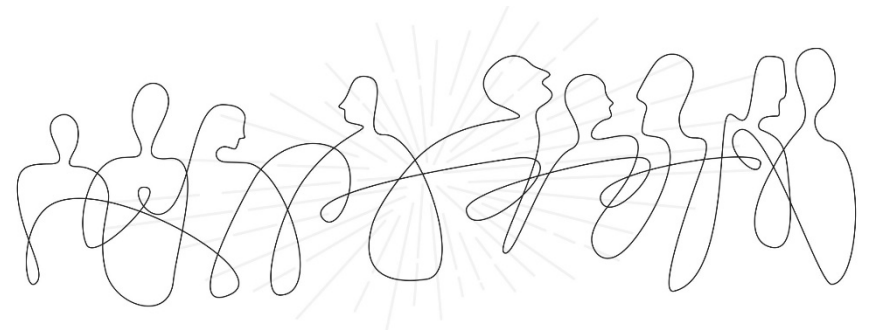
Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wed and Thurs. She can be contacted at any time by calling or texting 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

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

During the Sundays of Lent, we will be using a new way to share prayer requests. Prayer cards are available with the bulletins. Please write your prayer request and get it to the worship leader before the end of the gathering song. It will be added to the opening prayer.

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 here at the church. If you would like to donate candy or money to purchase candy, please bring that in for Joy.

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If you would like to purchase a Lily to be displayed in the church for Easter Sunday, please contact Joyce Telenko at 814-322-2932 by March 10th. The cost will be around \$15.50.

Mission Offering for March is Lahash Rice and Beans. Lahash partners with local ministries across East Africa and the Rice and Beans project provides meals to hundreds of the most vulnerable children.

We will be having an Easter Sunrise Service at Hunsberger Farm on Mar 31 at 6:45 (the sun will rise at 7:00). This will be followed by a breakfast. If you would like to contribute to the breakfast, let Jeanette Hunsberger know or be watching for a sign-up sheet. **We will have our regular Sunday morning Easter Worship at the church at 10:30.**

MCC's work in Palestine and Israel: MCC is providing emergency relief with existing partners in Gaza, distributing locally purchased food packages, hygiene items and bedding as well as cash transfers to families in need. We are also working to help children cope with the trauma. In the West Bank, partners are providing food assistance and agricultural supplies and trainings for people who have been affected by the violence there. And in Southern Lebanon, MCC is providing emergency food for displaced people. MCC will continue to work with partners in both Palestine and Israel toward a just peace for all. We welcome donations to support our response to the current crisis. Visit mcc.org/palestine-israel to learn more about MCC's work in Palestine and Israel.

Update to Stahl Directory: Blasko, Mark, (814) 270-0263, Hollidaysburg Veteran's Home, 138 Veterans Blvd, Duncansville, PA 16635.

During Lent you are invited to participate in a weekly small group. Each Wednesday evening at 6:00, we will use the Soil and the Seed resource. This will be an opportunity to read the upcoming scriptures and reflect on how this Season can be incorporated into your daily life.

A sign-up sheet to do the front table or outside sign is on the bulletin board. Check it out and see if there is a month you might like to help.

Don't forget about the **Activity Table located in the back of the sanctuary, just under the nursery windows.** There are supplies there for children as well as other creative folks to use to help engage the morning worship with paper, color, or other art supplies. Anyone of any age is welcome to see what is there to enhance your worship. Please return any unused supplies to the table after worship ends.

The Way of the Cross recreates the path of Jesus on his final days. The Ed family will be hosting an artistic expression of this journey on March 20, 21, 22, 4-7pm at 625 Horner St, Johnstown. The community is invited to share in this event.

Laurelville Summer Camp registration is now open for ages 6-17. See the brochure on the bulletin board for more information.

As Covid and other respiratory virus increase over the winter, if you feel more comfortable masking to avoid possible exposure, please feel free to do so. We can all support one another in our efforts to remain healthy.

Thank you for the generous giving that made it possible for us, despite rising costs, to break even last year. Your continued giving is what will keep the ministry of Stahl Mennonite Church active for the year ahead. As always, you can give in the offering plate in the back or mail in your offering to the church address. Electronic giving has proven to be a helpful way to continue regular offerings, even if you are unable to be here in person. This gives you the opportunity to make your gift recurring. See our website, Stahlmennonite.org, to get started if you haven't used this yet. (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.)

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

Bob Stahl (Matt's Dad)	Riley Allen	John Allen	
Dan Gates	Beth Hillegass	Shaun Smith	Paul Shumaker
Lydia Lehman	Earl Moyer	Todd Euen	
2 Unspoken requests	Dan Ross, Sr.	Marjorie's Friend	
Ruby Barrett-Ross	Rebecca Barrett-Fox	Rhonda & Jim Baldwin	