

WELCOME TO

STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 9, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: Lent 1: Christ Collides With Our Bias

Worship Leader: Joy Cotchen

Music: Stahl Musicians

Opening Music: “Do What It Says” The Soil and the Seed Vol 10

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Spirit of Life, in this season of Lent

inspire and compel us towards creative peacemaking.

Move us beyond our confessions,

into creativity.

Move us beyond our guilt,

into inspiration.

Move us beyond our shame

into a fuller vision of shalom for your world.

(light peace lamp and pause for reflection)

Move us into being

creators of peace in our communities,

co-conspirators of wholeness in our churches,

accompaniers of peacemaking efforts

in our nation and around the world.

—MCUSA prayer for peace

Gathering Songs: VT 30 – “Jesus Calls Us”

VT 131 – “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”

Call to Worship:

One: Christ collides with our bias. Who will follow Christ?

Many: We will follow for sure,

but we will tell you where to bring down your fire.

One: Jesus says, “Follow me.”

Many: We will follow when our calculations are finished.

One: Christ collides with our leanings.

Many: For your reign, O God,

help us put a hand on your plow and not look back.

All: *Guide us as we worship you.*

Prayer**

Singing: VT 790 – “How Can We Be Silent”

Scripture: Luke 10:25–37

Message: “Caution: Accident Ahead” - Jayne

Confession and Words of Assurance/Kintsugi*:

All: *Loving and merciful God,*

we confess that we have sinned against you.

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

Many: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us.

Many: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

All: We cling to our assumptions

and insist that our point of view is the correct one.

We repent before each other and before you, our loving

God. Please help us open our hearts to your love.

Help us shake free from our biases and assumptions

so we may better share your peace in your world,

rejoicing in your name. Amen.

(A moment for repair-kintsugi)

Sending song: VT 568 – “Christ Has No Body Here but Ours”

Sending words:

** If you would like to have a prayer request included in this Prayer, Prayer Cards are available at the ends of your pews. Please write your prayer request and get it to the worship leader before the end of the Gathering Songs. There will also be opportunity to share using the mic.

*Kintsugi (Japanese lit. 'golden joinery'), KINT-sub-gee" is the [Japanese art](#) of repairing broken [pottery](#) by mending the areas of breakage with [lacquer](#) dusted or mixed with powdered [gold](#), [silver](#), or [platinum](#). As a [philosophy](#), it treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise.

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

March Mission Offering: Lahash International - Rice and Beans

Month

Wed., Mar 12: Church Council

Sun., Mar 16, 9am: Congregational Discussion Journey –

Seeking God's Will

Fri., Mar 28, 10am: Lay Leaders

Sun., Apr 6, 12:00: Monthly Sunday Lunch

Sun., Apr 20, 6:15am: Sunrise Service on Hunsberger Hill

Sun., Apr 20: Easter Sunday

Bulletin Editor for March: Norma Alwine – 814-421-1782

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

Offerings: 03/2/2025 – \$1,568.70 – General Fund

65.00 – Wildfire Fund

20.00 – Lahash

\$1,653.70 = TOTAL

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

Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wednesday and Friday. If you would like to meet with her or contact her, then or any other time, please text or call 330-224-3944 or email stahlmennonite@gmail.com

On March 16 at 9am we will have our first Congregational Discussion Journey gathering. This will be a monthly meeting before worship. Coffee and donuts will be supplied. Come to have conversations about the life of Stahl Mennonite and what God is doing through us, and where we might be led in our journey together.

Hearing assistance headphones and a large print hymnal are available at the back of the sanctuary.



Lent 2025

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Rosedale College Choir will present a concert on April 14 at 7:00 PM at Thomas Mennonite Church. All are invited to come and hear the Choir. They need to provide housing for approximately 40 choir members. If you would be willing to host a member and provide a sack lunch for them, contact Celene Mock at 814-434-0123.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the “Love” packages sent to students and others. They are a wonderful way to let folks know they are cared for.

Our Mission Offering Opportunity for March is Lahash International Rice and Beans. Lahash partners with local ministries across East Africa to bring holistic care and hope in Christ to hundreds of the most vulnerable children in their communities. Connecting these special kids with caring sponsors changes lives on all sides. Hunger, malnutrition, and health issues are common among all the children who enter the Lahash Sponsorship Program. Nutrition is foundational to holistic care. With that critical need met, they can focus at school, sleep better at night, recover from health issues, play with friends, and engage in worship, prayer, and Bible teaching. **Food leads to growth, in body and soul.**

We are well into the new fiscal year. Thank you for the generous giving of the past year. Your continued giving is what will keep the ministry of Stahl Mennonite Church active into 2025. 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.)

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.

Covid numbers are unpredictable along with the flu as we are deep in the winter months. If you feel more comfortable masking to avoid possible exposure or to avoid sharing any virus, please feel free to do so. We can all support one another in our efforts to remain healthy.

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

Bernice Lehman Chris Lehman Arlene Moser
Robin & Rojina Bhattari David Barrett, Jr Pamela Barrett
Paul & Ruth Thomas