

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**March 12, 2023**

**WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.**

**Lent 3: “Shaped by Thirst”**

**Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus**

**Worship Leader:** Neil Lehman

**Music Leader:** Rachel Allen, Elizabeth Dunmore & Sonya Horsley

**We Gather:**

Prelude Music:

“The Soil and The Seed” vol 6 – “O Love, How Deep” track 7

Welcome and Announcements

Music/Song

Call to Worship and Prayer (*based on Psalm 95:6–7*)

**Leader:** Come, let us bow down in worship.

**People:** **Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;**

**Leader:** for the Lord is our God,

**People:** **we are the people of God’s pasture,**

**All:** ***we are the flock under God’s care.***

Sharing Ourselves

Song of Praise

**We Hear God’s Word:**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1–7

Confession and Silent Reflection

New Testament Reading: John 4:5–42

Message: “Shaped by Thirst” – Jayne

**We Respond:**

Music/Song

Testimony

Guiding questions:

1. I know that you have a story about your longing for God. Could you tell us a bit about it?
2. How did your spiritual thirst come to be satisfied? How much was a result of your hard work, and how much was because of God’s providence?
3. How do you experience Jesus daily as your living water?

Shaping the Clay

**We Go Out:**

Sending Song

Sending Words

**Leader:**

Like water poured out on a thirsty land,

**People:**

**may the Lord pour out the Holy Spirit on us.**

**Leader:**

May we blossom with new life.

**All:**

***May we bring refreshment and joy to others.***

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

**Front Table for March:** Worship Committee

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

**Offering:** 03/05/2023 – \$1,952.53 – General Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ 25.00 – Keystone Family Alliance

\$1,977.53 = TOTAL

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

March Mission Offering: Lahash Rice and Beans

Mar 15, 4:30-6:30: Soup Night

Mar 15, 6:30-7:30: Kid's Connection  
Mar 15, 6:30-7:30: Lectio Divina Bible Study  
Mar 21, 6:30: Vision Team  
Mar 26, 12:00: Lahash: Rice and Beans Lunch  
Apr 7, 7:00: Good Friday Service  
Apr 9, 6:30am: Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast at Hunsberger Farm  
Apr 9, 10:30: Easter Sunday Worship

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

**Happy Anniversary:** Wish Rachel and John Allen a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week. Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Jayne plans to be in the office on Wed and Fri.** She can be contacted at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or emailing [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com).

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

**We will have a Rice and Beans meal on Mar 26 following worship. Bring a rice and/or beans dish to share.**

**Let Joyce Telenko know if you would like to purchase an Easter Lily or Daffodil** to be displayed on Easter Sunday at the church. Lilies are \$15, Daffodil's, \$12 and will be purchased through SEADS Garden Center. Please let her know by March 26 as quantities are limited.

**We will once again have an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am (sun is scheduled to rise at 6:47)** at the top of the hill of the Hunsberger's farm (687 E Campus Ave, Davidsville). This will be followed by a breakfast. Stay tuned for ways you can contribute to the meal.



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children across East Africa. Since the first Rice & Beans Month in 2010, three central themes have guided this experience:

Simplicity - We alter our diets to emphasize basic and inexpensive meals, choosing to reduce the diversity and excess often present in our food choices.

Solidarity - We stand in unity with our brothers and sisters in East Africa who have limited resources and inadequate nutrition.

Sharing - We donate the money we saved by eating simply, so that vulnerable kids and their families can receive much-needed nutritional support.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume during Lent** (Mar. 1-Apr. 5) using a Lectio Divina format. We will read through the scriptures to be used in the coming worship and reflect on their meaning for our lives today. Join at 6:30 pm, following Soup.

**We are collecting empty prescription bottles for Highland Health free Clinic.** When you are done with a medication, remove the label and put them in the box in the foyer.

**Laurelville Retreat Center has a vibrant camp ministry** and is looking for Jesus-loving folks who want to share God's love with kids and youth. If you've never worked at camp, it is a BLAST! We have full-summer positions open for camp counselors as well as week-long positions for camp nurses, Bible teachers, craft directors, and more. Want to learn more? Know someone who might be a good fit? Go to <https://laurelville.org/employment/> or call 724-423-2429.

**A sign-up sheet** is posted on the bulletin board to help with the church sign and the front table.

**There are many ways to give to Stahl Mennonite Church.** Sharing your time and talents on Sunday morning and throughout the week help keep our ministry alive. We also count on the financial support of those able to give. Because of rising costs, our giving will need to increase. By adding a few dollars each time you give, we

will be better able to meet our expenses. **Thank you for the generous giving of your finances.** Without each of you we would not be able to do the work of the church. An easy way to make sure your offering is not missed, when you are away is through the electronic giving option on our webpage. (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.). However, you give know that **the work of Stahl Mennonite Church cannot happen without you!**

**Covid numbers are ever unpredictable. If you feel the need to mask for your own health or to protect the health of others, you are encouraged to do so.** Lay Leaders will continue to monitor. Thanks, again, for your patience and care for one another's health.

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

Jayne Byler	Tracy Tredennick	Paul Kauffman Family
Paul Thomas	Mike Lappi	Gus Barrett-Fox
Shelly Kerchner	Olga Roman	Jerry & Barb