

**WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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March 13, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

**LENT 1: SEEKING GOD’S WAYS -
From Fear to Compassion**

Worship Leader: Sonya Horsley

Music Leader: Rachel

Recorded Music: “Wait for the Lord” from “The Soil and the Seed Project” by Walking Roots

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Psalm 27 from “Psalms for a New World”

Responsive Reading

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Leader: We seek God’s ways.

(pause as visual is uncovered)

All: Lord, move us away from fearful responses into the light of your compassion.

Gathering Music

Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

People: **As disappointment oppresses
and violence threatens,**

Leader: we come to ask: Whom shall we fear?

People: **We come to be reminded of God's power
and to be led more deeply into God's love.**

Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ,
as a mother hen,

All: ***and to learn the holy way of compassion.***

Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns: *"God of Love, Hear our Prayer"*

Music

Living the Gospel

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

Message: "Under Her Wings" - Jayne

Silent Reflection

Open Responses

Lenten prayer of confession: (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One,
we seek you while you may be found.

People: **We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.

People: **Forgive us for living with fear. Help us live out
compassion.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly

All: ***and follow your way more faithfully.***

Sending Music

Sending Words

Bulletin Editor for March: Shana Lichtenfels – 814-288-0171

Church Sign for March:

Front Table for March: Worship Committee

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

Offering: 02/27/2022 – \$ 1,738.70 = General Fund
350.00 = Hosanna
 25.00 = Benevolence
\$2,113.70

03/06/2022 - \$1,552.60 = General Fund
 50.00 = Hosanna
\$1,602.60

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

March Mission Offering: Lahash Rice and Beans

Sun., Mar. 27, 12:00 pm: Rice and Beans meal at Hunsberger’s House

Thurs., Apr. 7, 4:00 pm: Lay Leaders

Fri, Apr. 15, 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service

Sun., Apr. 17: Easter Sunday

Apr. 25-28: AMC Pastor’s Bible Study at Laurelville

May 27-30: MCUSA Special Delegate Gathering in Kansas City

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

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week: Mon., March 14 – Myles and Sharon Shetler; Fri., Mar. 18 – Rachel & John Allen

Jayne will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday and is available other times by texting or calling 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com

A new Lenten resource has arrived from The Soil and The Seed Project. This is a project from Walking Roots. Envelopes containing this resource, including a DVD of music, are available at the mailboxes. You can also download a digital copy of the music and devotions at <https://www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org/>



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*As we seek God's way,
we move from a place where fear dictates our actions
to a space where our response to others is
guided by compassion.*

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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It is time to order Easter lilies. We will purchase them from SEADS. Lilies are \$14 and daffodils are \$11. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer or Joyce Telenko for more details.

The new VOICES TOGETHER hymnals are in the pews! We have a few extra copies if you would like to purchase one to take home with you. They are \$25 each. Also, as you look at the older HYMNAL WORSHIP BOOK in your pew, if it is a bit ragged and worn, there are better copies to exchange it with on the front pew. We also have one large print VOICES TOGETHER available on the front pew. If we need more, let Jayne know.

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