

**WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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March 14, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

LENT 4

THEME: Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing

Worship Leader: Floyd Lehman

Opening Music: “Healer of Our Every Ill” by Marty Haugen

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song: “Blessed Be Your Name”

Call to Worship:

One: The wilderness is without and within.
It too is part of God’s path, though we
fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

**Many: When the people became impatient, asking,
“Why have you brought us up out of Egypt
to die in the wilderness?”**

God answered by bringing healing.

One: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness,
even when we cannot see beyond the danger,
isolation, and need.

Many: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.

One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

Many: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

ALL: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.

Prayer

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

OT Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9

Song: “Don’t Be Afraid” by John Bell sung by Eastern Mennonite

Scripture: John 3:14-21 School Virtual Choir

Message: “Another Trip to the Wilderness” – Jayne

Confession/Assurance:

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts

One: We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need,
uncovering our impatience,
lifting up our pain.

We confess how the wilderness has revealed your
truth.

We are created for good works.

We can turn and live.

(Silence to name the forces that keep us from deep healing.)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep healing.

We come to you, God.

Response Ritual – Possible questions for reflection and response:

- How is God calling you to deep healing?

- What in your life needs God’s healing today?

Song: “Beautiful Things” by Gungor Lyric Videos

Sending Words

Sending Song: “Oh Healing River” by Pete Seeger

Bulletin Editor for March: Ellen Lehman – 288-1961
St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for March: Toilet Paper
Offering: 03/07/2021 – \$2,541.70 = Regular

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

March Mission Offering – Lehash Beans and Rice
Wed., Mar. 24, 7:00 p.m. – Racism Discussion via zoom
Fri., Apr. 2, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service
Sun., Apr. 4 – Easter Sunday
Wed., Apr. 7, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council
Tue., Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m. – Lay Leaders

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

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

Jayne will be in the office on Thurs and Friday. She is available via texting or phone at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or send an email to stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Sign-up sheets to volunteer to help with the sign and the front table are posted on the bulletin board. We will hold off volunteering to usher or greet until we are back to doing these again.

E A S T E R F L O W E R S ! The SEADS Greenhouse will be supplying our Easter flowers this year. A list of available flowers and prices is on the bulletin board in back of the church or you can also view it on our church website. If you wish to make a purchase, you can sign-up on the bulletin board or call/text Chris Lehman at (814) 248-9684 by Tuesday, March 23rd. Please pay by check or cash directly to Chris.

Reminder: Our item for St. Francis Food Pantry is toilet paper. Let's see how much we can gather this month to help those in the community who are in need!



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

March 14, 2021

The wilderness confronts us with our vulnerability
and exposes our wounds and our needs.

We are called to deep healing
by trusting in God,
who calls us in love.

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.

Join Mennonite Church USA's Iris de León-Hartshorn and Frank Scoffield of Pasadena Mennonite Church as they interview author Felipe Hinojosa about his new book, *Apostles of Change*, in a **webinar on Wed., March 17 at 7:00 p.m. (ET)**. Hinojosa will share stories about how Latino activists transformed churches into staging grounds for protests against urban renewal and displacement. Spanish interpretation provided. Register by Tues., March 16 at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinar-hinojosa>

The small group study of racism meets next on Wed., Mar 24, 7:00 p.m. A Zoom link will be emailed. It will not be posted on our website because we were recently "Zoom Bombed", so we need to take precautions about posting the link. If you need the link sent to you, please let Jayne know. Before we meet watch Episode 11, "The Fierce Urgency of Now" of "**The Color of Compromise**" on Amazon Prime or on YouTube.

We will continue the **COVID Safety Protocols** in place since last summer (social distancing, face coverings, no Sunday school ...) to help keep safe. Lay Leaders will monitor the color codes of Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center to give clues if the numbers begin to rise again and we need to reassess meeting. The hospital is currently in phase green (green, yellow, red, black). We will continue streaming our worships via Facebook Live and YouTube. Please choose whichever option for meeting for worship that works best for the safety of you and your family.

Meals on Wheels is looking for a volunteer for Mondays. Currently there are 4 stops on the route. The volunteer or volunteers would pick up the cooler at Moore's gas station in Davidsville at 11:00 a.m. The deliveries are usually finished by 11:45 a.m. The cooler is then returned to Moore's. If you or a group are interested in assisting with this mission, please call Betty Spory at: 479-4640 (cell) or 479-5873 (home).

Mennonite Church USA Executive Board met in late January and discussed a resolution to retire the **denomination's Membership Guidelines**. The resolution was forwarded to the Constituency Leaders Council for feedback. Read more about the meeting here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/retire-mg>

Mission offering for March is Lahash: Rice and Beans. Lahash is an organization that helps purchase land, grow gardens, poultry projects and other needs in Africa. You might want to plan a meal of simple beans and rice one day in March to remind ourselves that many in the world go without the abundance of food we take for granted.

Your continued financial support of the church is greatly appreciated. To minimize shared contact **your offering can be given in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary** on Sunday mornings. You can place your offering there as you enter or leave. **We also have an option for electronic giving.** You can go to the link on our website at stahlmennonite.org. You can do one time giving or recurring giving at this site. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) If you have any problems or questions, contact Matt Stahl at mstahl@matthewstahl.com or Jayne at stahlmennonite@gmail.com

For those who give virtually, your year-end total may be different based on if you absorbed the processing fee or not. Any questions contact me. Thanks, Sharon

Mennonite Church USA has announced the **registration rates for MennoCon21**, its first hybrid convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio and online on Tues. thru Sat., July 6-10, 2021. In-person attendance is \$325 per person for the five-day event and online attendance is \$99. For more details, please visit the website: mennoniteusa.org/news/registration-rates-mennocon21/

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

Jayne's Bro Sam & Sis Cher	Becky Mishler	Paul Harnish
Larry & Ann Millender	Al Smith	Rob Miller
Robin's Bro-in-Law	Sarah Barrett	Lauren Cotchen
Loveda Liechty	Bernice Lehman	Ron Telenko
Rob Miller	Tom Russell	Myles Shetler
Carol Knipple Family (death)	Dave Sprankle	Ellory Hanson