

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

1201 Soap Hollow Rd, Johnstown, PA 15905

**Pastor:** Jayne Byler

**Lay Leaders:** Sonya Horsley, Joy Cotchen, Neil Lehman

**Pastor Cell Phone:** (330) 224-3944

**Church Phone:** (814) 288-5523

**E-Mail:** [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com)

\*\*\*\*\*

**March 19, 2023**

**WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.**

**Lent 4: “Shaped by Sight”**

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

**Worship Leader:** Sarah Barrett

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

**We Gather:**

Prelude Music: “23” by Girl Named Tom

Welcome and Announcements

Music: “Create in Me” VT 141 and “Gentle Shepherd” VT 718

Call to Worship and Prayer (*based on Psalm 23*)

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God makes us lie down in green pastures.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God leads us beside quiet waters.

**People: We shall not want.**

**All: *Restore us through your Holy Spirit,  
the love of Jesus Christ,  
and the comfort of your presence.***

Sharing Ourselves

Music: “Open My Eyes” VT 732

**We Hear God’s Word:**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6–13

Confession and Silent Reflection

Leader: Lord, we long for light, but all is darkness,  
and we walk in deep shadows.

We have driven back justice.

Truth has stumbled in the streets,

and thick darkness is over the people.

We confess our sinful deeds.

We confess to the Lord . . .

(*silent prayer*)

Leader: As everything exposed to the light becomes visible,  
we walk from darkness into light.

**All: *Open our eyes, Jesus,  
that our lives may radiate your glory. Amen.***

New Testament Reading: John 9:1-13, 24–41

Message: “Shaped by Sight” - Jayne

**We Respond:**

Music: “The Lord's My Shepherd” VT 660

Testimony

Guiding questions:

1. You once lived in darkness, so to speak, and knew no direction in your life. Please share with us what that was like for you.
2. It is said that an encounter with Jesus brings light into the soul. Could you tell us some of the ways that Jesus opened your eyes to help you find your future?
3. How do you now seek God’s guidance in everyday situations?

Shaping the Clay

**We Go Out:**

Sending Song: “Christ Be All Around Me” VT 848

Sending Words

Leader: Go forth and shine, for the Light has come,

**People: and the glory of the Lord rises upon us.**

Leader: Surely goodness and love will follow us all the

days of our lives,

*All: and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



\*\*\*\*\*

**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:** 03/12/2023 – \$3,058.70 – General Fund

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

March Mission Offering: Lahash Rice and Beans  
Mar 21, 6:30: Vision Team  
Mar 22, 4:30-6:30: Soup Night  
Mar 22, 6:30-7:30: Kid's Connection  
Mar 22, 6:30-7:30: Lectio Divina Bible Study  
Mar 26, 12:00: Lahash: Rice and Beans Lunch  
Apr 2, 3:00: Easter Egg Hunt  
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

Created in the Image of God,  
Shaped by Jesus

**Stahl Mennonite Church**

\*\*

J  
at  
st

H  
sanctuary.

\*\*

cted

**Our Mission Offering for March is Lahash: Rice and Beans.** During the month of March (or the 40 days of Lent), your participation in Rice & Beans Month will directly impact the nutritional needs of vulnerable children across East Africa.

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

**Easter Sunday is just around the corner.** If anyone wants to order flowers, lilies or daffodils, text/call Joyce Telenko by this weekend at 814-322-2932. Supplies are short this year, so get your call in soon. Thanks!

**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.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study is continuing 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.

**The Women's Help Center and Hosanna Industries are partnering at a blitz housing rehab event** at 819-821 Napoleon Street, Johnstown, Monday, April 3rd - Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 8am-4pm daily. Volunteers will help to renovate a duplex that will provide transitional housing to individuals and families leaving the Help Center's emergency shelter. Your help will give a family a safe place to call home as they get back on their feet. It's a wonderful way to spend a day and make a difference! **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with: Painting, Carpeting & Flooring, General Carpentry & Labor, Cleaning, Food Preparation. ALL skill levels are needed and welcome! If you would like to contribute a lunch, drinks, fruit or snacks for the event, please contact the Help

Center at 814-536-5361 before March 20. Lunch and beverages will be provided, and free parking is available behind the Help Center. Please register for a volunteer spot by March 27th by emailing Becky Hetzer at [rjhetzer@gmail.com](mailto:rjhetzer@gmail.com)

**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 **of Stahl Mennonite Church cannot happen without you!**

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

Jayne Byler	Joyce Telenko (praise)	Rhonda Baldwin	
Ruby Barrett-Ross,	Sarah Barrett,	Jen Deitkie,	Tracy Tredennick
Daniel's great nephew	Paul Kauffman Family	Paul Thomas	
Shelly Kerchner (praise)	Mike Lappi	Gus Barrett-Fox	
Olga Roman	Jerry & Barb		