

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**March 20, 2022**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.**

**LENT 3: SEEKING GOD’S WAYS -  
From Earning to Receiving**

**Worship Leader:** Sonya Horsley

**Music Leader:** Rachel Allen

Recorded Music: “Everyone Who Calls on the Name” from  
“The Soil and the Seed Project”

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

Psalm 63:1-8 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 to uncover visual and light the candle)*

**All: Lord, move us from feeling we must earn your love  
to receive and give your grace to ourselves and others.**

**Gathering Music**

## Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,  
**People: whose ways are not our ways,  
whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

Leader: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,  
**People: where there is water in the desert  
and delightful food to share.**

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts  
of God  
**People: without money and without price.**  
**All: So, let us praise God and sing for joy.**

## Prayer

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

## Music

### Living the Gospel

**Scripture:** Luke 13:1-9

**Message:** "Yearning to Receiving" - Shelly Kerchner

### 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 acting as if we must earn  
your love.  
Open us to receiving your love as a gift.**

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

*\*Resource used: Leader Magazine Worship Resources, Winter 2021-22*

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**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:** 03/20/ 2022 - \$1,791.87 = General Fund

20.00 = Lahash  
\$1,811.87

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

**March Mission Offering:** Lahash Rice and Beans

**Sun., Mar. 27, 12:00 pm:** Rice and Beans meal at the church

**Wed, Apr. 6, 7:00 pm:** Church Council

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

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

**Sun., Apr. 17:** Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Hunsberger’s farm

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

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

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Sat., March 26 – Noah Cotchen

**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](mailto: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/>



# STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH



Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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